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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 16 MAY, 1911.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION :—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, bearing date the third day of May, 1911.

Mr. Speaker took the chair.

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

"NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Honorable Sir WILLIAM PORTUS
" TO WIT. } CULLEN, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South
" (L.S.) } Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

" W. P. CULLEN,
" Lieutenant-Governor.

" WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the ninth day of May instant : Now, I, Sir WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Lieutenant-Governor of the said State, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the sixteenth day of May instant : And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid sixteenth day of May, 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 third day of May, in the year of our Lord
" one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign.

" By His Excellency's Command,

" FRED. FLOWERS.

" GOD SAVE THE KING ! "

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that leave of absence for nine months, from 15th March, 1911, had been granted by the Governor and Executive Council, to Richard Aldous Arnold, Esquire, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
3. THE ACTING CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission in favour of William Stewart Mowle, Esquire, who had been appointed by the Governor and Executive Council, Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during the absence, on leave, of the Clerk of the Assembly.
Mr. Speaker then administered to Mr. Mowle the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office as Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, respectively.
4. ASSENT TO BILLS :—Mr. Speaker reported that, during the recess, he had received the following Messages from his Excellency the Governor :—

- (1.) University of Sydney (Fisher Library Completion) Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled " *An Act to sanction the completion of the erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney ; 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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(2.) Albury Sewerage Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Albury; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(3.) Wagga Wagga Sewerage Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(4.) Junee Water Supply Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Junee; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(5.) Botany and North Botany Sewerage Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Districts of Botany and North Botany; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(6.) Sydney Water Supply (Amplification and Improvement) Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the amplification and improvement of the Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(7.) Broken Hill (Umberumberka Creek) Water Supply Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of Works of Water Supply for the City and District of Broken Hill; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(8.) Grafton and South Grafton Water Supply Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton; to provide for the administration and management of such scheme; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(9.) Appropriation Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

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, 1910, to the 30th day of June, 1911, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1909-1910,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1909, to 30th June, 1910, inclusive of both dates; to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense, Consolidated Revenue Fund,' for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1909-10; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; 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.

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(10.) Loan Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(11.) Coal Mines Regulation (Ventilation) Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation 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.

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Sydney, 28th December, 1910.

(12.) Murrumbidgee Irrigation Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide, in respect of areas affected by the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906, for the acquisition of land, the construction and use of roads, railways, tramways, works, and improvements; for constituting and managing irrigation areas; for the supply of water; for levying rates, and tolls; for making charges for water, drainage, and improvements; for establishing and maintaining demonstration farms; to constitute a Trust to administer this Act, and for such purposes to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(13.) Orange Hospital for Insane Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 13.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of a Hospital for the Insane at Orange; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(14.) Glenreagh to Dorrigo Railway Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 14.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Glenreagh to Dorrigo; 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.

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(15.) Orange Sewerage Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 15.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Orange; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(16.) Bathurst Sewerage Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 16.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Bathurst; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(17.) Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee Tramway Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 17.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee; 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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(18.) Victoria and Rushcutters Bay Parks Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 18.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to remove the Trustees of Victoria Park and Rushcutters Bay Park recreation grounds, and to vest the said grounds in the Municipal Council of Sydney and the Council of the Municipality of Woollahra respectively as Trustees,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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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(19.) Carrington Wharfage Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Wharfage at Carrington, in the Port of Newcastle; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(20.) Great Western Railway Duplication (Emu Plains and Blaxland) Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the duplicating of the Great Western Railway between Emu Plains and Blaxland; 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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(21.) Camden Sewerage Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, with regard to works of Sewerage for the Municipality of Camden,*"—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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5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The Usher of the Black Rod, being admitted, delivered the following Message:—

"MR. SPEAKER,—

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

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

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

6. CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE COMPANY, LIMITED, ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from the Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, representing that the proceedings in respect to the Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, Enabling Bill were interrupted by the prorogation of Parliament, and praying that the said Bill may be proceeded with during the present session.

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

Petition received.

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

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney for 1910.

(2.) Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for 1910.

(3.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery for 1910.

(4.) New and amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

(5.) Notifications of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School purposes, at Blackwall, Camden, Cooringora, Crystal-street Petersham, and Eulong.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulation No. 381, under the Crown Lands Acts.

(2.) Amended Regulation No. 315, under the Crown Lands Acts.

(3.) Amended Form No. 2, under the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910.

(4.) Amended Form No. 150, under the Crown Lands Acts.

(5.) Amended Quarry Regulation No. 1, under the Crown Lands Acts.

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- (6.) Amended Regulation No. 352 and Amended Form No. 102, also Additional Form No. 102A, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (7.) Amended Regulation No. 355 and Amended Form No. 106, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (8.) (a) Notification of amendment of Regulations Nos. 9, 43, 57B, 208, 214, 218, 227, 273, 274, 274A, 311, 340, 358, 359, 361, 365, 374, 377, 380, 382, 390, 395, 401, and 402; and Forms Nos. 4, 4A, 4B, 5, 8, 9, 151, 152; and (b) Amended Regulations Nos. 14, 36, 58, 119, 121, 125, 283, 286, and 287; and Amended Forms Nos. 30, 116, 118, and 122, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (9.) (a) Notification of amendment of Regulations Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31, 37, and (b) Amended Forms Nos. 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 under the Closer Settlement Acts.
- (10.) Amended Regulation No. 214A under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (11.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 1907-7, portions 131 and 72, parish of Courabyra, county of Wynyard, Land District of Tumberumba, applied for by The Australian Widows' Fund Life Assurance Society, Limited, as mortgagees of C. D. Bardwell shall cease to be voidable.
- (12.) Return of leases granted under the provisions of section 18, Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Marrickville.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Mines for 1910.
- (2.) Amendment of General Rule 6, of section 55, Mines Inspection Act, 1901.
- (3.) General Rule 59, of section 55, Mines Inspection Act, 1901.
- (4.) Notification under section 122 (3), Mining Act, 1906, exempting certain streams or water-courses from the operation of the said Act.
- (5.) Proclamation declaring storing or stacking fuel in connection with mining to be a Mining Purpose within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
- (6.) Report of the Miners' Accident Relief Board for 1910.
- (7.) Proclamation declaring certain lands in the parish of Adelong, to be Private Lands within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
- (8.) Proclamation declaring certain lands in the parish of Adelong, to be Private Lands within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carmichael laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulation in substitution of Regulation No. 33, under the Government Railways Act, 1901.
- (2.) Regulation in substitution of Regulation No. 34, under the Government Railways Act, 1901.
- (3.) Regulations Nos. 16 to 29, under the Railway Service Superannuation Act, 1910.
- (4.) Additional Regulations Nos. 3 to 8, to be added to the Eighth Schedule to the Navigation Act, 1901.
- (5.) Regulation No. 242, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (6.) Regulations Nos. 243 and 244, under the Sydney Harbour Trust, 1900.
- (7.) Regulations Nos. 245 and 246, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (8.) Regulations Nos. 28 to 30, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (9.) Regulation in substitution of Regulation No. 16, under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.
- (10.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 31st December, 1910.
- (11.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 31st March, 1911.
- (12.) Report of the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales for 1910, together with Appendices.
- (13.) Report of the Pharmacy Board for 1910.
- (14.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the improvement of Station Yard at Albury.
- (15.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic between West Maitland and South Greta.
- (16.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at St. Leonards.
- (17.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for quadruplication of the Illawarra Suburban Railway between Sydney and Sydenham.
- (18.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for deviation of the Great Northern Railway near Willow Tree.
- (19.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the traffic on the Great Southern Railway at Henty.
- (20.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for deviation of the Tamworth to Manilla Railway, near Attunga.
- (21.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Residences for Traffic Officers at Edgecombe.
- (22.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Drainage at Burren Junction.
- (23.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at Hartley Vale.
- (24.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for quadruplication of the Illawarra Suburban Railway between Sydney and Sydenham (No. 2).
- (25.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic on the Inverell Railway, near Gragin.
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- (26.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for erecting a carshed at Enfield.
- (27.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at Hawkesbury River.
- (28.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for deviation of the Great Western Railway between Emu Plains and Glenbrook and Blaxland.
- (29.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic on the North-western Railway at Warialda.
- (30.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Station Officer's House at Newnes Junction.
- (31.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic on the Cleveland-street and Erskineville tramlines at Sydney.
- (32.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Substation at Darlinghurst.
- (33.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic on the deviation between Emu Plains and Blaxland.
- (34.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for grade improvements between Bell and Dargans Railway Stations.
- (35.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the traffic at Ariah Park.
- (36.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at Cootamundra.
- (37.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at Auburn.
- (38.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at Lawson.
- (39.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Water Supply at Morundah.
- (40.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for obtaining ballast at Locksley.
- (41.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at Ganmain.
- (42.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for quadruplication of the Illawarra Suburban Railway between Sydney and Sydenham (No. 3).
- (43.) Regulations under the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Navigation Amendment (Regulations) Act, 1904.
- (44.) Statement of Trust Moneys Deposit Account, from 1st April, 1910, to 31st March, 1911. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Arthur Griffith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws regulating Water Supply of the Municipalities of Dubbo, Moama, Warren.
- (2.) Regulations of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Trust, under the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910.
- (3.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Bullatale Creek Water Trust and Sherwood Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
- (4.) Minute of the Public Service Board, recommending appointment, on probation, of Mr. C. C. Ware, as Surveyor, Department of Public Works.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Manly to Brookvale Tramway (Part 2).
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a new stock road from the Flemington Saleyards to the new Abattoirs.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Mudgee to Dunedoo, *via* Canadian Lead, Railway.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of Water to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Barren Jack Dam.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Murrumbidgee Canals.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of Water to Manly.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of Water to Singleton.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Cowra to Canowindra Railway.
- (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the new Yarrawa Bore.
- (17.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for supply of Water to Cooma.
- (18.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Narrabri-Walgett and Collarendabri Railway.
- (19.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for a Night-soil Depot at Wonona.

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- (20.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Waverley to Bronte Tramway.
- (21.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (22.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Wallsend to West Wallsend Tramway.
- (23.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of Water to Sydney and Suburbs.
- (24.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Lockhart to Clear Hills Railway.
- (25.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (26.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of a Regulator on Little Merran Creek.
- (27.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Dam on Little Barber's Creek.
- (28.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of Public Wharves at Jones' Bay, Pyrmont.
- (29.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Lockhart to Clear Hills Railway.
- (30.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway.
- (31.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Night-soil Depot at Dungog.
- (32.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Water Supply for the Town of Wellington.
- (33.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Water Supply for the Town of Cooma.
- (34.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the establishment of a State Forest.
- (35.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the disposal of sewerage from Western, Southern, Illawarra and Botany Districts.
- (36.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Murrumbidgee Northern Irrigation.
- (37.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Wallacia Compensation Weir, Nepean.
- (38.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Pumping Station, Barooga Water Trust.
- (39.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway.
- (40.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (41.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28 nominated,—

John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire,
George Arthur Burgess, Esquire,
Robert Scobie, Esquire,
Daniel Levy, Esquire, and
William Elliott Veitch Robson, Esquire,—

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

9. 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 Ball, Esquire,

“ George Black, Esquire,

“ John Rowland Dacey, Esquire,

“ Frederick William Arthur Downes, Esquire,

“ William Calman Grahame, Esquire,

Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire,

George Alfred Jones, Esquire,

Andrew Joseph Kelly, Esquire, and

Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire,

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

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

“ J. H. CANN,
“ Speaker.”

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10. *Pro Formâ* BILL—LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:—Mr. Holman presented a Bill, intituled, “*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence,*” and moved *pro formâ*, That this Bill be now read a first time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a first time.

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

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

1. It is with sincere pleasure that I call you together for the discharge of your important duties, and offer you my congratulations upon the continuance of favourable seasons and upon the energetic and increasing production of wealth throughout the State.

2. The Coronation of His Majesty King George V, shortly to be celebrated in the Capital of the Empire, will call together there a gathering of representative men from all portions of the Imperial Dominions. The Premier, who is representing New South Wales on this unique occasion, is, on account of his attendance at this great function, unable to be present at the opening of your deliberations.

3. The Federal Referendum, taken during the recess, to determine the important question of the future industrial and commercial powers of the Commonwealth Parliament, has resulted in the negating of the proposals submitted. The necessity for certain extensions of such powers is apparent to my Advisers, who are now engaged in negotiations, which will, they trust, prepare the way for a satisfactory adjustment of the respective functions of the Federal and State Parliaments.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

4. Estimates of Expenditure for the ensuing year will in due course be laid before you. It will be found that, while these have been framed with due regard to economy, they will also provide for increasing expenditure in certain directions which my Advisers consider necessary.

5. My Advisers contemplate placing the Finances on a sounder footing by terminating the practice of treating as ordinary revenue the proceeds of the sale of Crown Lands and the surplus returns from State enterprises.

6. It is proposed to remodel the present Sinking Funds, and it is hoped, by increasing the amount regularly allocated to this purpose, and systematising the application of the Fund, to compass the gradual extinction of the Public Debt.

7. Proposals have also been prepared for improving the financial footing of three important corporate bodies exercising governmental functions—the Sydney Harbour Trust, the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and the Hunter District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage. This will be accomplished by establishing each on an independent financial basis, to include a special Replacement Fund.

8. A heavy diminution in the State returns from Customs and Excise Duties has to be faced. Although this has been partially made up by the increased revenue, due to the prosperous seasons we have been enjoying, my Advisers regard an increase in taxation as inevitable. This will mean a reduction of the amount of exemption now allowed in the Income Tax, with a variation in the incidence of this tax, and also some amendment in the present incidence of the Stamp Duties and Death Duties.

9. It affords me pleasure to inform you that during the financial year now drawing to a close all moneys necessary to meet Loans falling due, as well as Loan requirements for Public Works, have been provided in New South Wales.

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

10. The problem of Land Settlement is receiving the unremitting attention of my Government. Your approval will be invited for the policy of opening up hitherto unoccupied Crown Lands by the building of judiciously planned railways, and it is believed that large areas of land which cannot at present be put to their most profitable use will thus become available for agricultural occupation.

11. Diligent inquiry is being made as to the value for Closer Settlement of lands at present held under improvement and other similar forms of lease, and under various forms of reserve; and large areas will, as a result of these inquiries, be speedily made available from these sources for residential settlement.

12. The task of consolidating the Crown Lands Acts of the State has been vigorously proceeded with, and the first draft of the completed measure is prepared. This is now in the hands of eminent counsel, whose certificate that the Consolidated Act preserves the provisions of the existing law will, it is hoped, command the confidence of Parliament, and facilitate the rapid adoption of the consolidating measure. Further Acts to declare certain doubtful points in the Crown Lands law, and to make certain amendments in the direction of simplifying forms of tenure and diminishing the burdens which they place upon land holders, will be introduced.

13. An Act to repeal the Conversion Act will subsequently be introduced, and upon the passage of these measures, it is the intention of my Advisers to prepare a further Consolidating Act, thus replacing by a single comprehensive code the bewildering complexity of Statutes which has hitherto governed this vital matter.

14. A Bill will be introduced to provide a tribunal to fix the rents of private lands leased for agriculture and dairying, and to provide for fixity of tenure and tenant right in improvements.

15. Acts will also be proposed to deal with the regulation of land agency and the organisation of the surveying profession.

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16. Proposals have been considered, and will be submitted for your approval, for introducing an extension of the present system of State loans, under which settlers who have recently entered upon their holdings will receive special consideration; thus, it is believed, greatly facilitating and encouraging the settlement of the interior.

17. Existing legislation dealing with industrial problems will be repealed and replaced by a measure based on principles which experience has shown to be more acceptable both to workers and their employers.

18. It is the intention of my Advisers to form a Department of Industry, controlled by an Under Secretary, having the special powers of inquiry of a Royal Commission.

19. My Advisers propose also to amend the Minimum Wage Act, the Early Closing Act, and the Master and Servants' Act. They propose to establish a legal working day in certain occupations, to amend the Act governing Shearers' Accommodation, and to provide for Servants' Registration.

20. They further propose to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act. The question of abolishing the principle of Employers' liability and substituting therefor a general scheme of State insurance is now under consideration, but my Ministers do not regard themselves as in a position to deal with this finally until further information and data have been obtained. Pending the receipt of such information, they propose to amend the existing law by extending the scope of its operation, and by making further and better provision for workmen who may be permanently incapacitated as the result of industrial disease.

21. Measures amending the law controlling the Government Savings Bank will be introduced. My Advisers propose to amalgamate the two Savings Banks which operate to date, thus effecting substantial savings in administrative expenses, and affording a State guarantee to all depositors.

22. The vital problem of Education has been closely considered by my Advisers, who will lay before you proposals for a considerably increased expenditure upon school grounds and buildings, and on the necessary equipment for Primary, Technical, and Continuation Schools; for the passage of a law intended to secure better attendance at schools; and for a scheme of University reform which, it is believed, will bring that important body into more intimate and continuous touch with the life of the people.

23. The question of Law Reform has been kept steadily in view, and, pending the completion of inquiries which Ministers feel to be essential to any adequate treatment of so large and perplexing a subject, the Government will ask the assent of Parliament to two important measures. One of these will establish a Court of Criminal Appeal, and will change fundamentally the existing methods of dealing with death sentences and with applications for leniency in criminal matters. The other will free the Supreme Court of the State from certain disabilities under which it labours to-day, and will, it is believed, substantially increase its capacity for dealing with the continuous and growing tasks which come before it.

24. Measures will also be presented for amending the Marriage Act and freeing clergymen from invidious responsibilities which weigh unduly upon them; for providing remedies in the case of deserted wives whose husbands are in other States; for establishing a Public Trustee; for amending the Companies Act in the direction of safeguarding intending investors against misrepresentations in prospectuses; and for amending the Crimes Act.

25. Amongst the Public Works proposals that will engage your attention will be found a project for connecting the northern suburbs of Sydney with the main portions of the city by means of tunnels under Port Jackson. Pending the completion of these works, provision will be made to relieve the present congestion of the harbour traffic in the vicinity of Circular Quay.

26. The Locking of the Darling and Lachlan Rivers and other proposals for the Conservation of Water of our rivers and lakes, for the purpose of opening up the drier areas of the State for settlement, will be amongst the important public works for which Parliamentary sanction will be sought.

27. It is proposed to submit to you Bills to provide for the constitution of Conventions to consider the best form of Local Government for Greater Sydney and Greater Newcastle. Legislation will also be introduced to amend the Local Government Acts in regard to certain matters of pressing urgency pending the introduction of a comprehensive measure of reform at a later period.

28. The want of efficiency and uniformity in the present methods of valuing lands for resumption and general purposes has received the serious attention of my Advisers, who propose to ask you to pass legislation to authorise the establishment of a Bureau of Land Valuations. This Department can, it is thought, be conducted at much less cost to the various authorities than can the unsystematic methods at present in operation. A Bill has also been prepared to simplify the existing machinery for the Resumption of Land for Public Purposes.

29. A Bill for the establishment of Workmen's Dwellings in populous centres will also be submitted.

30. Proposals will be submitted for a rapid duplication of the main lines of railway and the completion of wharfage accommodation for oversea shipping at Darling Harbour.

31. The labours of the Royal Commission upon Decentralisation are not yet concluded. At the request of the Commissioners, an additional month has been granted them in which to complete their Report. My advisers await the receipt of this important document before finally presenting to Parliament their developmental proposals in the exact shape which they will ultimately assume, but, upon the receipt of the Royal Commission's recommendations, projects will be laid before you for opening up the little-used coastal resources of the State, and for connecting the interior with the seaboard by one or more direct lines of railways.

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32. Measures have been prepared for securing an eight hours' day in coal and shale mines, and the establishment of State coal mines; also for the better inspection and protection of the health and lives of workmen, for the amending of the existing Mining Law with a view to encouraging and assisting mining upon private property, and for bringing sufferers from certain diseases under the remedial provisions of the Miners' Accident Relief Act. A Bill will also be submitted to regulate the purchase and sale of gold, silver, and precious stones, and the smelting of gold and silver.

33. Measures for reorganising the State Children's Relief Department, and securing greater economy, with, it is hoped, increased efficiency, and for the establishment of an Appeals Board for the Police, thus conferring a long-delayed measure of justice upon a valuable body of Public Servants, will also be submitted to the House.

34. The large and complex question of the establishment of a Superannuation Fund for the whole body of the Public Service is now under consideration by a Committee of Departmental experts. My Advisers are also in communication with the Government of New Zealand, whose first triennial report upon their own recently-established Superannuation Fund is now in course of preparation, and who have undertaken to favour this State by forwarding an early copy of the same. On receipt of this information and the report of the Committee, my Advisers will be prepared to deal with this difficult problem.

35. It is also proposed, when information gained in the course of the regrading of the Public Service now in progress is available, to introduce an amendment in the existing system of appeal in the Public Service and in the Railway Service.

36. A Bill to regulate the rates made by Gas Companies, and to protect consumers against excessive charges, will also engage your attention.

37. Amendments of the Acts dealing with Vine and Vegetation Diseases, Wine Adulteration, Pastures Protection, Stock, and Forestry will be sought, thereby facilitating control and encouragement of the several industries affected.

38. Fresh legislation providing for Water Hyacinth destruction; the control, sale, and distribution of Seeds; the Regulation of the Dairying Industry, particularly as to the manufacture of butter; and for a uniform size of fruit cases, will also be referred to you for consideration.

39. I now leave you, Gentlemen, to your important labours, and trust that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, they may conduce to the welfare and prosperity of the State.

Mr. Thrower moved, and Mr. Grahame seconded, the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dacey, Mr. Page, Mr. Cusack, Mr. Estell, Mr. Grahame, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

To His Excellency The Honorable Sir WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the State.

Whereupon Mr. Thrower moved, and Mr. Grahame seconded the motion, That the Address in Reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Acting Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY, 1911.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the Public Trusts Act 1897.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Fire Brigades Acts.
 - (2.) Regulations under the Careless Use of Fire Acts.
 - (3.) Addition to Schedule "E" of Regulations under Motor Traffic Act, 1909.
 - (4.) Regulations under Pure Food Act, 1908.
 - (5.) Regulations under the Dentists Act, 1900, and Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1909.
 - (6.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1910.
 - (7.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1910.
 - (8.) Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.
 - (9.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 17th March, 1892,—“Convictions under the Liquor Act.”
 - (10.) Returns under the several Acts of Parliament administered by the Registrar-General for 1910.
 - (11.) Rule of the Supreme Court in Matrimonial Causes Jurisdiction.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Treflé laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Hay Irrigation Trust for 1910.
 - (2.) Regulations under the Trustees of Show-grounds Enabling Act, 1909.
 - (3.) Notification of cancellation of certain regulations under the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. TRUSTEES AUDIT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carmichael, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the examination and audit of certain accounts; for the surcharge and disallowance of certain receipts and expenditure; to amend the Public Trusts Act, 1897, the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, and the Mining Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 16th May, 1911.*

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

17th May, 1911.

3. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day—“Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, Enabling Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee), second reading”—postponed until To-morrow.

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

“To His Excellency The Honorable Sir WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

“3. We join your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the State.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Wade moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand as paragraph 4 :— ‘But we regret to inform Your Excellency that we disapprove of the proposal contained in paragraph 3, to repeal the Conversion Act.’

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Disorder—Apology :—Mr. Speaker stated he had been informed that the Honorable Member for The Darling was willing to apologise for his conduct, if permitted to do so; he directed that Mr. Meehan be readmitted.

Whereupon Mr. Meehan re-entered the Chamber, and tendered his apology to the House.

Debate continued.

Mr. Henry Willis moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 18 MAY, 1911.

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

POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day—"Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, Enabling Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee) second reading"—postponed until Tuesday next.

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

"To His Excellency The Honorable Sir WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

"3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the State."

Upon which Mr. Wade had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words to stand as paragraph 4,—“But we regret to inform your Excellency that we disapprove of the proposal contained in paragraph 13 to repeal the Conversion Act.”

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

Mr. G. R. W. McDonald moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at thirteen minutes before Twelve o'clock until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 MAY, 1911.

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

ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION (LIMITED):—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited), representing that power was granted to the Corporation to make and construct a harbour at Lake Illawarra, and a railway thereto; that the Corporation expended forty-two thousand pounds in the construction of the railway, and three thousand five hundred pounds on harbour survey and plans; also sixty thousand pounds on land, and twenty-five thousand pounds on coal properties to give soundness to the undertaking, and enable them to raise capital for carrying out the authorised work by the sale of Debentures in London; that the sale of such Debentures was rendered impossible through rival State harbour schemes; that an extending enactment was passed subject to the sum of ten thousand pounds being lodged with the State Treasurer, subject to forfeiture in terms of the Statute; that such sum was duly lodged; that a further amending Act was obtained, making such lodged payment liable to forfeiture instead of forfeited and empowering the Executive Council to impose by Proclamation extra works to the value of some sixty thousand pounds, which was done by Proclamation dated 3rd April, 1900; that the Corporation believe and have been advised that the sum lodged as a guarantee was a statutory lodgment not placed under the control of the Executive Council, and awaits the attention and consideration of the House; that the action of the Corporation led to increased trade on the South Coast Railway and proved the value of southern coal for smelting coke; and praying for consideration and for the disposal of the sum lodged in such manner as to the House may seem fit.
Petition received.

2. WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. Perry, on behalf of Mr. Downes, presented a Petition from Edwin Ernest Allan Oatley praying for leave to bring in a Bill to continue and amend the provisions of the Warwick Farm Railway Act, whereby the construction and control of a railway from and connecting the line of railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta Railway Stations, to and with the Warwick Farm race-course was authorised; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
And Mr. Perry having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Liverpool Herald*, newspapers containing the notice required by the 396th Standing Order.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulation under the Pure Food Act 1908.
 - (2.) Statement of Public Companies Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1911.
 - (3.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1911.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carmichael laid upon the Table,—Twenty-eighth Annual Report on Inscribed Stock, with Appendices, under the Inscribed Stock Act, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

23rd May, 1911.

4. SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACCOUNTS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carmichael, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 23.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to constitute special deposit accounts in the Treasury for the receipt and payment of moneys relating to certain Government undertakings and institutions; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 17th May, 1911.*

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Wade asked Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether, in view of the attitude taken up by the Government that they would suspend all Business until a hostile amendment moved to the Address in Reply had been disposed of, and the fact that they were giving notice of new motions from day to day, it was not the right procedure to suspend absolutely all such Business.

Mr. Speaker said that what had been stated as regards the usage of the House was quite true, but so far as the procedure was concerned he had no control over such matters, which were purely for Ministers themselves. He could not prevent any Member from giving notice of motion nor refuse to report a Message.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day—"Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, Enabling Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee), second reading,"—postponed until To-morrow.
6. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Thrower, That the following Address in Reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Acting Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

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

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

"3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the State."

Upon which Mr. Wade had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words to stand as paragraph 4,—*"But we regret to inform your Excellency that we disapprove of the proposal contained in paragraph 13 to repeal the Conversion Act."*

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

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

(a) £150 from Vote, "Sheriff's Contingencies," to Vote "Probate and Intestate Estates Office—Contingencies."

(b) £350 from Vote, "Sheriff's Contingencies," to Vote "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services, Purchase of Law Books, &c."

(c) £150 from the Vote, "Artesian Water Investigation," to Vote "Wentworth Irrigation Area—Maintenance, &c."

(d) £1,000 from Vote, "Contingent Vote, Department of Agriculture," to Vote "Stock and Brands—Contingencies."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—Report of Royal Commission as to Decentralisation in Railway Transit, together with copy of Commission, Evidence, and Plans.

Ordered to be printed.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at half-past Six o'clock:

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at half-past Six o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY, 1911.

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

WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Perry, *on behalf of* Mr. Downes, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue and amend the provisions of the Warwick Farm Railway Act, whereby the construction and control of a railway from and connecting the line of railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta railway stations, to and with the Warwick Farm race-course was authorised; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put.

The House divided.

And the Tellers not agreeing as to the numbers, Mr. Speaker appointed other Tellers, who reported as follows,—

Ayes, 63.		Noes, 3.
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Peters,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Holman,	Dr. Arthur,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Grahame,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Morrish,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Bruntuell,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Mehan,	Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Waddell,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Horne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Robson.
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Page,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Perry having presented the Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State, Bill, intituled "A Bill to continue and amend the provisions of the Warwick Farm Railway Act, whereby the construction and control of a railway from and connecting the line of railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta railway stations, to and with the Warwick Farm race-course was authorised; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,—read a first time.
2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day,—“Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, Enabling “Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee), second reading,”—postponed until Tuesday next.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

24th May, 1911.

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported* :—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 16th May, 1911, 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 Acting Clerk, in accordance with the 117th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.

(2.) *Members Sworn* :—George Black, Esquire, and Andrew Joseph Kelly, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Acting Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

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

" To His Excellency The Honorable Sir WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

" 3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the State."

Upon which Mr. Wade had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words to stand as paragraph 4,—*" But we regret to inform Your Excellency that we disapprove of the proposal contained in paragraph 13 to repeal the Conversion Act."*

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

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 25 MAY, 1911, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 25 MAY, 1911.

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

ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN MUNICIPAL ELECTION, BANKSTOWN :—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain ratepayers of the Municipality of Bankstown, representing that serious irregularities occurred during the taking the Ballot of the recent Municipal Election for the Municipality of Bankstown, held on the 28th January, 1911, and praying that a Select Committee may be appointed to inquire into and report upon the taking of such Ballot.
Petition received.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Members sworn* :—Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, John Rowland Dacey, Esquire, Frederick William Arthur Downes, Esquire, William Calman Grahame, Esquire, and George Alfred Jones, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Acting Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

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

- (1.) Amended Rules Nos. 5 and 28 of the Land Appeal Court of New South Wales.
- (2.) Amended Regulation No. 85 under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (5.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. DEPUTY-CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House, for this day only.
Question put and passed.

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

"To His Excellency The Honorable Sir WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

"3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the State."

Upon which Mr. Wade had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words to stand as paragraph 4,—“But we regret to inform Your Excellency that we disapprove of the proposal contained in paragraph 13 to repeal the Conversion Act.”

And

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

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 26 MAY, 1911, A.M.

Mr. Lonsdale moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding thereto the following words:—"And we further regret to inform your Excellency that we disapprove of the proposals contained in Paragraph 14 for fixing the rents of private lands leased for agriculture and dairying."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Moxham.
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Brown.
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Henley,	

Noes, 38.

Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Treflé,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Dooley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Dunn.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Lee,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Nobbs.
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Henley,	
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Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. McNeill,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Gillies,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Holman informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Lieutenant-Governor to receive their Address in Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech on Tuesday next, at a quarter past Four o'clock, at the State Governor's Offices, Macquarie-street.

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

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

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

(1.) Leases Resumption Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the resumption of certain Crown leases.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 25th May, 1911.*

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

(2.) Agricultural and Dairying Leases Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the leasing of agricultural or dairying land.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 25th May, 1911.*

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

(3.) Crown Lands Declaratory Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 26.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to declare the law, correct anomalies, reconcile discrepancies, and supply omissions contained in the Acts regulating the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands, and for other purposes.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 25th May, 1911.*

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

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

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes after Seven o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 30 MAY, 1911.

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

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

And being returned,—

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

State Government House, Sydney.

To the Honorable the Speaker and the

Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales,—

I thank you for your expressions of loyalty and attachment to the Throne and Person of His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fifth, and I am glad to receive your assurance that earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to you, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

I have every confidence that, under Divine Providence, your labours will conduce to the general welfare and happiness of all classes of the community.

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

30th May, 1911.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Payment of State Income Tax by Federal Public Servants :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

(1.) How many Federal civil servants are affected by the recent decision, to the effect that Federal officers are liable to pay State income-tax, and what is the aggregate amount due to the State to date?

(2.) What steps are to be taken to enforce payment?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—I am informed :—All those Federal servants who are in receipt of incomes from personal exertion exceeding the statutory exemption of £1,000. Nothing is due to the State in this connection.

(2.) Schools Coronation Celebrations :—Mr. Perry asked the Premier,—

(1.) Did he see a statement in the *Evening News* of the 18th March last, giving an account of negotiations with the Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association *re* Coronation celebrations?

(2.) Did he rebuke members of the Association for giving this information to the Press?

(3.) Did he have conference with the Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association to discuss the form of the celebrations?

(4.) Is it a fact that he yielded his original idea of a mixed feed in the Centennial Park, and agreed to a demonstration at the Sydney Cricket Ground, stipulating that the Denominational Schools should take part in the demonstration, and that the proceeds be divided between those schools and the Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association?

(5.) Is it a fact that the proposal was put before the Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association and unanimously turned down?

(6.) Is it a fact that the Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association's objection to a combined demonstration was based on the facts—(a) That they represented the State; (b) that they can successfully handle large numbers of children; (c) that they must decline to divide the proceeds with Denominational Schools; (d) that they could not guarantee success, and could not take the responsibility of handling children who would not be under their control?

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Mr. Beeby answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Several of the assertions implied in this Question are quite incorrect.
- (5.) I have no information.
- (6.) The assertion implied in paragraph (d) of this Question is alone correct. The answers to Questions (a), (b), and (c) are in the negative.

(3.) Schools Coronation Celebrations :—*Mr. Perry* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Did the Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association propose to give a Public Schools Demonstration in connection with the Coronation celebrations?
- (2.) Did he approve?
- (3.) Did the Honorable the Acting Premier or the Cabinet put forward a counter proposition?
- (4.) Was the counter proposition considered by the Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association and turned down?
- (5.) Did he approve of their decision?
- (6.) Will he ascertain if it is not a fact that some of the teachers were afraid that if they did not fall in with the Acting Premier's proposals they would be victimised, and that rumours to this effect were in circulation?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

- (1 and 2.) A number of proposals as to the part to be taken by Public Schools in connection with the Coronation celebrations were considered, one of them being a Public Schools' display at the Cricket Ground.
- (3, 4, and 5.) The Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association was willing to organise a display, but advised that the proposal that such display should be a joint one, in which schools outside the Public Schools should take part, was impracticable. It was then decided to hold a picnic demonstration in the Agricultural Society's Grounds, at which all schools could be represented. The Minister approved of this final arrangement.
- (6.) The Minister has not before heard of the rumours referred to, and, from inquiry, believes that they were not in circulation. If they were, there was absolutely no ground for them.

(4.) Sunday Picture Shows :—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many Picture Shows are there in Sydney and Suburbs?
- (2.) How many of these give entertainments on Sundays?
- (3.) Are the employees of those places which open on Sundays paid overtime, or are they given an equivalent in another day off duty?

Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) Ninety-three.
- (2.) Approval was given for the holding of fourteen sacred concerts in Sydney and Suburbs on Sunday, the 28th May.
- (3.) I am not in a position to say.

(5.) Case of James Igoe :—*Mr. Nobbs* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Was James Igoe committed for trial for stealing during the last few months?
- (2.) Did the case proceed to trial?
- (3.) If not, why not?
- (4.) Will he lay the papers in this case upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) James Igoe was committed on 5th January, 1911, for trial at the Sydney Quarter Sessions on 1st February last.
- (2 and 3.) No. I declined to prosecute.
- (4.) Under the Standing Orders, the production of papers having reference to the administration of justice must be asked for by address to the Governor. I may add that if the Honorable Member will come to the Department, I shall be very glad to let him see them privately.

(6.) Alleged Neglect of Duty—*Mr. Neilly, Walgett* :—*Mr. Black* asked The Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that charges of neglect of duty have from time to time been made at meetings of the Walgett Shire Council against his local officer, Mr. Neilly?
- (2.) Will he consider the advisability of holding an inquiry into these statements in order that his officer may have a chance of clearing himself?

Mr. Edden answered,—

- (1.) There is no such record.
- (2.) Any specific complaint or charge made to the Department will be immediately inquired into.

(7.) Heights of Buildings :—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Public Works.

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the harrowing details now appearing in Sydney's daily newspapers concerning the wholesale loss of human life in New York and in other American cities through the erection of buildings so lofty that water cannot be forced to their upper stories, nor can these be reached by life-saving ladders?
- (2.) In view of those awful disasters, will he introduce a building law to limit the height of buildings throughout New South Wales?

Mr. Edden answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The matter will receive the early consideration of the Cabinet.

(8.)

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- (8.) Superior Public School, Annandale :—*Mr. McFarlane*, for *Mr. Bruntnell*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When will the repairs to the Superior Public School buildings at Annandale be put in operation ?

Mr. Beeby answered,—These repairs have been authorised and will be put in hand at once.

- (9.) Western Lands Leases :—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will any of the eighths of the Western Lands leases, which fell for apportionment among applicants last year, be thrown open during this year ?
 - (2.) If so, will the method of selection be by ballot ; or, as previously, according to the choice of the members of the Board ?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the latter method of apportionment has given great dissatisfaction, and that charges of favouritism are freely made in the back country ?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that a great number of Australians, who have long and vainly waited for the eighths of Goondiblui, Bangheet, Yeranbah, and Angledool to be thrown open; have left for Queensland where land may be readily obtained ?

Mr. Neilsen answered,—

- (1.) One-eighth of the areas of several pastoral holdings in the Western Division will be withdrawn and made available during the year.
 - (2.) Applications will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of section 26 of the Western Lands Act of 1901.
 - (3.) I am not aware that the method has given great dissatisfaction, and no charges of favouritism have been made.
 - (4.) I am not aware that such is the case.
- (10.) Extension of Terms of Improvement Leases :—*Mr. G. R. W. McDonald* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) In how many instances have the original terms of improvement leases been extended by endorsement on the leases ?
 - (2.) What areas are included in these leases ?
 - (3.) Has anything yet been done to ascertain the legality or otherwise of such extensions ?
 - (4.) What does the Government propose to do in regard to them ?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

- (1.) In thirteen cases. The *extended* terms have expired in three cases (4,542 acres), and in three other cases the extended terms have *commenced* (12,149 acres).
 - (2.) The total area included in the remaining ten leases is 42,412 acres.
 - (3 and 4.) It has been decided to institute proceedings in the Supreme Court in respect of the remaining ten extensions, "and to claim a decree that such extensions" are invalid.
- (11.) State Coal Mines :—*Mr. Lonsdale* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) In connection with the proposed State coal mines, has he obtained any reports from the Officers and Inspectors of the Department, or any other persons, upon the proposals ?
 - (2.) If so, what is the nature of the reports ?
 - (3.) Has the Government come to any decision upon the matter ; and, if they have, what is the decision ?
 - (4.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the whole of the correspondence and reports, &c., that have passed upon the proposal ?

Mr. Edden answered,—

- (1.) A considerable number of reports upon properties which were offered to the Government for State collieries have been received from the Officers of the Department.
- (2.) Most of the reports were unfavourable.
- (3.) At the present time diamond-drill bores are being put down upon two areas of Crown lands—one in the North and one in the West—for the purpose of testing for coal. If the results of these bores are satisfactory State collieries will be established at both places.
- (4.) If the Honorable Member desires information in regard to any proposed State coal mine it will be supplied, but the correspondence and reports in regard to all the suggested State collieries are very voluminous, and it is considered that no good purpose would be served by printing them at present, particularly as negotiations have not yet been completed in regard to all of them. I may add that if the Honorable Member will call at the Department he will be permitted to see any paper he desires.

- (12.) Control of Pedestrian Traffic by Police :—*Mr. Black* asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a Bill has been drafted to invest the Police with full power to control the pedestrian traffic of the city ?
- (2.) If so, will he introduce this or some equivalent measure to the House in order that the sidewalks of Sydney may be given their full measure of usefulness ?

Mr. Holman answered,—A Bill has been drafted. It will be introduced when the state of public business permits.

- (13.) Net Fishing, Lake Illawarra :—*Mr. Downes*, for *Mr. Mark F. Morton*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he received a petition from the Honorable Member for Allowrie, protesting against the new proclamation regarding net fishing in Lake Illawarra ?
- (2.) What decision has the Department arrived at regarding the question raised ?

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Mr. Holman answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Inspector's report was received yesterday. A plan is being prepared of the proposed reduction in the boundaries of the closed waters, and the matter will be dealt with at once.

(14.) Crookhaven Heads:—*Mr. Downes*, for Mr. Mark F. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How much money has been expended to date in connection with the works at Crookhaven Heads?

(2.) What was the amount voted on last Estimates, and what balance is still unexpended in connection with such vote?

(3.) Will he make arrangements to carry on this work pending the passing of next Estimates?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

(1.) £19,325 17s.

(2.) (a) £4,000; (b) £538 Ss. 7., irrespective of outstanding vouchers.

(3.) Work will be discontinued when Vote is exhausted. No authority for further expenditure will be sought until such time as experience shall have proved whether the existing works are or are not adequate to the requirements of the trade.

(15.) State Metal Quarry:—*Mr. Downes*, for Mr. Mark F. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to establish a State metal quarry?

(2.) Have negotiations been entered into for the purchase of any particular quarry?

(3.) If not, has his attention been drawn to the superior quality of the Kiama metal?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—Yes.

(16.) Assistance to repair Flood Damage:—*Mr. Downes*, for Mr. Mark F. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) With reference to the deputation which waited on him in February last from the Illawarra Councils asking for assistance to repair flood damage, did he promise to make loans to Municipal Councils interested, repayable by four annual instalments without interest?

(2.) Is it a fact that certain councils taking advantage of this offer have applied for loans and have been refused?

(3.) Does he intend to grant these loans?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—I did propose to make loans to Councils repayable in four or five yearly instalments free of interest, but found that, in the present state of the law, though I could lend the money the Councils could not legally borrow it. The matter is receiving my attention, and may be dealt with in the comprehensive Local Government Bill which I propose to bring forward next Session. In the meantime, in order to keep my promise, I have offered to carry out the work required for the Councils—the Public Works Department acting as Contractor—and allowing the Councils to spread the payments over a short term of years as is permitted by section 87 (2) of the Local Government Act.

(17.) Artesian Bores, Coonamble:—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he been informed that Mr. W. L. Wilcox intends to convert his estates at Coonamble, of Beanbah and Bunday, into irrigation areas, provided he can get Governmental permission to sink six (6) or more artesian bores thereon?

(2.) Should such permission be sought, will he, ere giving his consent, consult the artesian experts: (a) as to whether the flow from six or more bores inside an area of 30,000 acres, or less, would long continue to be effective; and, if so, how long; (b) if the continuous abstraction of such large quantities of water as would be thus required for irrigation purposes would not interfere with the efficiency of already established bores now essential to the graziers of the back country in dry times?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

(1.) Six applications for licenses under the Water and Drainage Act to sink artesian bores on the Bunday and Beanbah have been received from Mr. Wilcox.

(2.) An inquiry will be held by the Water and Drainage Board, under the provisions of the Water and Drainage Act, and a report submitted to me before any license is issued. All of the points mentioned will be considered.

(18.) Fines under Industrial Disputes Act for Striking:—*Mr. Lonsdale* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many persons were fined for taking part in a strike under the Industrial Disputes Act since 14th October, 1910?

(2.) Who authorised the prosecutions in these cases?

(3.) What is the amount of fines imposed?

(4.) Have any of the fines been paid; if so, how many?

(5.) Have any persons been imprisoned for default of payment?

(6.) What steps have been taken to enforce payment?

(7.) Have any persons who have not paid fines been in employment since conviction?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1.) 134.

(2.) The informations regarding the Carcoar and Lithgow men were laid by Detective Adam Jordan, after leave to prosecute had been obtained from His Honor Judge Heydon, at the Industrial Court. Those in respect of the wheelers and rope hands of the South Clifton Colliery were laid by Mr. John Wilson, the Manager of the Colliery, after leave to prosecute had been obtained from the Industrial Court.

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- (3.) £562 16s., with costs, £75 12s.
- (4.) Yes; one.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) None.
- (7.) I am not aware.

- (19.) Shop Assistants' Award—Slow Workers:—Mr. Perry asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
Did the original Award of the Shop Assistants provide that slow workers should apply to the Shop Assistants Union for their consent to accepting a lower wage than the Award?

Mr. Beeby answered,—No. The original Award of the Court of Arbitration of the 30th July, 1907, in the dispute between the Shop Assistants' Union and Mark Foy and the Master Retailers' Association, did not in terms provide that slow workers should apply to the Shop Assistants' Union for their consent to accepting a lower wage than the Award. It provided that notification of an agreement entered into between employer and employee for employment at a lower wage than prescribed should be given to the Secretary of the Shop Assistants' Union, who, if dissatisfied, could appeal to the Registrar, whose decision was final.

- (20.) Railway Locomotives :—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the number of additional locomotives added to stock by the Railway Department since 30th June last until 30th April, 1911, and when ordered?
 - (2.) What is the number of additional coaching stock for same term?
 - (3.) What is the number of additional goods stock for same term?
 - (4.) Have any special arrangements been made in the Eveleigh workshops, or with private firms, to expedite the construction and delivery of locomotives; if so, what are the arrangements?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) Twenty-five; ordered between October, 1905, and August, 1910.
- (2.) 115.
- (3.) 1000; principally 15-ton goods wagons. In addition, a number of small capacity wagons were replaced by 15-ton vehicles.
- (4.) Yes, by working a night shift, purchasing additional machinery, and the rearrangement of the works, which is now in hand.

- (21.) Public School Teachers, Minimum Wage :—Mr. Bruntnell asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Do all teachers over 21 in the Public Service participate in the increased salary promised as a minimum wage to all persons in the Service over the age of 21?
- (2.) If not, why not?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Answered by No. 1.

- (22.) Public School Teachers, Minimum Wage :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many teachers will be benefited by the introduction of the minimum wage regulation providing for payment of £110 per annum?
- (2.) How many lady teachers at present drawing less than £110 per annum will participate in the increase referred to?
- (3.) How many will remain on their present salaries until either promoted or removed to districts in which the cost of living and other untoward conditions will qualify them for the receipt of the minimum?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

- (1.) The number of male teachers is 508.
- (2.) The number of female teachers is not yet available.
- (3.) None.

- (23.) Government Motor Cars :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

- (1.) How many passenger motor-cars are now possessed by the Government, and to what departments are they attached?
- (2.) Have any cars been purchased by the present Government since its accession to office; at what cost; and, if so, for what department?
- (3.) Are these cars, or any of them, used for purposes other than public purposes; if so, by whose authority?

Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) Three cars are used by the State Governor, Ministers, distinguished visitors, and senior permanent officials. The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage possess four—two cars and two "run-abouts." The Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways has purchased three cars for the use of that Department. I am informed by the Board of Fire Commissioners that they hold, on behalf of the three contributories—the Government, the Municipal and Shire Councils, and the Fire Insurance Companies—three cars. Two cars are for the use of the Board and its officers. One car is for the exclusive use of the Chief Officer.
- (2.) One by the Government itself for use as indicated above (cost £1,080). In addition, the Chief Commissioner for Railways has purchased two cars at a cost of £712 10s. each.
- (3.) Not that I am aware.

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(24.) Civil Servants' Holidays :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that so far from the statement made recently by his colleague, the Acting-Treasurer, "that Civil Servants allow their holidays to accrue" being correct, the real position of affairs is that in most Departments, and in his (the Attorney-General's) particularly, officers cannot obtain the holidays to which they are entitled?

(2.) How many applications for annual leave were refused between the 1st January and 30th April in the Justice Department alone?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1 and 2.) In one branch of my Department, namely, Petty Sessions, it has been necessary to temporarily restrict the absence of junior officers from duty, on account partly of shortage of officers, and partly owing to the fact that a great number of promotions are being made, involving transfers to other towns. In connection with that branch, sixty-one applications were dealt with during the period mentioned. Of these, thirty-four were granted, and the remainder deferred pending relieving officers being available.

(25.) Lord Howe Island Settlers :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Acting Minister for Agriculture has recommended him to cancel all the existing permissive occupancies on Lord Howe Island, as proposed by Mr. Royal Commissioner Langwell?

(2.) If so, before acting on the recommendation, will he go fully into the whole question, in view of the fact that most of the holders of these permissive occupancies have expended much labour and no little capital in making necessary improvements, erecting buildings, &c.?

(3.) Whatever the course he decides to take, will he see that the interests of all occupants are amply safeguarded and fully protected?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1 and 2.) The only permissive occupancy cancelled by me was that issued to Mr. Frank Farnell over the unallotted Crown lands. The occupancies held by the islanders have not been cancelled.

(3.) I have approved of the Western Land Board being constituted the Board of Control over Lord Howe Island. The interests of all occupants will be fully maintained.

(26.) Public School Teachers attending Military Camps and Conferences :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many public school teachers made application for permission to absent themselves from duty to go into camp at Liverpool as members of the Light Horse Regiments last month, and for what reason was permission refused?

(2.) For what reason has permission been refused teachers to attend the Oddfellows' and other Friendly Societies' conferences as representatives?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

(1.) Nine teachers made application. To grant the leave meant closing eight (8) schools for some days, and it is the practice to refuse leave under such circumstances. The remaining application was declined because, in that case, the applicant's services were required at his school.

(2.) Teachers are allowed every reasonable concession in the way of leave, but to allow leave for the purposes named would be to open the door to so many applications as to disorganise the working of the Department.

(27.) Public School Teachers, Minimum Wage :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) *In re* his recommendation to the Public Service Board of a proposed new regulation providing that there shall be "a minimum salary for all male teachers over 21 years of age," but excluding from this provision all female teachers save those who "are working under harsh conditions in isolated districts," will he state the reason why any discrimination should be made at all?

(2.) In Awards made by Wages Boards, are other girl workers, such as clerks, stenographers, typists, &c., granted the same minimum as men doing a like class of work?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

(1.) The minimum salary of £110 per annum is to be paid to all male and female teachers over 21 years of age in the Department, as from the 1st January, 1911.

(2.) The Awards referred to do not apply to persons in Government employment.

(28.) Tramway Congestion :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In view of the overcrowded condition of the trams at certain periods of the day, will he take steps to have police officials stationed at each stopping-place in the city proper, who will have power to prevent passengers from standing upon the footboards, &c., and to prosecute in the case of an infringement of the traffic regulations?

(2.) Is it a fact that the lives of passengers, conductors, and ticket collectors are endangered daily by reason of this overcrowding?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—I am informed :—At the busy hours of the day overcrowding does take place on trams through persons joining cars having a full complement of passengers, instead of waiting for the following trams. It is recognised that the practice is dangerous, and there is a by-law under which action could be taken; but it is impracticable under existing conditions, without seriously interfering with the traffic, to put the by-law into operation.

(29.) Closer Settlement Farms :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many farms are still unapplied for or unallotted on the Closer Settlement areas resumed by the Carruthers and Wade Governments, giving particulars respecting each individual estate, area of the farm or farms unapplied for or unallotted, and price of same?

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Mr. Nielsen answered,—

Name of Estate.	Unapplied for.	Applied for but unallotted.	Area.			Value.		
			a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
Boree Creek	.....	1	639	2	0	2,478	1	3
Hardwicke	.....	5	1,068	3	10	4,468	13	3
Do	2	.....	146	2	10	970	14	5
Larras Lake	.....	1	267	2	0	1,337	10	0
Mungery	.....	1	1,831	0	0	3,570	9	0
Nangus	1	.....	1,060	2	0	2,253	11	3
Peel River	.....	1	376	1	0	1,622	11	7
Sunny Ridge	.....	1	973	0	0	2,797	7	6
Do	1	.....	776	0	0	2,328	0	0
Tibbereenah	.....	6	1,378	3	12½	4,010	6	3
Do	10	.....	499	3	2	2,879	12	2
Tuppall	11	.....	5,265	3	0	25,042	12	3
Wandary	.....	7	3,995	2	0	16,324	2	9
Do	2	.....	1,102	3	0	4,080	3	6

(30.) Shop Assistants' Award :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

- (1.) What was the date of the original Award in the Shop Assistants' arbitration case?
- (2.) Has such Award been amended; if so, when?
- (3.) Were the slow workers' conditions altered in such amendment of the Award?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

- (1.) The original Award was made by the Court of Arbitration on 30th July, 1907, made a Common Rule on 11th October, 1907, and extended to Newcastle and District by an Order of the Court on 24th March, 1908.
- (2.) Yes; on 11th October, 1907, and on 24th March, 1908.
- (3.) No. The Award of 30th July, 1907, was substantially re-enacted by an Industrial Board on the 29th June, 1909.

(31.) Umberumberka Water Scheme, Broken Hill :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the estimated total cost of the Umberumberka Water scheme at Broken Hill, and is it being constructed by contract or day-labour?
- (2.) When will it be completed?
- (3.) Did the Chief Engineer of Water Supply furnish the Department with evidence to the effect that an extension of the Stephen's Creek scheme would provide for Broken Hill a supply equal to all possible demands at about one-fifth of the cost of the Umberumberka scheme, also avoiding the duplication of the main service?
- (4.) Does not the Stephen's Creek scheme become the property of the Government in 1918, free of all charges; and, if so, will he consider the desirability of staying the expenditure which has been entered upon?
- (5.) How many men are at present employed on the Umberumberka works?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1.) (a) £359,000; (b) day-labour.
- (2.) Probably in from two and a half to three years.
- (3.) The Honorable Member is referred to the Chief Engineer's answers to Questions 3823 to 3829, Public Works Committee's inquiry.
- (4.) (a) Yes; (b) no.
- (5.) 106.

(32.) Western Land Board :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many Crown holdings are there under tenure in the Western Division administered by the Western Land Board, and what is the total annual rental received by the State?
- (2.) What are the minimum and maximum periods of such leases, and how often are the rents reappraised?
- (3.) Has the Western Land Board practically completed its task in the matter of assessing the value of areas throughout the Western Division and fixing rents; and have its duties been reduced to a minimum?
- (4.) What is the total annual cost to the State of this Board, including salaries and travelling expenses of its members; salaries, &c., of staff?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

- (1.) 2,422; Annual rental, £85,860—exclusive of holdings not yet brought under Western Lands Acts.
- (2.) Practically the tenure of all holdings expire on 30th June, 1943. Rents for extended leases will be reappraised in 1918 and 1930, and for new leases every ten years from date of issue of lease.
- (3.) Rents have been determined on all leases brought under the Act, but fresh areas are continually being dealt with. So far from being reduced to a minimum, the Board's duties have not decreased, and are being considerably extended.
- (4.) Average annual cost, £11,030. This includes expenses incurred on behalf of other Departments, and all Land Board work in the Western Division previously performed by three Land Boards, viz., Bourke, Hay, and Moree.

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(33.) Protection of Produce carried on Railways:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that during last wheat season a large quantity of grain was either wholly ruined or seriously damaged by rain, owing to the trucks by which it was being transported to market being without covering tarpaulins, &c.?
- (2.) Will he bring this matter under notice of the Chief Commissioner with a view of preventing a recurrence of this trouble?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—I am informed:—There were a few cases where trucks loaded at country sidings were not sheeted, but on their coming under notice steps were immediately taken to guard against a recurrence.

(34.) Interest on Transferred State Properties:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has any arrangement yet been made by the Federal Government in the matter of payment of interest on the value of properties transferred by the State to the Commonwealth?
- (2.) What is the amount calculated to be due from the inception of Federation to the present time?
- (3.) Will he consider whether the time is ripe for a settlement of this claim?

Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The annual interest at 3½ per cent. per annum on £3,787,648, value of properties transferred from New South Wales to the Commonwealth (which includes Quarantine services estimated at £113,000, recently handed over) would be £132,567, and the accrued interest to 31st December, 1910, is £1,288,000.
- (3.) The Government, from its assumption of office, has been in active correspondence with the Federal authorities upon its claim for interest. I am hopeful of an early settlement, at any rate as far as the interest claim from 1st July, 1910, is concerned.

(35.) Travelling Expenses of Public Service:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a Public Service Regulation of February 1, 1911, provides for alteration of travelling expenses and allowances, whereby the higher officers in the General Division receive an increased rate of travelling allowance, and the lower grade officers in the Clerical Division a decreased rate?
- (2.) Will he state why the decrease has been made in the case of the lower grade officers?

Mr. Holman answered,—The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following information:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) For the purpose of fixing the amount of travelling allowance due, all officers of the Public Service are divided into grades based on salary, and allowances are fixed which are considered to be reasonable for each grade. The reduction referred to affects only the clerical officers in receipt of under £200 per annum (not many of whom are called upon to travel) the rate being reduced from 12s. 6d. to 10s. per day. It is considered that 10s. per day is a sufficient allowance for officers of this status. There is a provision in the Regulations, however, that in any case where the Public Service Board is satisfied that the allowance does not cover the actual expense necessarily incurred, the Board may authorise the payment of an additional allowance. Under the new Regulations the scale of allowances has been liberalised as regards the General Division, and temporary officers are now treated in the same way as permanent officers of similar salary.

(36.) Parliamentary Buildings:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the cost of painting, &c., the Parliamentary Buildings, apart from the work of alterations, repairs, painting, &c., which has just recently been completed?
- (2.) What was the cost of the remodelling of the interior of the Parliamentary Buildings, alterations, and other work just completed?
- (3.) Was this work done by day-labour or by contract?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1.) £638 14s. This includes minor works incidental to painting.
- (2.) Cost to 6th May, 1911, £3,386 12s. 9d. This includes ventilation scheme now being installed, and yet to be completed.
- (3.) The whole of the work was done by day-labour, with the exception of the plaster ceilings.

(37.) Broken Hill Municipality:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the total revenue of the Broken Hill Municipality during 1910?
- (2.) What was the total amount paid in salaries (mayoral and official), for workmen's services, and to contractors?
- (3.) What amount was expended upon public works, streets, &c.?
- (4.) What is the salary, or allowance, paid to the Mayor of Broken Hill?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—The Broken Hill Council has not yet furnished the accounts of the year 1910. The information asked for is, therefore, not available.

(38.) Population of Parliamentary Electorates:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it provided for in the Electoral Law that there shall be periodical redistributions of the Parliamentary Electorates?
- (2.) Will he state what is the largest and what the smallest enrolments amongst the electorates of the State; also what standard number of electors was set down as the minimum for an Electorate when the present Act first came into force?

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Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) Yes. Within three months after the result of every Census of the population of New South Wales has been ascertained and reported to the Colonial Secretary, and also in the fourth or fifth year after the taking of the Census. The result of the Census has not been reported.
 (2.) Northumberland, 16,828 ; The Darling, 5,052. A marginal allowance of 1,200 above or below the quota obtained by dividing the total number of electors on the rolls in force for the time being by ninety.

(39.) Press Railway Concessions :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Under what conditions are Press tickets issued to representatives of city and country newspapers, travelling by rail ?
 (2.) Is any concession made to the purely business representatives of city or country newspapers ?
 (3.) Are canvassers and collectors, for instance, for city weekly papers given the same concessions as are granted to reporters and members of the literary staff ?
 (4.) If such tickets have, in any instance, been obtained under such conditions, will he take steps to have this practice discontinued ?

Mr. Carmichael,—I am informed :—

- (1.) Tickets at two-thirds of the ordinary rates are issued to persons who are permanently and exclusively engaged on public newspapers registered with the Department, when travelling for *bonâ fide* reporting purposes.
 (2 and 3.) No.
 (4.) Tickets would not be issued under the conditions mentioned in (2) and (3).

(40.) Funds of Trade Unions :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he during this Session introduce a Bill, on the basis of the Friendly Societies Act, to provide for the proper protection and profitable investment of the funds of Trades Unions, and the initiation of a scheme under which the expenditure of same shall be limited to the payment of administrative expenses and of out-of-work allowances to members of such unions ?
 (2.) Will he also provide that duly attested balance-sheets be issued annually ?

Mr. Beeby answered,—The matter will receive consideration. The Trade Unions at the present time supply a statement of receipts and expenditure and assets and liabilities to the Registrar of Friendly Societies and Trade Unions annually.

(41.) Payment of Old-age Pensions :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he make representations to the Federal Old-age Pensions authorities, with the object of having the law or the regulations so altered that when old-age pensioners are admitted to public hospitals, the pension for the time being shall pass to the funds of the institution ?
 (2.) Is it a fact that under the State Pension law this course was provided for, but that under the Commonwealth Pension law the custom was discontinued, hospitals being thus penalised whilst a pensioner is ill, the Commonwealth retaining the pension money during the time the pensioner is incapacitated ?

Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) The matter is under consideration.
 (2.) I understand that this is so. Inquiries are being made.

(42.) Death Sentences—Public Executioner :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many death sentences have come before the Executive since the accession to office of the present Government, and in how many cases has the death sentence been commuted ?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the public executioner recently resigned his position ?
 (3.) Under what conditions and on what terms is the public executioner employed ?

Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) Seven. The death sentence has been commuted in each case. In one of the seven cases the death sentence was only recorded. In another case the accused was released as a result of an inquiry held, after the trial, under the provisions of the "Crimes Act, 1900."
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) The arrangement with the late executioner was that he should be paid salary of £100 per annum, and, in addition, £10 in connection with the execution of each criminal. He held office from 16th May, 1908, till 29th April last, but did not carry out any executions.

(43.) State Financial Returns :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In the interests of legitimate State finance, will he make it an obligation in connection with all existing and prospective Governmental business undertakings, that in future there shall, at the end of each financial year, be issued, and made available, complete balance-sheets, showing supervision and other charges, including rent, interest, allowances for depreciation of plant, &c., just as public companies are compelled to do, such balance-sheets to be certified to by qualified accountants ?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—Annual reports of their operations and financial results are published by the four corporate bodies. These reports include practically all the information mentioned by the Honorable Member.

(44.) Dirt of Stock Trucks :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he bring under notice of the Chief Commissioner for Railways the complaints made by country stockowners as to the oftentimes exceedingly dirty condition of sheep and cattle trucks and horse-boxes landed at trucking centres to their order ?
 (2.) Are such vehicles supposed to be cleaned before being sent out to customers ; and, if so, by whom, and where ?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—I am informed :—Special arrangements are made for the cleaning of livestock vehicles, and any cases of neglect are suitably dealt with.

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(45.) Applications under Closer Settlement Promotion Act:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many applications, under the provisions of the Closer Settlement Promotion Act of 1910, have been lodged up to date with the present Minister of Lands?
- (2.) How many have been granted, how many refused, and how many have still to be dealt with?
- (3.) If any applications were refused, for what reason did he so act?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

- (1.) Thirty-six applications. In addition, four applications were lodged with the previous Minister.
- (2.) (a) Applications lodged with previous Minister and dealt with by present Minister, 4—1 completed, purchase approved; 1 refused; 2 granted, subject to satisfactory proof to titles, and to survey where necessary; (b) Applications lodged with and wholly dealt with by the present Minister, 36—4 refused; 10 granted, subject to satisfactory titles, and to survey where necessary; 22 in course of preliminary action.
- (3.) Five applications in all have been refused—1 informal; there was no agreement with the owner, and applicants had no means; 3, prices agreed upon between vendor and applicants too high; 1, prices agreed upon between vendor and applicants too high, and areas too small in three out of five blocks; consequently, as there was not three remaining applicants, the application was refused.

(46.) Railway Locomotives:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there is a reported shortage of railway engines in this State, and that no sooner does one driver get off his engine than it is taken over by another, with the result that oftentimes the engines are run when unclean and out of repair?
- (2.) What number of new engines, if any, are now under order?
- (3.) Will he consult with the Chief Commissioner on the subject, and ascertain whether or not additional engines are necessary?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) Additional engines are being obtained. It is only in very rare instances that engines are taken over by one driver from another without any interval for overhauling the working parts. Generally speaking, engines are not run in an unclean condition, but occasionally when a sudden rush of traffic takes place it is not possible to give sufficient attention to cleaning, but the repairs to running engines receive every attention.
- (2.) Ninety-two (92).
- (3.) See answer to No. 1.

(47.) Export of Rabbits—Sandown Works:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (1.) Under what conditions has he arranged with the management of the Sandown Works to provide accommodation for the freezing and packing of rabbits?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Sandown is not a suitable centre for this purpose, being too far away from the city, and off the main line, to admit of dealers treating for the rejects of the graders?
- (3.) On what grounds does he base the contention that there is a rabbit combine in existence?
- (4.) Will he consider whether the rejected rabbits, not good enough to be sent to England, are good enough for local consumers?

Mr. Treflé answered,—

- (1.) The Department has not made any conditions with the Sandown Works to provide for the freezing of rabbits.
- (2.) Rabbits have been treated at Sandown on previous occasions satisfactorily, and it is presumed those making their arrangements with the firm will dispose of all their rabbits as they may think best.
- (3.) Local packers have been refused accommodation at the City Works owing to the arrangements made by a combination or association of firms in the rabbit trade.
- (4.) Many rabbits not of sufficient quality for export, or through wet fur, are not packed, though perfectly fit for consumption.

(48.) Composition of Closer Settlement, Reserves, and Crown Lands Boards:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he furnish names of gentlemen appointed to the three new Boards recently established by him—Closer Settlement, Reserves, and Crown Lands Boards; also the salaries and allowances paid each of the gentlemen to be named?
- (2.) For what periods have the lastmentioned two Boards been appointed; if for no specific periods can he give any idea of the time they will need to occupy in carrying out their duties?
- (3.) In regard to reserves and Crown lands which may be made available, has he arranged with the Boards in question to furnish interim reports, upon which he may act from time to time?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

- (1.) Closer Settlement Advisory Board:—W. N. Sendall, Member and Chairman, salary, £800 per annum; J. E. Hoare and W. J. Clonan, Members, salary, £600 per annum each; in addition, each Member is paid an allowance of £1 1s. per diem, with actual cost of conveyance provided. Reserves Revision Board:—R. B. Mackenzie, Member and Chairman, salary, £800 per annum; J. E. Carne, Member, salary paid by Department of Mines as Assistant Government Geologist and Senior Geological Surveyor, £650 per annum; G. Valder, Member, salary paid by Department of Agriculture as Chief Inspector, £600 per annum; F. W. Reynolds and C. J. E. Palmer, Members, salary, £600 per annum each; in addition, each Member is paid travelling expenses at the rate of 17s. 6d. per diem, with transport provided by the Department. Crown Lands Classification Board:—

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Board :—E. J. Cockerft, Member and Chairman, salary, £800 per annum ; H. O. Bucknell and J. R. Pulver, Members, salary, £500 per annum each ; in addition, travelling expenses at the rate of 17s. 6d. per diem, and transport provided by the Department.

(2.) The Reserves Revision Board and the Crown Lands Classification Board have not been appointed for any specific period. It is difficult to estimate the time required for completion of their duties. It is hoped that within a year the work of each Board will be completed.

(3.) Yes.

I may say that the whole of these gentlemen, with the exception of two, were officers of the Department before I took office.

(49.) Public Service Board's sanction for New Offices :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

(1.) Has an Under Secretary of a Government Department made a recommendation to the effect that a new position be created and filled by an officer in the Service, the better to efficiently transact the business of such Department ?

(2.) Is it within the power of the Public Service Board to refuse to sanction the creation of such new office ?

(3.) If this power is possessed by the Public Service Board, will he take the necessary steps to have the law or regulation altered which permits its use ?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1.) Yes ; this course has been frequently suggested.

(2.) The Public Service Act, 1902, provides that any arrangement necessary for the more economic, efficient, or convenient working of any Department or Branch, or any particular disposition of officers, or rearrangement of work shall be referred to the Public Service Board for consideration and action.

(3.) I do not consider this is necessary.

(50.) Punishment of Railway Employees :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

Will he urge upon the Chief Railway Commissioner the desirability of investing District Superintendents with the power to punish railway employees for all but the most serious breaches of the regulations, in the matter of discipline, &c., instead of, as at present, making it a duty devolving upon an officer not on the spot, and therefore not conversant with local conditions ?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—I am informed :—The Railways Act provides that whenever an officer is guilty of misconduct, or the breaking of a rule, by-law, or regulation, the head of the Branch is to deal with him. If this duty were in the hands of the District Officers there would probably be an absence of uniformity, which would lead to considerable dissatisfaction.

(51.) Summonses in connection with Carcoar and Lithgow Strikes :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many men were summoned for breaches of the Industrial Disputes Act in connection with the Carcoar and Lithgow Ironworks strikes early this year, and what was the total amount of fines and costs imposed ?

(2.) Did any of these defendants go to gaol because of their inability to pay the fines ; and, if so, how many ?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1.) 131 summons issued ; total amount of fines, £518 14s. ; total amount of costs, £63.

(2.) No. An application for remission of the fines is under consideration.

(52.) University Undergraduates' Procession :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Cohen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the refusal to grant the University Undergraduates permission to hold their annual procession on 13th May ?

Mr. Holman answered,—I have no objection if the papers are moved for in the usual way.

(53.) Industrial Awards :—Mr. Wade asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many Awards under the Industrial Disputes Act have been made to date ?

(2.) How many Unions have registered under the Act ?

(3.) How many disputes are now awaiting hearing ?

(4.) What is the greatest number of Boards that have been sitting at the same time ?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

(1.) 165 original Awards, including twenty Awards re-enacting Awards of Court of Arbitration ; eighty-seven Awards varying or amending such original awards.

(2.) 136 Trade Unions have registered, the registration of seven of which have been cancelled.

(3.) Seventeen applications for Boards to regulate industries are filed and not yet finally dealt with. As far as can be ascertained, fourteen Boards have been constituted and have not yet begun their sittings.

(4.) As far as the records show, twenty-eight.

(54.) Applications for Transferred Holdings :—Mr. Wade asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many applications for transferred (a) settlement leases ; (b) settlement purchases, have been lodged since 14th October, 1910 ?

(2.) How many applications have been (a) granted ; (b) refused ?

(3.) On what grounds have such applications been granted ?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1.) Irrespective of mortgagees, eighty-two applications for permission to transfer settlement leases, and eighteen applications to transfer settlement purchases have been received since the 14th October, 1910.

(2.)

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(2.) Forty-two applications in connection with settlement leases, and six in connection with settlement purchases were granted. Seventeen applications in connection with settlement leases, and six in connection with settlement purchases were refused. Twenty-three applications in connection with settlement leases, and five in connection with settlement purchases, are in course of action, and one application in connection with a settlement purchase has been withdrawn.

(3.) The applications granted were those in which the reasons stated were considered sufficient to allow of the transfers being put through having regard to the best interests of settlement.

(55.) Immigration :—Mr. Wade asked the Premier,—

(1.) What was the total sum available for immigration for the year 1910–11 ?

(2.) How much has been spent on immigration since 30th June, 1910 ?

(3.) What sums have been spent from the Advance to Treasurer's Vote ?

(4.) How many assisted immigrants have arrived since 1st July, 1910 ?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1.) Amount voted, £25,000 ; Supplementary Funds made available from Treasurer's Advance Account, £6,500 ; total, £31,500.

(2.) Total expenditure on immigration from 1st July, 1910, to date (including expenditure from Treasurer's Advance Account), £28,149 19s. 8d.

(3.) Expenditure from Treasurer's Advance Account, £3,193 2s. 1d.

(4.) Arrivals since 1st July, 1910 :—Immigrants selected in London by Agent-General, 2,022 ; immigrants nominated in Sydney, 3,751 ; total, 5,773.

(56.) Temporary Public Service Officers' Salaries :—Mr. Moxham, for Mr. Robson, asked the Attorney General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that permanent officers in the Public Service in receipt of salaries up to £300 per annum have, since 1st July last, received increases to meet the cost of living ?

(2.) If so, will he see that the temporary officers recently recommended to be made permanent are treated in a similar manner ?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1.) A number have received increases.

(2.) I doubt if this will be practicable. Inquiry will, however, be made.

(57.) Signalling System, Central Railway Station :—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the cost of the installation of the Electro-Pneumatic Signalling System at the Central Railway Station ?

(2.) What is the price paid to the Contractor for the system, and can he supply a copy of the agreement between the Contractor and the Commissioners ?

(3.) Were any portions of the signalling scheme supplied by the Contractor found to be unsuitable and discarded, and were they paid for ?

(4.) If so, what appliances were accepted and found most suitable in place of those discarded ?

(5.) Is it a fact that the patent rights of the Electric Locking, which contains the whole of the signalling appliances of Sydney Station, are the property of Rowe's Lock and Block Company, and were invented and designed locally ?

(6.) Will he see that justice is done to the Company owning these patent rights ?

(7.) Will he endeavour to have the Railway Act amended, so that servants of the Commissioners may enjoy full civil rights as far as the Commonwealth Patents Act is concerned ?

(8.) Is it a fact that Rowe's Lock and Block Company, at a cost of over £500, gave the Commissioners a six months' trial of their system, and that it gave entire satisfaction ?

(9.) Were the late Messrs. Fehon and Kirkcaldie satisfied with its success, and made overtures for its purchase ?

(10.) Was it thrown out and condemned, and for what reason ?

(11.) Was it, on the arrival of the present Chief Commissioner, again looked into with respect to its merits, and that the Company received further consideration ?

(12.) What is proposed to be done in connection with the matter ?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—I am informed :—

(1.) £73,726.

(2.) £26,187 16s. 5d. A copy of the agreement will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House.

(3 and 4.) Nine instruments were supplied and paid for, which were afterwards found not to meet traffic requirements. These were replaced by instruments of a type patented by Rowe's Lock and Block Company, but redesigned by the Department to suit the altered conditions.

(5 and 6.) Messrs. McKenzie and Holland claim patent rights for the electric-locking instruments used in the Sydney Yard installation. It is recognised that Rowe's Lock and Block Company has some claim in regard to the back-locking instruments and treadles ; negotiations with the Company are proceeding in regard to these matters.

(7.) The only regulation bearing on inventions by employees is the following :—“ No employee shall take out a patent for appliances previously tested or used on the railways without the permission of the Chief Commissioner.” With this exception, no restriction is placed on employees.

(8.) Rowe's Lock and Block System was given an exhaustive trial under working conditions, but was not considered worthy of adoption.

(9.) The records indicate that the late Messrs. Kirkcaldie and Fehon were not satisfied with Rowe's system.

(10.) See answer to No. (8).

(11.) In connection with the negotiations referred to in answers Nos. (5) and (6), the Company has offered to dispose of its rights to the Chief Commissioner.

(12.) The negotiations referred to in answers Nos. (5) and (6) are not yet complete.

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- (58.) Appointment of Waverley Residents to Commission of Peace:—Colonel Onslow asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many residents of the Waverley Electorate were appointed to the Commission of the Peace in the last list of appointments?

Mr. Holman answered,—Thirteen were appointed on 7th April, 1911, and three on 25th April, 1911.

- (59.) Bands in Streets, Hospital Saturday:—*Mr. Nobbs*, *Mr. Cohen*, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Was permission granted for the bands to play in the streets on Hospital Saturday?
 - (2.) Was such permission subsequently cancelled?
 - (3.) If so, by whom, and for what reason?
 - (4.) Will he lay the papers upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) Permission was granted by the Inspector-General of Police for the Police Band to play in Martin-place on Hospital Saturday. It is understood that another band was also to play there.
- (2 and 3.) In view of the recent prosecutions under the City Council by-laws for obstructing street traffic, especially in Martin-place, the officers of the City Council were subsequently consulted, and at once placed the pavilions in the various parks, and the enclosure at the Town Hall, at the disposal of the bands. The Secretary to the Hospital Saturday Fund was informed of the difficulty as regards playing in the streets.
- (4.) I have no objection if the papers are moved for in the usual way.

- (60.) Timber used in Alterations, Parliament House:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that in connection with the recently completed alterations at Parliament House, imported oregon joists, &c., on which duty has to be paid to the Federal Government, have been used for timbering beneath the Chamber?
- (2.) Was hardwood procurable, and on which royalty would be paid to the State Government?
- (3.) Was the work in question done by day-labour?
- (4.) Was the oregon used in place of hardwood because of the objection of artisans to work the hardwood?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Hardwood was not procurable within the limited time available—nor was it so suitable for the purpose as that used.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Oregon was used for the reasons above stated; no objection could be raised by the artisans, but they would have consumed time which could not be afforded.

- (61.) Minimum Wage of Government Women Workers:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Premier,—

- (1.) In view of the decision arrived at to the effect that certain lady teachers are in future to be paid a minimum wage of £110 per annum, will he say whether it is intended to provide a minimum payment of £110 per annum for every woman worker in the Government service?
- (2.) If not, why not?

Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Certain women workers are paid at rates fixed by Awards. Others will not be wholly employed in the Government service.

3. ADMINISTRATION OF THE STOCK DISEASES (TICK) ACT, 1901:—The following Petitions praying that a Select Committee or Royal Commission may be appointed to inquire into the administration of the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901, with regard to the spread of the cattle tick in New South Wales, were presented by *Mr. G. A. Jones*:—

- (1.) From certain stockowners, resident within Kyogle Quarantine, and of Woodenbong, Koreelah, Acacia Creek, and Tooloom areas.
 - (2.) From certain stockowners, resident within Kyogle Quarantine, and of Woodenbong, Koreelah, Acacia Creek, and Tooloom areas.
 - (3.) From certain stockowners of Bonalbo Quarantine area.
- Petitions received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Police Department for 1910.
 - (2.) Report of the Proceedings of the Inter-state Conference on the Murray River Waters, held at Melbourne, January, 1911.
 - (3.) Thirty-first General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
 - (4.) Despatch transmitting copy of Order respecting Appeals to His Majesty in Council from the High Court of the Commonwealth of Australia.
 - (5.) Amended Regulations Nos. 20 and 118 under the Public Service Act, 1902.
- Referred by Seasonal Order to the Printing Committee.

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

By Mr. Beeby:—

- (1.) Land Boilers Regulation Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 27.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the construction and use of steam boilers; to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 30th May, 1911.

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

- (2.) Labour Department Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 28.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the creation of a Department of Labour, to declare the powers and duties thereof; and for purposes incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 26th May, 1911.

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

- (3.) Industrial Arbitration Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 29.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the regulation of the conditions of industries in certain particulars by means of industrial conciliation and arbitration, and for the repression of lock-outs and strikes; to establish and define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of an Industrial Court, and certain subsidiary tribunals; to preserve certain awards and industrial agreements; to repeal the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909, the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1910, and the Clerical Workers Act, 1910; to amend the Acts dealing with early closing of shops, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 30th May, 1911.

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

By Mr. Nielsen:—

- (4.) Crown Lands Consolidation Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 30.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate the Crown Lands Acts and certain other Acts dealing with the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown Lands.

State Government House,
Sydney, 26th May, 1911.

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

6. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, That Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes,

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Ayes, 47.

Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Treflé,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Page,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Dooley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Kelly,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. James,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Nobbs,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Brown.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Price.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Meagher made his acknowledgments to the House.

7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Member Sworn* :—Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Acting Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
8. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Nielsen, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business, at 2 o'clock p.m., on "Tuesday," Wednesday, and Thursday, in each week.
Mr. Holman moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "Tuesday" the words "and at Four o'clock, p.m., on"
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question, as amended,—"That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of "Business at Two o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, and at Four o'clock p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, "in each week,"—then put and passed.
9. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on "Tuesdays," and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
(2.) That General Notices of Motions and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.
Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the words "Tuesdays" the words "until 6:30 o'clock p.m., and Government Business shall take precedence after 7:30 o'clock p.m. on that day."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question, as amended, proposed,—
(1.) That during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays, until 6:30 o'clock p.m., and Government Business shall take precedence after 7:30 o'clock p.m. on that day, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
(2.) That General Notices of Motions and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.
Mr. Perry moved, That the Question be further amended by the insertion of the following words to stand as paragraph (2).
That, on alternate Tuesdays, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business after 7:30 o'clock p.m.
Question, That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted,—put and negated.
Question then,—
(1.) That during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays until 6:30 o'clock p.m., and Government Business shall take precedence after 7:30 o'clock p.m., on that day, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
(2.) That General Notices of Motions and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday,—
put and passed.

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10. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Carmichael, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Briner, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Wood, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Beeby, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Cohen, and Mr. Holman, 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. Question put and passed.
11. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Carmichael, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Horne, Mr. Downes, Mr. Gas. Miller, Mr. Levy, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Harry Morton, and Mr. Holman, 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.
12. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Carmichael, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Page, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Levien, Mr. Lynch, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Hindmarsh, and Mr. Holman, 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. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
13. **PRINTING COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Carmichael, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Robson, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Henley, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Estell, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Grahame, Mr. McLaurin, and Mr. Holman, 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.
14. **PUBLIC TRUSTEE BILL**:—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to constitute a Public Trustee; to prescribe his powers and duties; to amend the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898; the Administration (Validating) Act, 1900; and the Administration Amending Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.
15. **INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL**:—Mr. Beeby moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the regulation of the conditions of industries in certain particulars by means of industrial conciliation and arbitration for the repression of lockouts and strikes; to establish and define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of an Industrial Court and certain subsidiary tribunals; to preserve certain awards and industrial agreements; to repeal the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909, the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1910; and the Clerical Worker's Act, 1910; to amend the acts dealing with early closing of shops, and certain other acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

Act of South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY, 1911.

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

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

- (1.) Public Trustee Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 31.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to constitute a Public Trustee ; to prescribe his powers and duties ; to amend the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898, the Administration (Validating) Act, 1900, and the Administration Amending Act, 1906 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st May, 1911.*

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

- (2.) Criminal Appeal Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to establish a Court of Criminal Appeal ; to amend the law relating to appeals in criminal cases ; to provide for better consideration of petitions of convicted persons ; to amend the Crimes Act of 1900 ; to amend the Supreme Court Act of 1900 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st May, 1911.*

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

- (3.) Supreme Court and Circuit Courts (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 33.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, and the Crimes Act, 1900 ; to give further powers to the Supreme Court and any Judge thereof to grant equitable relief ; to provide for the assignment in choses in action and debts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st May, 1911.*

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

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2. QUESTIONS:—

Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works Question No. 1.

Whereupon Mr. Holman laid upon the Table a printed return of the Answers to the Questions on the Notice Paper for To-day.

Point of Order:—Mr. Wood submitted that the procedure now proposed was a deviation from the regular practice of the House, which was that notice of Questions should be given by Members, and Ministers reply to such questions, in accordance with the regular routine laid down by Standing Order No. 74. The practice and usage had been fixed in accordance with practice of the House of Commons following the direction given in Standing Order No. 2. He quoted *May*, 10th Edition, in support of his contention, and pointed out that improper use might be made of the procedure now sought to be adopted. The regular methods of altering procedure were by the adoption of a new Standing Order or the passing of a motion directing Mr. Speaker in the matter. He submitted that on the grounds stated Mr. Speaker would be justified in ruling the proposed practice irregular.

Mr. Speaker said that when the question was first brought under his notice he was firmly convinced that Ministers could not adopt the proposed practice without first amending the Standing Orders. He had gone carefully through the Standing Orders without finding any mandatory provision that a Minister should answer a Question orally; neither had that been proved by argument. He quoted from an Appendix to the Standing Orders of the House of Commons, dated 1904, setting out the procedure in the asking and answering of Questions, and which showed that if an oral answer be desired the Question must be distinguished by an asterisk. On looking up the procedure in the bound volumes of Hansard Debates he found that there were actually two methods of answering Questions, viz., orally and in writing. There were two kinds of Questions in our own procedure—Questions on Notice and Questions without Notice. Those without Notice must obviously be answered orally, but as to Questions on Notice he would not like to lay it down that Ministers should either answer them orally or provide written answers, and therefore could not rule that the Answers laid on the Table that night were out of order. It would be better to make the Standing Order definite on the point, and for that reason he preferred that Ministers should answer Questions in the usual way until that was done.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—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.

Mr. Carmichael laid upon the Table,—Regulations Nos. 247 and 248 under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL:—(*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Downes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Warwick Farm Railway Act Extension Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and Report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Kelly, Mr. Levien, Mr. McCourt, Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Perry, Mr. David Storey, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day—"Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, "Enabling Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*), second reading,"—postponed until Tuesday, 13th June.

6. 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 31st day of May, 1911, and signed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, empowering Richard Denis Meagher, 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 Acting Clerk, as follows:—

"By His Excellency The Honorable Sir WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"To all to whom these presents shall come,—

"Greeting:

"In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, as Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise Richard Denis Meagher, 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 thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine
"hundred and eleven, and in the second year of the Reign of His Majesty King George
"the Fifth.

"W. P. CULLEN,

"Lieutenant-Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"FRED. FLOWERS."

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7. **CROWN LANDS CONSOLIDATION BILL**:—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate the Crown Lands Acts and certain other Acts dealing with the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown Lands.
Question put and passed.
8. **LABOUR DEPARTMENT BILL**:—Mr. Holman, *on behalf of Mr. Beeby*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the creation of a Department of Labour, to declare the powers and duties thereof; and for purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
9. **STEAM BOILERS BILL**:—Mr. Holman, *on behalf of Mr. Beeby*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the construction and use of steam boilers; to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
10. **INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE**:—Mr. Holman, *on behalf of Mr. Beeby*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions:—
(1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 6 of the Industrial Disputes Act (No. 3), 1908, Schedule One thereto be amended by adding the following boards and industries:—
- | Board. | Industries and Employees in Industries. |
|------------------------------|--|
| Sydney Collieries. ... | ...Coal-miners, engine-drivers, wheelers, surface hands, and other persons employed in and about coal mines. |
| Marble and Slate Workers ... | ...Masons, polishers, and machinists, and all persons employed in marble and slate works. |
- (2.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 6 of the Industrial Disputes Act (No. 3), 1908, Schedule One thereto be amended by adding the words "portmanteau and bag makers and all "leather-workers except bootmakers" after the words "Saddle and harness-makers" in column two in connection with the Saddlery Board.
(3.) That the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Question put and passed.
11. **SATURDAY HALF HOLIDAY ACT—EXTENSION OF PROVISIONS**:—Mr. Beeby moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:—
(1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 5 of the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910, the provisions of that Act be extended to the country shopping districts of Broken Hill, Bulli Pass, Cobar, Hillgrove, Illawarra Central, Illawarra North, Kiama, Peak Hill, Shellharbour, Wollongong, Wrightville, Wyalong, and West Wyalong.
(2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Question put and passed.
12. **SUPREME COURT AND CIRCUIT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, and the Crimes Act, 1900; to give further powers to the Supreme Court and any Judge thereof to grant equitable relief; to provide for the assignment of choses in action and debts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
13. **CRIMINAL APPEAL BILL**:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a court of criminal appeal; to amend the law relating to appeals in criminal cases; to provide for better consideration of petitions of convicted persons; to amend the Crimes Act, 1900; to amend the Supreme Court Act, 1900; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
14. **OLD-AGE AND INVALIDITY AND ACCIDENTS PENSIONS (REPEAL) BILL**:—Mr. Carmichael moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900, and the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, 1907.
Question put and passed.
15. **HELENSBURGH LEASES BILL**:—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Helensburgh Leases 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 To-morrow.
16. **LEASES RESUMPTION BILL**:—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the resumption of certain Crown leases.
Question put and passed.

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17. CROWN LANDS DECLARATORY BILL:—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare the law, correct anomalies, reconcile discrepancies, and supply omissions contained in the Acts regulating the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown Lands; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
18. AGRICULTURAL AND DAIRYING LEASES BILL:—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the leasing of agricultural or dairying land.
Question put and passed.
19. MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Mining Act, 1906, and the Crown Lands Act of 1884; to validate certain payments of royalty; to except beyond a certain distance below the surface certain lands from past or future alienations by the Crown; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
20. COAL MINES REGULATION AMENDING BILL:—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1905, and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1908; to bring certain persons under the Public Service Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
21. MINES INSPECTION AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend certain provisions of the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, to quarries and dredges; to amend the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, and the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
22. GOLD BUYERS BILL:—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate and license the purchase and sale of gold, silver, and precious stones, and the assaying and smelting of gold and silver; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
23. MINERS ACCIDENT RELIEF (SEWER MINERS) BILL:—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend to persons employed in or about sewer construction works, the provisions of the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910; to amend the said Acts and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
24. COAL AND SHALE MINES HOURS REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the hours of labour in coal and shale mines; to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
25. PHARMACY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Carmichael moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend section 11 of the Pharmacy Act, 1897; and for other purposes.
26. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Nielsen, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906, and the Parliamentary Elections (Second Ballot) Act, 1910; and for other purposes,"—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.
Question put and passed.
Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.
27. SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACCOUNT BILL:—Mr. Carmichael moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to constitute special deposit accounts in the Treasury for the receipt and payment of moneys relating to certain Government undertakings and institutions; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

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28. PUBLIC WORKS (LEASING) BILL:—Mr. Carmichael moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Public Works (Leasing) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly 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 To-morrow.
29. TRUSTEES AUDIT BILL:—Mr. Carmichael moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the examination and audit of certain accounts; for the surcharge and disallowance of certain receipts and expenditure; to amend the Public Trusts Act, 1897, the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, and the Mining Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
30. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Beeby, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the regulation of the conditions of industries in certain particulars by means of industrial conciliation and arbitration, and for the repression of lockouts and strikes; to establish and define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of an Industrial Court and certain subsidiary tribunals; to preserve certain awards and industrial agreements; to repeal the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909, the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1910; and the Clerical Worker's Act, 1910; to amend the Acts dealing with early closing of shops, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be now received.
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the regulation of the conditions of industries in certain particulars by means of industrial conciliation and arbitration and for the repression of lockouts and strikes; to establish and define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of an Industrial Court and certain subsidiary tribunals; to preserve certain awards and industrial agreements; to repeal the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909, the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1910; and the Clerical Worker's Act, 1910; to amend the Acts dealing with early closing of shops, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Beeby, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the regulation of the conditions of industries in certain particulars by means of industrial conciliation and arbitration, and for the repression of lockouts and strikes; to establish and define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of an Industrial Court and certain subsidiary tribunals; to preserve certain awards and industrial agreements; to repeal the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909, the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1910; and the Clerical Worker's Act, 1910; to amend the Acts dealing with early closing of shops, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
31. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain land in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales, subject to certain conditions; to revoke any dedication of such land as a common or for public recreation or otherwise; to repeal the Agricultural Society Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Nielsen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to vest certain land in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales, subject to certain conditions; to revoke any dedication of such land as a common or for public recreation or otherwise; to repeal the Agricultural Society Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE, 1911.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Forest Reserves fronting Main North Coast Road :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the lands along the Main North Coast Road are mainly Forest Reserves?
- (2.) Is he aware that the timber on either side of the road for some distance back has long since been cut out?
- (3.) Will he consider the advisability of at once having the lands on each side of the Main North Coast Road, for about 60 chains back, surveyed into living area blocks, with the road as a frontage, and then making these lands available for settlement?
- (4.) Is it a fact that up to the present settlers have been placed far back from the road amongst good timber, which is destroyed, while lands fronting the road and having no valuable timber are kept locked up as reserves?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

- (1.) The unalienated Crown lands are largely comprised in forest reserves.
- (2.) I am not aware.
- (3.) The matter will receive the attention of the Reserves Revision Board when dealing with the North Coast District.
- (4.) Only lands which have been considered by this Department as better for settlement than for forestry purposes have been made available.

- (2.) Swamp Areas, Raleigh Electorate :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many swamp areas have been located within the Raleigh Electorate, which extends from the south bank of the Clarence River, on the north, to a line south of Smoky Cape?
- (2.) How many of these areas have been finally dealt with by drainage?
- (3.) How many have been surveyed?
- (4.) Is it proposed to gazette any trust proposals; and, if so, in what localities?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1.) Fifteen.
- (2.) Two, viz., Ulmarra Swamp and Cooroobongatti.
- (3.) Nine, viz., Arakoon, Lake Swamp, Chatsworth Island, Martin Swamp, James Creek, Shark Swamp, Gumma Gumma, Seven Oaks, Gladstone.
- (4.) Yes, viz., Lake Swamp, James Creek, Arakoon, and Gladstone. Proposals have already been notified for Chatsworth Island, Martin's Swamp, and Shark Creek Swamp. Investigations now being made in regard to Coldstream Swamp, Palmer's Island, and Kinchela Creek and Yarra-happininni Swamp.

- (3.) Control of Northern Ports by Sydney Harbour Trust :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a proposal is under consideration to place the whole of the coastal ports and river entrances, including Newcastle, under the control of the Sydney Harbour Trust?
- (2.) If there be such a proposal, will he carefully consider the matter before adopting any such scheme of centralisation?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—The matter is under consideration, and will receive very careful investigation before any scheme is adopted.

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- (4.) Trial Bay Prison :—Mr. Briner asked the Premier,—
- (1.) What was the cost of the Trial Bay Prison buildings which are now unused ?
 - (2.) Is a caretaker employed to look after the buildings ; and, if so, at what annual cost ?
 - (3.) Including the caretaker's salary and the annual interest in cost of construction, what is the outlay on these buildings every year ?
 - (4.) When were the buildings last used, and why were they abandoned ?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that new and costly prisons have been erected near Sydney, and that some are still being erected, while Trial Bay has remained unused ?
 - (6.) Will he seriously consider the advisability of putting these buildings to some use in the near future ?
- Mr. Holman answered,—
- (1.) Approximately, £93,000.
 - (2.) Yes, at a small cost.
 - (3.) About £3,350.
 - (4.) (a) Eight years ago ; (b) it was decided to abolish the particular class of prison for which they were utilised, and there was then no further use for them.
 - (5.) A new large prison near Sydney is now approaching completion.
 - (6.) This has been done ; I will be glad to receive any suggestion.
- (5.) Southern Breakwater, Clarence River :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works recommended the construction of a Southern Breakwater at the Clarence River entrance ?
 - (2.) When was the recommendation made, and what was the cost of the proposal ?
 - (3.) Has the work been carried out ?
 - (4.) Is it proposed to submit the proposal to Parliament ; if not, is there any alternative scheme ?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—
- (1.) An extension of 1,350 feet of the Southern Breakwater was recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
 - (2.) 17th August, 1903 ; cost £77,440.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) A scheme for the improvement of the Clarence River will be considered when the general policy of the Government with respect to the Northern River trade is being dealt with.
- (6.) Bellinger River Entrance :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the entrance to the Bellinger River has been practically closed of late, and that great loss and inconvenience have been suffered by producers and shippers ?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the Bellinger River has increased very much with regard to settlement and production of late years, and that it is still the port for produce inwards and outwards for the Dorrigo Plateau ?
 - (3.) Cannot something be done at once to clear the channel at the entrance, and also to clear away the dangerous spits and shoals in the inner channel ?
 - (4.) What is proposed to be done with regard to the suggested inner wall which would turn the waters of the North Arm into one channel, *via* Back Creek ?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2, 3, and 4.) A bar dredge has now been sent to the Bellinger River entrance, and a determined effort will be made to improve the conditions of navigation there.
- (7.) River Bank Protection :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has any decision been arrived at with reference to the proposal to make river bank protection a national work ; if so, what are the intentions of the Government ?
 - (2.) Has any decision been arrived at with regard to the need of river bank protection at Ullmarra, which was brought under his notice during his visit to the Clarence ?
 - (3.) Will he have a special report made at once with regard to the necessity, or otherwise, of protecting the Clarence River bank at Palmer's Island below the township ?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—
- (1.) In regard to a road which runs along a river bank each case will be dealt with on its merits. Private owners must, however, protect their own lands.
 - (2.) No decision has been given in regard to Ullmarra. The general decision referred to in Answer (1) will apply.
 - (3.) Instructions have been issued in this regard.
- (8.) Police Magistrate, Murwillumbah :—Mr. Brown, for Mr. Hindmarsh, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Has a Police Magistrate been appointed for Murwillumbah district ; if not, when is the appointment likely to be made ?
- Mr. Holman answered,—A permanent appointment has not yet been made, but the matter is under consideration and will be settled in the course of the next few weeks.
- (9.) Government Advertisements in Country Newspapers :—Mr. Henley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that there is an Advertising Bureau connected with the Government Printing Office for the purpose of placing Government advertisements ?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that recently a coloured plan of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme, promoted by the Government at Burrinjuck, was circulated as an advertisement by a large number of country newspapers ?

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- (3.) Was this supplement sent direct to the newspapers from the Government Printing Office Advertising Bureau, or through an outside Press agency?
 (4.) If the latter, is he aware that by putting this Government business through an outside agency the newspapers sustained a loss of 20 per cent. of the cost of circulating this advertisement?
 (5.) What was the total cost of the contract entered into with the Press agency in question, and what was the name of the agency?
 (6.) Is the Honorable Minister of Agriculture President of this agency?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes.
 (3.) In both ways.
 (4.) I am not aware.
 (5.) The supplement was published free through the N.S.W. Country Press Co-operative Company, Limited. Cost of conveyance only paid for, amounting to £16 14s. 6d.
 (6.) No.

- (10.) Travelling Carriers :—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to complaints made by seven carriers in the Walgett district that the local Pastures Protection Board has threatened to impound their bullocks and horses if these be turned out on the local stock and other reserves?
 (2.) Taking into consideration the fact that these carriers provide the only transport for goods in the back country, and that if they have to carry feed for their horses and bullocks, the cost of carriage will become almost prohibitive, will he endeavour to secure for carriers in all parts of the country free access to the natural herbage on the commons and roads of the State?

Mr. Treflé answered,—

- (1.) Yes, through the Honorable Member.
 (2.) The Inspector of Stock for the Walgett Pastures Protection District was informed that although teamsters, carriers, and travellers have no legal right to a travelling stock reserve, the policy of the Department was to allow them the same privilege as travelling stock.

- (11.) Trustees of Pilliga Racecourse :—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has anything been done with regard to the appointment of Trustees for the Pilliga Racecourse in place of those gentlemen who have died or left the district?
 (2.) If so, who are the appointees?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—The appointment of Messrs. George Wilkins, Patrick Joseph O'Mullane, Robert Walker, and James Slacksmith to fill the vacancies on the Trust of the Pilliga Racecourse is notified in to-day's *Gazette*.

- (12.) Sale of Rejected Meat :—*Mr. Dacey* asked the Colonial Secretary and Minister of Agriculture, —

- (1.) Is it a fact that meat which has been rejected as unfit for export is sold for local consumption?
 (2.) In what way are householders protected from having rejected meat foisted upon them?

Mr. Holman answered,—Yes. All carcasses alike are first inspected and passed as fit for human consumption. Those which are for export are graded with reference to the order received, and many are rejected as being lighter, or heavier, or fatter, &c., than required by the consignee. This is not regarded as affording any reason why these rejects should not be placed on the home market.

- (13.) Free Tram and Train Travelling to Children :—*Mr. Dacey* asked the Premier,—With reference to the "Empty Cradle" and the "Burden of Parentage," will the Government consider the advisability of allowing children who are under the age of twelve years, and in the custody of their parents, to travel free by train and tram?

Mr. Holman answered,—This and certain other proposals on the same subject which have been made in various quarters, will receive the careful consideration of the Government.

- (14.) Government Experimental Farms :—*Mr. Perry* asked the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (1.) Is he correctly reported as having said that it is his intention to in future establish experimental farms of much larger areas than in the past?
 (2.) What is the area of—(a) The Hawkesbury Agricultural College lands; (b) the Wagga Wagga Experimental Farm; (c) the Bathurst Experimental Farm; (d) the Glen Innes Experimental Farm; (e) the Wollongbar Experimental Farm; (f) the Cowra Experimental Farm; (g) the Nyngan Experimental Farm; (h) the Coonamble Experimental Farm?
 (3.) What is the area deemed to be a home-maintenance area in the vicinity of each of these farms?

Mr. Treflé answered,—

- (1.) I said that I intended, when setting a farm apart, to make it sufficiently large, so that with good management the Manager will be able to secure results unobtainable from a small area.
 (2.) (a) Hawkesbury Agricultural College, 3,556 acres; (b) The Wagga Wagga Experiment Farm, 3,300 acres; (c) the Bathurst Experiment Farm, 670 acres; (d) the Glen Innes Experiment Farm, 1,050 acres; (e) the Wollongbar Experiment Farm, 263 acres; (f) the Cowra Experiment Farm, 936 acres; (g) the Nyngan Experiment Farm, 5,750 acres; (h) the Coonamble Demonstration Farm, 1,900 acres.
 (3.) I cannot say.

- (15.) Public School, Westbrook :—*Mr. Hoyle*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When will tenders be called for the proposed new Public School at Westbrook (near West Tamworth)?
 (2.) What is the cause of delay in proceeding with this much-needed work?

Mr. Carmichael, answered,—The proposed erection of a school at Westbrook must stand over until more urgent claims have been dealt with.

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- (16.) Public School, Marroon :—*Mr. Hoyle*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) When will tenders be called for the proposed new Public School at Marroon (near Tamworth)?
 - (2.) Is he aware that *Mr. B. Walters* is prepared to give possession of the land required at once, to allow the erection of the buildings?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—

- (1.) Tenders have already been invited, and a tender for carrying out the work has now been accepted.
- (2.) I am not in receipt of a direct communication to that effect, but *Mr. Walters*, on behalf of the parents, has urged the erection of the building, which will now go on.

- (17.) Attunga Railway Station :—*Mr. Hoyle*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) When will the additions promised by the Chief Railway Commissioner to the Attunga Railway Station be proceeded with?
 - (2.) What is the cause of delay?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—Funds for this work are being provided on next year's (1911-12) Estimates.

- (18.) Accommodation, Sydney Hospital :—*Mr. Wade* asked The Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that there is urgent need for increased accommodation for nurses and patients at Sydney Hospital?
 - (2.) Did the late Government promise that additional land should be provided for new buildings?
 - (3.) Have the present Government taken any steps to carry out that promise?

Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) Application has been made for such provision.
- (2.) There is a record left by *Mr. Wade* in a minute showing that two directors of the hospital waited upon him as Premier, and, as a result of same, *Mr. Wade* noted that compensation for the land resumed should be fixed at a nominal sum. Further, that he recognised the claim for additional land for hospital purposes was justifiable. The granting of additional land, and the extent and location of the same, was made a matter that would be referred to the Cabinet. So far as is known nothing was done.
- (3.) The matter has engaged the attention of the Government, and speedy action will follow.

- (19.) Inquiries into Cases after Conviction :—*Mr. Wade* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many petitions for inquiry after conviction were presented (a) between July, 1907, and October, 1910, and (b) since October, 1910, under provisions of Crimes Act, 1900?
- (2.) In how many cases were inquiries granted?
- (3.) In how many cases were sentences altered after inquiry in each of the above periods?
- (4.) How many special cases were heard by the Supreme Court in the above period?
- (5.) In how many cases were the convictions quashed?

Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) (a) 7; (b) 4.
- (2.) (a) 3; (b) 2. One case is under consideration.
- (3.) (a) 3; (b) 1. One case is not yet completed.
- (4 and 5.) The Prothonotary has informed me that there were 35 special cases under the Crimes Act, 1900, brought before the Court from July, 1907, to October, 1910, in one of which a conviction against two persons was affirmed as to one and quashed as to the other of such persons. In addition to this, there were 11 other cases in which the conviction was quashed. Since October, 1910, there have been 6 special cases, but in none of these has the conviction been quashed.

- (20.) State Brickworks :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the site occupied by State brickworks Crown land, and, if so, what is the area and what the rental paid for it to the Lands Department; if private land, name of owner and rental paid?
- (2.) What has been the cost to date of buildings, plant, &c.; how many employees are engaged, and what is the weekly wage roll?
- (3.) What salary is paid *Mr. Hutton*, the manager?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1.) The Clay Brickworks at Homebush Bay are established on part of an area of over 1,000 acres of land resumed by the Department of Public Works. The Sand-lime Works are being established on Crown land at Botany.
- (2.) (a) Cost to date, £3,284; (b) forty-five employees engaged; (c) weekly wage roll, £107.
- (3.) £50 per month, covering all incidental expenses.

- (21.) Purchase of Plant from North Coast for Moree Railway :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In connection with his purchase of a plant with which to construct the railway, Moree to Mungindi, by day-labour, will he give the following information :—

- (1.) How many horses were purchased, and at what price?
- (2.) How many drays, and how many sets of (a) leading, and (b) shaft harness, and at what price?
- (3.) How long had this plant been in use by the contractors from whom he purchased?
- (4.) How was this plant transported to Moree from the North Coast, and at what total cost?
- (5.) Did any expert inspect the horses before the purchase was made, and if so, will he give name of same?

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Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1.) Sixty horses purchased at £45 per head.
- (2.) Twenty drays purchased at £15, and twenty sets of harness at £5 each. Further purchases of leading harness not completed.
- (3.) About eighteen months.
- (4.) The horses and carts were driven to Hexham and taken by train from Hexham to Moree; the freight cost has not yet been supplied by the Railway Commissioners.
- (5.) The horses were inspected by an expert, viz., Mr. T. R. Moxham, M.L.A., who was good enough to give his services to the Department gratuitously.

(22.) Supply of Agricultural News to Country Newspapers:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (1.) Is his Department at present supplying country newspapers with "copy" on agricultural subjects; and, if so, is this "copy" sent direct to the papers from his Department, or does it go through a newspaper press agency?
- (2.) Is any charge made for the supply of this "copy" to the country press?
- (3.) By whom is the "copy" prepared, and what is the salary paid the officer?
- (4.) Is the position that officer occupies a permanent position?

Mr. Treflé answered,—

- (1.) (a) Yes; (b) a number of the newspapers are supplied with the copy direct from the Department, and a number through the Country Press Co-operative Company, Limited.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Mr. C. F. Chaplin, in collaboration with the experts of the Department; £200 per annum.
- (4.) No.

(23.) Eight-hour Art Union:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the balance-sheet of the latest Eight-hour Art Union, which shows that the total number of tickets sold was 276,740, of the value of £13,837, out of which £1,510 went for prizes, £6,080 to the Trades Hall, and £6,247 for management expenses, this latter amount representing 50 per cent. of the total receipts?
- (2.) Will he take steps towards having these figures verified, and bring in legislation which will ensure a regular audit of the accounts of this and similar schemes?

Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) The number of tickets sold, at 3d. each, was 276,743—the value of that sale being £3,459 5s. 9d. The amount expended in prizes was £1,544 4s., and the total profit on account of the art union (after payment of all expenses in connection therewith) was £867 3s. 6d. I called the attention of the committee to the greatness of the amount of £777 paid away as commission, and to the fact that with such commission the expenses totalled £1,168. It was explained that the sports and art union are so closely connected that it is almost impossible to keep the expenditure separate, and a fair average had to be struck for that of the art union. I have requested, however, that separate books and accounts shall be kept as far as practicable.
- (2.) This does not appear to be necessary. The accounts of the Eight-hour Art Union are audited and certified to as correct by three auditors, and supported by a statutory declaration by the Secretary. I may add that although tickets in this art union are sold at 1s. each, only 3d. goes to the art union fund, the remaining 9d. going to the sports fund for admission to the sports ground. That accounts for the discrepancy between the figures quoted by me and those quoted by the Honorable Member.

(24.) Water Hyacinth:—Mr. Perry, for Mr. Hindmarsh, asked the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (1.) Is he aware that owing to the freshes in the Richmond and Tweed Rivers in the early part of this year that the water hyacinth is spreading in those rivers at an alarming rate?
- (2.) Will he take immediate steps to deal with the pest before it gets out of control?

Mr. Treflé answered,—

- (1.) I have been informed that the water hyacinth is spreading.
- (2.) An officer of the Department is at present on his way to the Northern Rivers to carry out some further necessary investigations.

(25.) Manning River Bar:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the dangerous condition of the Manning bar?
- (2.) Will he take steps to grant immediate relief by sending the bar dredge "Antleon" to the Manning?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) This cannot be done immediately, but will receive due consideration, having regard to the condition of the other entrances on the coast.

(26.) Appointments to Commission of the Peace:—Mr. Nobbs, for Colonel Onslow, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it customary, in making appointments to the Commission of the Peace, to appoint persons resident in one Electorate on the nomination of the Member for another Electorate?

Mr. Holman answered,—A nomination from any Member, any public body, or any person, is considered. Some Members nominate persons outside their Electorates.

(27.) Appointment of Waverley residents to Commission of Peace:—Mr. Nobbs, for Colonel Onslow, asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many residents of the Waverley Electorate who were appointed Justices of the Peace in the last list of appointments, were nominated by the Member for Waverley?

Mr. Holman answered,—As the Honorable Member is doubtless aware, he nominated eleven persons for appointment to the Commission of the Peace, and of these six were appointed.

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- (28.) Northern River Entrances :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Decentralisation Commissioners have recommended that a deep-sea port be established at Port Stephens?
 - (2.) Is he aware that Port Stephens will not serve the coastal districts north of the Macleay River?
 - (3.) Will he, in view of this fact, formulate a policy to improve the entrances of our most important waterways to the north of the Macleay?
 - (4.) Will he, at an early date, refer the Northern Breakwater proposal at the Clarence River Heads to the Public Works Committee?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Yes.
 - (3 and 4.) These matters will receive full consideration when the general policy regarding the Northern Rivers is being dealt with.
- (29.) Appointments to Commission of the Peace :—Mr. Nobbs, for Colonel Onslow, asked the Colonial Secretary,—By whom was each nomination made for the appointment of those persons made Justices of the Peace in the last list of appointments?
- Mr. Holman answered,—It is against rule to publicly disclose the name of the nominator of any person appointed to the Commission of the Peace. The Government of the day has always accepted the responsibility of its appointments.
- (30.) Administration of Tick Regulations, Northern District :—Mr. Price asked the Minister of Agriculture :—
- (1.) Is it a fact that serious inconvenience has been caused to the settlers in the Northern District by reason of the administration of the Tick regulations?
 - (2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into such administration of the regulations, with a view to granting some relief to those interested?
- Mr. Treffe answered,—
- (1.) Reports of inconvenience as alleged have at times been received.
 - (2.) An early inquiry is contemplated.
- (31.) Public School, Ballina :—Mr. Perry asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that there is urgent necessity for new school buildings at Ballina?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the late Minister of Public Instruction allocated the sum of £5,000 for the erection of new buildings?
 - (3.) Were tenders called for the erection of buildings?
 - (4.) Why were tenders not accepted?
 - (5.) Will he give instructions to erect the necessary buildings by day-labour, or any other system which will insure speedy completion of same?
- Mr. Beeby answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No sum was ever allocated for this purpose.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) Because of the excessive price.
 - (5.) Instructions have been given for the erection of new class rooms, which will form part of a future complete scheme of buildings.
- (32.) Fisheries Board Chairman :—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he be good enough to state what steps are being taken to appoint a Chairman of the Fisheries Board?
 - (2.) Is it intended to make such an appointment; if so, when?
- Mr. Holman answered,—I presume the Honorable Member refers to the position of Chief Inspector of Fisheries, for which applications closed recently. The applications are at present under consideration. Some of the applications made in Great Britain have not yet reached Sydney.
- (33.) Royal Commissions :—Mr. Hunt, for Mr. Levy, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) What Royal Commissions have been appointed since the present Government took office?
 - (2.) What are the names of the members of such Commissions?
 - (3.) What fees, if any, are payable to the members of such Commissions?
- Mr. Holman answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Since the present Government assumed Office, Royal Commissions have been appointed to investigate—(a) Matters in connection with the late Fire Brigades Board, the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales, and the administration of the Fire Brigades Act, 1909, and the Fire Brigades Amendment Act, 1910. Commissioner: Mr. Walter Edmunds, Barrister-at-Law, Acting District Court Judge and Chairman of Quarter Sessions. (b) Kentia Palm Seed Trade of Lord Howe Island. Commissioner: Mr. Hugh Langwell, Commissioner of the Western Land Board. (c) Charges against Sergeant Sheehy and First-class Constable Boon in connection with the death of W. A. Bosworth in a police cell at Bathurst. Commissioner: Mr. H. Montgomerie Hamilton, Acting District Court Judge and Chairman of Quarter Sessions. (d) Certain matters in connection with the Department of Public Works. Commissioner: Mr. H. Montgomerie Hamilton, Acting District Court Judge and Chairman of Quarter Sessions. (e) Administration of the law by the Police in connection with the keeping of a disorderly house or houses in Newcastle. Commissioner: Mr. Walter Edmunds, Barrister-at-Law, Acting District Court Judge and Chairman of Quarter Sessions. (f) Supersession of William Robinson as Returning Officer for the State Electoral.

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Electoral District of Newtown. Commissioner: Mr. M. H. Fitzhardinge, Senior Relieving Police Magistrate. (g) Dismissal of Arthur Duncan, late Teacher at the Public School at Kyamba. Commissioner: Mr. Walter Edmunds, Barrister-at-Law, Acting District Court Judge and Chairman of Quarter Sessions.

(3.) In each case the Royal Commissioner named held a salaried post under Government, and no additional fee has been paid in respect of Royal Commission duties.

(34.) Oyster-fishing Industry:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount has been received by the Fisheries Department for the years 1909, 1910, and 1911, from oyster leases and oyster licenses?

(2.) What amount has been expended in carrying out experiments or in developing the oyster industries during those years?

(3.) Is it a fact that no information has been furnished on oyster culture by the Department, and that no experiments have been carried out during those years?

(4.) Will he take steps towards the improvement of the oyster fishing industry and the dissemination of knowledge in improved methods of cultivation?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1.) £6,747 in 1909; £6,927 in 1910; £6,083 1s. 2d. to 31st May, 1911.

(2.) No money has been spent in experiments.

(3.) (a) Information has been furnished in Stead's "Brief Review of the Fisheries of New South Wales," and in a pamphlet issued at the late Royal Agricultural Society's Show described as "A Few Facts about the Fisheries." (b) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

(35.) Immigration:—Mr. Wade asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government have proposed that the Commonwealth should take over the work of bringing immigrants to the State?

(2.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all recent correspondence on this subject?

(3.) What money is available for immigration for the remainder of the financial year?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1.) No. In view of the disparity in the passage money concessions to immigrants offered by the various States, the Premier some time ago urged upon the Commonwealth the desirableness of initiating a system whereby a uniform rate of passage to every State would be brought about, and the present undesirable competition between State and State thereby removed.

(2.) As the proposal is receiving consideration by the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premier of this State at the present time in London, I do not think any good purpose would be served by tabling the correspondence until the Federal authorities have come to a decision on the proposition.

(3.) Balance on Immigration Vote, £327 6s. 8d.; balance on Treasurer's Advance Account, £3,550 4s. 7d.; total, £3,877 11s. 3d.

(36.) Railway Rolling Stock:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to answers to Questions by State Treasurer on May 30th, with regard to rolling-stock for railways, when were the 115 loading stock ordered, and when were the 1,000 goods waggons ordered?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—I am informed:—The 115 coaching stock were ordered as follows:—Financial Year ended 30th June, 1909, 4; Financial Year ended 30th June, 1910, 111. The 1,000 goods stock were ordered as follows:—Financial Year ended 30th June, 1910, 997; Financial Year ended 30th June, 1911, 3.

(37.) Federal Services performed by State:—Mr. Henley asked the Premier,—

(1.) Are there any works or services now carried on and paid for by the State Government which under the Constitution are vested and should be carried on and paid for by the Federal Government?

(2.) If so, what are they?

(3.) What is the annual cost to the State of such services?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1 and 2.) The only service prescribed under section 69 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution not yet taken over by the Commonwealth is that of "Lighthouses, lightships, beacons, and buoys."

(3.) £13,988. I would like to add that I have answered the Question in the sense I read it; but if the Honorable Member desires more specific information, I shall endeavour to obtain it for him.

38.) Government Brickworks and Sand-lime Works:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he furnish this House with particulars of the machinery purchased (a) for the clay brick-works at Homebush Bay; (b) the sand-lime works at Botany, stating the amount paid for each machine, as far as possible, and giving the aggregate cost of such machinery in each case?

(2.) Will he furnish this House with the names of firms or individual from whom this machinery was purchased?

(3.) Who was the officer who selected the machinery?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

(1 and 2.) The only machinery actually purchased so far is for Homebush—One pan, £300; one machine, £275; belting, £60; shafting, £60; engine and boiler, £487. Complete plants, however, have been contracted for as follows:—Clay brick machinery, G. Foster and Sons, Newtown, 2,721; sand-lime brick plant, Sutcliffe, Speakman, and Company, Leigh, England, £8,228.

(3.) The State Brickworks Advisory Board.

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

3. ANNUAL PROCESSION OF UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the refusal to grant the University Undergraduates permission to hold their annual procession on the 13th May last.
Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Public Works (Leasing) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 34.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the leasing of certain superfluous lands; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1900.

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

(2.) Workers' Dwellings Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 35.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the erection and construction, by, or on behalf of the Crown, of workmen's dwellings, and for the dedication, appropriation, purchase, and resumption of lands; to provide for the maintenance and management of such dwellings, and for the leasing or other disposal of the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 1st June, 1911.*

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

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Hastings and Macleay, Mr. Harry Morton, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—“The desirability of retaining the N.S.S. “Sobraon,” as an industrial institution under the “Department of Public Instruction.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Wood,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Waddell,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. James,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Bruntnell.

Tellers,

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Harry Morton.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Scobie,
The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Nicholson,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Fell,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Hoyle,
Tellers,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Morrish.

And so it passed in the negative.

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6. SURVEYORS REGISTRATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Nielsen, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 36.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the registration of surveyors; to authorise surveyors registered to enter any land; to regulate the practice of surveyors; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900; and for purposes of, and incidental to, the above objects.

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Sydney, 1st June, 1911.

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

7. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nielsen 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. Nielsen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

8. PUBLIC WORKS (LEASING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carmichael moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Trefle,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Gardiner,	Tellers,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. G. A. Jones.

Noes, 13.

Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. James,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. McFarlane.

Tellers,

Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Hindmarsh.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered, That the report be adopted on Tuesday next.

9. TIME LIMIT TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider and report upon the following proposed Standing Order:—(a) Immediately after the disposal of formal matters on any sitting day, the Leader of the House may inform the House what Government business upon the Business Paper, or what portion of such business he proposes to take at that sitting day, and he may also state that he proposes to continue such business or any specified portion thereof upon any other sitting day to be named by him. He may also with respect to any such business move without notice or debate a resolution or resolutions that on any sitting day when such business or any such specified portion thereof is considered the debate thereon shall close at a time named. The Leader of the Opposition, or any Member acting for him, may without notice or debate move an amendment to such resolution, naming a different time for the closure. Such resolution and amendment thereto shall be put without debate; (b) if such resolution, with or without amendment, is carried, the Speaker or Chairman of Committees shall at the time named and without motion made and without further debate (except the ordinary reply by the mover) put the question then before the House to the vote. He may then put to the vote without debate any further motion which in his opinion is requisite to bring to a decision the whole of such business or of such specified portion thereof. Where such business or portion thereof includes the consideration by the Committee of the Whole House of certain resolutions, or of the clauses of a Bill, the Chairman of Committees may also put to the vote without debate and without amendment such other of the resolutions or clauses as are included in the business or portion of the business which the Leader of the House has proposed to take on that sitting day.

Debate ensued.

And

1st June, 1911.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 JUNE, 1911, A.M.

Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That the question be amended by adding thereto the following words, "and to inform the House whether in its opinion the scope of such proposed Standing Orders should be restricted or enlarged; and whether such Standing Order should be adopted, and, if so, with or without amendment."

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

Debate continued.

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

Question, as amended, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider and report upon the following proposed Standing Order:—(a) Immediately after the disposal of formal matters on any sitting day, the Leader of the House may inform the House what Government business upon the Business Paper, or what portion of such business he proposes to take at that sitting day, and he may also state that he proposes to continue such business or any specified portion thereof upon any other sitting day to be named by him. He may also with respect to any such business move without notice or debate a resolution or resolutions that on any sitting day when such business or any such specified portion thereof is considered the debate thereon shall close at a time named. The Leader of the Opposition, or any Member acting for him, may without notice or debate move an amendment to such resolution, naming a different time for the closure. Such resolution and amendment thereto shall be put without debate; (b) if such resolution, with or without amendment, is carried, the Speaker or Chairman of Committees shall at the time named and without motion made and without further debate (except the ordinary reply by the mover) put the question then before the House to the vote. He may then put to the vote without debate any further motion which in his opinion is requisite to bring to a decision the whole of such business or of such specified portion thereof. Where such business or portion thereof includes the consideration by the Committee of the Whole House of certain resolutions, or of the clause of a Bill, the Chairman of Committees may also put to the vote without debate and without amendment such other of the resolutions or clauses as are included in the business or portion of the business which the Leader of the House has proposed to take on that sitting day; and to inform the House whether in its opinion the scope of such proposed Standing Orders should be restricted or enlarged, and whether such Standing Order should be adopted, and if so, with or without amendment”,—then put and passed.

10. STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the Standing Orders of this House be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report as to any amendments necessary to provide:—

(1.) That leave to bring in any Bill shall be put from the Chair as a Formal Motion, without objection being allowed, unless the Member in whose name the motion stands, or any Member authorised on his behalf, expresses his wish that it should be debated, in which case the motion will stand over till reached in the ordinary course of business.

(2.) That Members desirous of placing their Business may do so by private note addressed to Mr. Speaker.

(3.) That all Bills, except those introduced through Committee of Ways and Means in accordance with the present practice, may be brought in, in the House, on Motion upon Notice, without reference to a preliminary Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDING BILL:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1906, as amended by the Local Government (Loans) Act, 1907, and by the Local Government (Amending) Act, 1908; to amend the law relating to Local Government; to amend certain Acts relating to Water Supply and Sewerage and Drainage; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

12. GREATER NEWCASTLE CONVENTION BILL:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the constitution of a Convention to formulate a scheme for the amalgamation of the Local Government of Newcastle and certain neighbouring Municipalities and Shires or parts thereof; to define the powers and duties of such Convention; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

13. GREATER SYDNEY CONVENTION BILL:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the constitution of a Convention to formulate a scheme for the amalgamation of the Local Government of Sydney and certain neighbouring Municipalities and Shires or parts thereof; to define the powers and duties of such Convention; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

14. WORKERS' DWELLINGS BILL:—Mr. Carmichael moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the erection and construction by or on behalf of the Crown of workmen's dwellings, and for the dedication, appropriation, purchase, and re-sumption of lands; to provide for the maintenance and management of such dwellings, and for the leasing or other disposal of the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Two o'clock.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE, 1911.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Improvements to Ports north of Port Stephens :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the report of the Royal Commission on Decentralisation, will he consider the advisability of improving some port or ports further north than Port Stephens, to provide outlets for the more populous portions of the State which are comprised within the far North Coast and Tablelands?

Mr. Edden answered,—The whole question will be reviewed in connection with the consideration of the Royal Commission Report.

- (2.) Protection of Nambucca and Bellinger River Banks :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any decision been arrived at with regard to the necessity for protecting the river bank at Macksville (Nambucca River)?

(2.) What is proposed to be done with regard to protecting the Bellinger River bank, near Mrs. Wallace's property?

Mr. Edden answered,—

(1.) Yes; and it was communicated to the Honorable Member by letter dated 17th May, 1911.

(2.) The District Works Officer has been asked to report on the matter. Decision will be given when his report is received.

- (3.) Definition of Home-maintenance Area :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have any instructions been issued by his Department to officers giving evidence before the Lands Boards as to the definition of a living area?

(2.) Is he aware that some of his officers contended in giving evidence before the Gloucester Land Board that a home-maintenance or living area was such area of land as would return a gross return of £200 per annum?

(3.) Will he be good enough to state what his definition of a home-maintenance or living area is?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

(1 and 2.) No.

(3.) The term "home-maintenance area" as defined in section 2 of the Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1908, "means an area which, when used for the purpose for which it is reasonably fitted, "would be sufficient for the maintenance in average seasons and circumstances of an average "family."

- (4.) Land for Miners' Homes, Cessnock :—*Mr. McGarry*, for Mr. Kearsley, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he consider the advisability of having surveyed at an early date on a suitable sanitary site in the vicinity of the Abermain Coal Company's new shaft, near Cessnock, building blocks of land for the convenient residence of the men working in and about the mine, which blocks may be held under permanent tenure from the Crown?

Mr. Beeby answered,—The nearest subdivision of small building blocks on Crown lands to the shaft referred to are at Aberdare and Kurri Kurri, distant about 2 and 5 miles respectively. The question of a subdivision in the vicinity of the shaft will receive consideration.

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(5.) Public School Teachers' Leave:—Mr. McLaurin asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that officers in the Public Service are entitled, after twenty years of service, to six months leave on full pay?
- (2.) Why is it that teachers under the Department of Public Instruction are not entitled to the same leave until after twenty-five years of service?
- (3.) Is it a fact that any school vacation occurring during a teachers' leave is included as part of such leave; is this considered just to the teacher?
- (4.) Is it the usual practice to grant leave due to teachers, so that the Christmas vacation may be included?
- (5.) Are any class of teachers, or any teachers, allowed one month sick leave on full pay every year?
- (6.) Is it a fact that if necessary leave be taken by a teacher either immediately before or after Christmas vacation it is granted as a rule without pay?
- (7.) If the full month's leave extend into the Christmas vacation is the salary not wholly disallowed, even though portion of the leave is concurrent with part of the vacation?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

- (1.) Yes, in terms of the regulations.
- (2.) Teachers are allowed seven weeks' vacation in each year—eight weeks in the Western area—and, in addition, receive Saturdays and public holidays.
- (3.) (a) Yes; (b) yes. So far as departmental exigencies will allow, teachers may take their long-service leave at a time in the year to suit themselves.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) All teachers of over four months' standing are allowed sick leave on full pay to the extent of one month in any one year, provided satisfactory evidence is given that the leave is necessary on account of illness.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) No. If, however, a teacher is absent prior to the Christmas vacation on sick leave without pay (having first exhausted his leave with pay), he will receive pay as from the 1st January following, provided he resume duty at the termination of the vacation.

(6.) Military Reserve, Liverpool:—Mr. Fallick, for Mr. Downes, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the State Government has been in communication with the Federal Government for nearly four years respecting an agreement for the acquirement by the Commonwealth of a large area of land near Liverpool for military purposes?
- (2.) Is it a fact that within such area there is a large area of privately owned land?
- (3.) Was an agreement arrived at in the month of December, 1910, as stated in the daily press?
- (4.) If so, is it in effect a term of such agreement that the State is (*inter alia*) to acquire the said private lands, and to rent the same to the Commonwealth at a yearly rental equal to the interest on the sum expended in the purchase of such private lands?
- (5.) If these private lands are to be resumed will he state when the resumption is to be made, so as to give relief to the holders thereof?
- (6.) Has any final decision been arrived at as to the inclusion or otherwise of the orchard and other lands in the Wedderburn district in the proposed resumption?
- (7.) If he is unable to name a date for resumption, will he state the reason for this delay?
- (8.) Will he lay the papers in the matter upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—

- (1.) Negotiations to the end referred to have been proceeding for a considerable time.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) A basis of agreement regarding the alienated lands embraced within the desired area was arrived at about the time stated.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) It is hoped that resumption will be made at an early date, but at the moment the matter is somewhat involved with another issue.
- (6.) It has been agreed between the two Governments that orchard lands shall not be included.
- (7.) See answer to No. 5.
- (8.) I do not think that any good purpose would be served by tabling the papers while the matter is in its present state of pendency.

(7.) Cudgelo Estate, Cowra:—Mr. Burgess asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
What was the value per acre placed upon the rural lands, for probate purposes, in the Cudgelo Estate, Cowra, the property of the late J. G. Campbell?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—The Commissioner for Stamp Duties has informed me that the values ranged from £3 10s. to £9 7s. 6d. per acre. The average value upon which duty was paid was £6 4s. 9d.

(8.) Wanstead and Tempe Flats:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) With regard to the resumption of the low-lying flats of Wanstead and Tempe determined upon by the Government, will he have the matter expedited in order to alleviate the uncertainty and distress under which the small allotment holders on these flats are now living?
- (2.) Will he state when the resumptions will take effect?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) So soon as money has been made available by Parliament.

(9.) Municipal Election, Bankstown:—Mr. Parkes asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that over 120 ratepayers of the Municipality of Bankstown have petitioned Parliament for an inquiry into alleged irregularities occurring during the municipal election in February last?

(2.)

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- (2.) Have a large number of ratepayers made statutory declarations that they voted at certain booths for certain candidates and have evidence that their votes were not so recorded?
- (3.) Is it a fact that these ratepayers alleged that such candidates received double and triple the votes credited to them by the returning officer, if due effect had been given to the votes they cast?
- (4.) Will he give consideration to the grave allegations sworn to by these ratepayers and have an official inquiry made into the case?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—I am informed that there is no Departmental knowledge of presentation of the petition referred to, or the other matters indicated by the Honorable Member.

- (10.) Railway Signalling Expert:—The Rev. T. S. Crawford asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the signalling expert, specially engaged by the Chief Commissioner for Railways, outside the Commonwealth, has been here three weeks without taking up duty?
- (2.) If so, why is it that he has not taken up duty?
- (3.) Is he receiving salary meanwhile?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—I am informed this officer took up duty two days after arrival in Sydney.

- (11.) Site for Abattoirs at Homebush Bay:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the price paid by his Department for the 1,000 acres of land purchased as a site for abattoirs?
- (2.) Did the Department purchase this area with the object of using the whole of it for abattoirs and kindred purposes; and, if so, how does the Department propose to use portion of it for an object foreign to that intention?
- (3.) What acreage of this area is now being used in connection with the State brickworks scheme; and is a charge made against such scheme of an adequate rental for the area so used?
- (4.) Have railway and wharfage accommodation and water supply been provided in connection with the abattoirs project; and, if so, are these advantages being used by the State brickworks management; if so, is the brickworks scheme being charged for its use of these advantages?
- (5.) What quantity of bricks are being turned out weekly at the State works at present?
- (6.) Will not the existence in the immediate vicinity of the abattoirs of these works seriously interfere with abattoir operations?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1.) Cost of land £70,831 16s. 3d.
- (2.) There is sufficient land to make ample provision for abattoirs, saleyards, resting paddocks, and still leave land available for other purposes.
- (3.) (a) 23 acres 2 roods; (b) yes.
- (4.) (a), (b), (c), yes.
- (5.) 50,000.
- (6.) No.

- (12.) Issue of Balance-sheets:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) *In re* Question put by the Honorable Member for Orange, on Tuesday last, as to the need for issuing complete balance-sheets, in connection with existing and prospective Governmental business undertakings, and the Colonial Treasurer's reply to the effect that "annual reports of their operations and financial results are published by the four corporate bodies," will he see that similar balance-sheets are made available in regard to such State projects as the brickworks, sand-lime works, works carried out by day-labour, and the like?
- (2.) Is it a fact that in connection with these works, no charges are made against them for rental of Crown lands used, office expenses, salaries of permanent officers of the several Government Departments, whose time may partly or wholly be occupied in the conduct of duties necessary to the carrying out of same, as would be the case were the works carried out by private enterprise?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—There will be a complete system of book-keeping observed in connection with every industry established by the Department, and all proper charges will be made in respect thereto. The actual cost of production will be ascertained and published.

- (13.) Eastern Suburbs Railway Advisory Board:—*Mr. Fallick*, for *Mr. Lonsdale*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Who are the members of the Advisory Board to which the Eastern Suburbs Railway has been referred?
- (2.) What salaries or fees, if any, do they receive?
- (3.) Is it a Board created by Statute?
- (4.) What would be the legal effect of its decision on this matter?
- (5.) Did the Commission on City Improvement, appointed by the late Premier, deal exhaustively with this proposal?
- (6.) Did it not recommend that it should be carried out?
- (7.) Was not this Commission of higher authority than the Advisory Board to which it has now been referred?
- (8.) If the Government intend to proceed with it, should it not be referred to the Public Works Committee?
- (9.) Why is it referred to the Advisory Board?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1, 2, 3, 4, and 9.) The matter has not yet been referred to any Board.
- (5, 6, and 7.) The Honorable Member is doubtless as well aware of the nature of the report in question as every other Honorable Member.
- (8.) Yes.

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(14.) Horses for Moree-Mungindi Railway:—*Mr. Fallick*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the total cost of the sixty horses and plant purchased for the Moree-Mungindi railway, including cost of driving and train?
- (2.) Out of what Vote were they paid for?
- (3.) What would be the interest, yearly, upon such capital cost?
- (4.) Has any estimate been made, or allowance provided for a replacement fund?
- (5.) Are the drivers of these horses to be paid full time, wet and dry weather alike?
- (6.) What are they to be paid?
- (7.) What hours do they work, have they time off to attend to the horses night and morning?
- (8.) What would be the average of lost time from all causes, holidays, wet weather, &c.?
- (9.) Is there a farrier, or farriers, provided to attend to horses, shoeing, &c.; if so, what are the total wages paid per week in connection with all work done outside driving?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1.) £3,373.
- (2.) Moree-Mungindi Railway.
- (3.) £118 1s. 1d. at 3½ per cent.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) No, only when out with the horses.
- (6.) 8s. per day.
- (7.) Eight hours, and brush their horses down before taking out to work and when stabling for the night.
- (8.) Wet weather the only time lost in the Western District, this is a minimum.
- (9.) There is one horse boss and two assistants. The shoeing is done by the smith employed for general work on the railway extension.

(15.) Purchase of Yanko Estate from Sir Samuel McCaughey:—*Mr. Fallick*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) In connection with the recent purchase of Yanko Estate from Sir Samuel McCaughey, did the Advisory Board referred to in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, section 6, report upon such purchase?
- (2.) Did the Board value such land and advise acquisition of same in accordance with that section?
- (3.) If so, what was the Board's valuation?
- (4.) What was the price paid per acre, also total purchase money?
- (5.) Were there any conditions covering this purchase; if so, what were they?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes.
- (3.) £3 9s. 3d. per acre.
- (4.) £3 10s. £245,000.
- (5.) Sir Samuel McCaughey to be allowed to occupy the area south of the railway line during his lifetime, at a rental at the rate of 4 per cent. on purchase money. This area will not be required by the Trust for some time.

(16.) Royal Commission on Forestry:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Royal Commission on Forestry only made a cursory examination of forestry reserves?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Royal Commission only devoted some six days to examine over 2,000,000 acres of forestry reserves in the Gloucester and North Coast districts?
- (3.) Were the previous reports of his departmental officers and the experts engaged furnished after an examination of an exhaustive nature extending over a period of twelve months; if so, will he carry out the recommendations of his responsible officers and the experts?
- (4.) Is it a fact that a vast area of land suitable for settlement, contiguous to main roads, on which there is no matured timber and no valuable young timber growing, is held under forest reserves?
- (5.) Will he take steps to open up such land for settlement, more especially in the Port Stephens, Wallachia, Cape Hawke, Manning River, and Myall districts?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I am not aware of the exact nature of the Royal Commission's inspection, nor of the time occupied in any particular locality.
- (3.) Yes; the major part of the land recommended for settlement has already been made available.
- (4 and 5.) General revision of all reserves is proceeding, and all reserves which are not required will be made available for settlement as soon as the Board appointed for that purpose recommends such course.

(17.) Forestry Sub-boards:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of sub-boards were appointed some time since to report on—(a) the forest reserves in the State of New South Wales; (b) the classification of such forests; (c) the determination of the areas suitable for settlement and those which should be retained for forestry purposes?
- (2.) Did such sub-boards consist of officials representing the Government, and experts in forestry with a local knowledge?
- (3.) Were a series of reports obtained from such sub-boards recommending that large areas should be made available for settlement, as they were unsuitable for forestry purposes?
- (4.) Will he be good enough to state (a) the number and area of the reserves, and the parishes and counties; (b) the areas proposed to be opened for closer settlement; (c) the area to be retained for forestry purposes?

(5.)

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- (5.) Is it a fact that action was deferred at the request of the Royal Commission on Forestry pending the issue of their report?
- (6.) Has such report been furnished; if so, will he be good enough to take definite action to open up such reserves for settlement; if so, when?
- Mr. Nielsen answered,—
- (1.) Yes; (a) appointed to search for land for settlement in the Eastern Division; (b) no; (c) yes, in the Eastern Division.
- (2.) Yes, that was the intention.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) This would involve preparation of a costly return.
- (5.) Yes, but only in one or two instances.
- (6.) Yes. Many of the reserves recommended for revocation have been already made available, but since the appointment of the Reserves Revision Board action has been suspended in any case of conflict.
- (18.) Government Architect's Department:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the exact change contemplated in the administration of the Government Architect's Department?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—The re-arrangement of the branch, with the object of making it capable of efficiently carrying out the building programme of the Government without the assistance of contractors.
- (19.) Tramway, Brookvale to Narrabeen:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the proposed tramway from Brookvale to Narrabeen been dealt with by the Tramways Advisory Board; and, if so, with what result?
- (2.) What is the anticipated cost of this line, and is it intended to refer it to the Public Works Committee?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—
- (1.) Yes; the Advisory Board has recommended that an extension be constructed to tap Collaroy Beach.
- (2.) The anticipated cost is under £20,000, consequently no reference to the Public Works Committee is necessary.
- (20.) Tramway, New Canterbury road to Parramatta-road:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Cohen, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he come to any decision concerning the proposed link tram-line New Canterbury-road, *via* Petersham Railway Station, to Parramatta-road?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—Not yet.
- (21.) Eastern Suburbs Railway:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to refer the Eastern Suburbs Railway, which is estimated to cost £2,000,000, to the Advisory Board for inquiry; if so, for what object?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—This matter has not yet been decided.
- (22.) Railway, Bankstown to Liverpool:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the necessary completion of the Bankstown to Liverpool railway as part of the relieving railway scheme for goods traffic, will he have this extension submitted to the Public Works Committee this Session?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—This matter will be dealt with when the general Public Works proposals of the Government are being considered.
- (23.) Shipping Companies' Charges:—Mr. Ball asked the Premier,—Will he take steps to prevent the shipping companies from imposing stacking and sorting charges on the wharfs on goods that are not stacked or sorted?
- Mr. Holman answered,—As I understand the position, the Government have no power of interference in this matter, which is purely one of arrangement between the consignees and shipping companies.
- (24.) Public Service Board:—Mr. Parkes asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board in recommending the appointment of certain temporary employees to the permanent staff, stipulated that these officers should rank in order of seniority immediately after the permanent officers in receipt of salary £40 less than salaries these temporary employees are to receive on permanent employment?
- (2.) Is it a fact that this applies to all temporary officers transferred to the permanent staff notwithstanding the fact that some of such temporary officers have had fifteen years' service, whilst some have had only two or three years' service?
- (3.) Is it a fact that through this fixing of the order of seniority some junior clerks will rank in front of clerks who were in the service prior to such junior clerks being appointed there to?
- (4.) Is it a fact that no such order of seniority was made when temporary officers in the Taxation Department were transferred to the permanent staff?
- (5.) Will he request the Public Service Board to take into consideration the length of service of each temporary officer in regard to the seniority list?

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Mr. Holman answered,—The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following replies:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes ; but only two persons were transferred who had fifteen years' service.
- (3.) This is possible ; but it must be remembered they were temporary officers being treated in an exceptional manner.
- (4.) The circumstances were quite different in this case, as virtually the whole of the officers of the Taxation Department entered the Service as temporary employees.
- (5.) The Public Service Board have given full consideration to the whole matter and settled the same on just and equitable lines. The officers of the permanent staff have prior claims.

(25.) Rocks Area Resumptions :—Mr. Cochran asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the value of house property (apart from wharfs and wharf resumptions) at the time of passing the Act resuming the Rocks Area ?
- (2.) The rental from house property at time of resumption ?
- (3.) The number of houses demolished ?
- (4.) The total length of street frontages ?
- (5.) The number of houses erected since the resumption ?
- (6.) The total rental from house property at present ?
- (7.) The number of houses declared unfit for habitation by the Health Departments of City and Government ?

Mr. Carmichael answered,—

- (1.) £1,068,387 13s. 9d. If expenses of resuming and interest charges are included, the amount would be £1,190,892 7s. 11d. The sums stated cover all properties, such as shops, hotels, and stores, including land.
- (2.) £49,478, all properties.
- (3.) 264.
- (4.) To furnish the reply to this Question would necessitate the measuring of the area, and this would entail considerable expense.
- (5.) 108 buildings have been erected so far, and a number are in course of erection.
- (6.) £50,945, all properties.
- (7.) No record kept. The houses condemned as unfit have either been demolished, or such improvements, permanent or temporary, made as to render them fit for further use.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Treflé laid upon the Table,—Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the control of the Kentia Palm Seed Question of Lord Howe Island, together with Evidence, Appendices, and Map. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Rule No. 40 under the Police Regulation Act, 1899.
- (2.) Regulations under the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and Friendly Societies (Amendment) Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—Amended General Rule 6, of section 55, Mines Inspection Act, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. STAFFS CONTROLLED AND FINES INFLICTED BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L.

Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the total number of the wages and salaried staff controlled, and the total number of fines and reductions in pay or grade, or both, inflicted by the following public officials during the year ended 1st May, 1910 :—Inspector-General of Police ; Public Service Board ; Chief Mechanical Engineer, Railways ; Engineer-in-Chief Existing Lines, Railways ; Goods Manager, Railways ; Superintendent of Lines, Railways ; Traffic Superintendent, Tramways ; Electrical Engineer, Tramways ; and Permanent-way Engineer, Tramways.
Question put and passed.

4. HELENSBURGH LEASES BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Nielsen, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 37.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide that certain sales, leases, and disposals by the Crown shall be deemed to have extended to a certain depth only below the surface, and that lands below that depth shall be deemed to have been Crown lands open to mining ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 2nd June, 1911.

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

5. LIMITATION OF DEBATE :—Mr. Briner moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing or Sessional Order for submission to this House hereafter, for the purpose of fixing time limits to the speeches of Honorable Members, and making distinctions in fixing same between the various classes of debate which take place in this House. Debate ensued.

Mr. Levien moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

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The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Burgess,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Price,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. John Storey,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Thrower,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Black.
Mr. McGarry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Donaldson,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Parkes.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Hunt.

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—
Original Question put and passed.

6. AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS BILL:—Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to agricultural holdings, and to amend such other Statutes as may be necessary to give effect to the same.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. McLaurin.	

Noes, 40.

Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Horne,
The Rev. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. John Storey.
Mr. Nielsen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Grahame.
Mr. McGarry,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. OPERATIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB:—Mr. Thrower moved, pursuant to *Amended Notice*,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the operations of the Australian Jockey Club and the powers of the said Club in relationship to horseracing in New South Wales.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. Grahame, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Peters, Mr. Lynch, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Harry Morton, Mr. Brinsley Hall, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.

And it being half-past Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on Tuesday, 30 May, 1911.

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

- (1.) Miners Accident Relief (Sewer Miners) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 38.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to extend to persons employed in or about sewer construction works the provisions of the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910; to amend the said Acts and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 1st June, 1911.*

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

(2.)

(2.) Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 39.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1905, and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1908; to bring certain persons under the Public Service Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 6th June, 1911.*

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

(3.) Gold Buyers Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 40.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate and license the purchase and sale of gold, silver, and precious stones, and the assaying and smelting of gold and silver; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 6th June, 1911.*

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

9. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS (*Amended Standing Order*):—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Standing Order 76 be amended by inserting after the word "affairs" the words "and the answers laid upon the Table," and by omitting the words "and the Clerk shall enter in the "Votes and Proceedings the Questions of which formal notice shall have been given with the "answers returned to the same."

(2.) That the amended Standing Order be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for approval.

Mr. Wade moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "same" the words "Provided that any Member who desires an oral answer to his question may distinguish it by an "asterisk."

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Perry,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. James,	
Mr. Wood,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Henry Willis,	

Noes, 44.

Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Mechan,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Cusack,
The Rev. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Harry Morton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Peters.
Mr. Dunn,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed.

Mr. Robson moved, That the Question be amended by inserting the following words to stand as paragraph (2).

"And by adding the following paragraph,—A copy of such answers shall be forthwith delivered "to each Member."

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

Question then,—

(1.) That Standing Order 76 be amended by inserting after the word "affairs" the words "and the "answers laid upon the Table," and by omitting the words "and the Clerk shall enter in the "Votes and Proceedings the questions of which formal notice shall have been given with the "answers returned to the same."

(2.) And by adding the following paragraph,—"A copy of such answers shall be forthwith delivered "to each Member."

(3.) That the amended Standing Order be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for approval.

—put and passed.

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10. PUBLIC WORKS (LEASING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carmichael moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Wood moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 2,"—instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Page,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Henry Willis.
Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. Dooley,	Tellers,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. McLaurin.
The Rev. T. S. Crawford,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Lee,	Tellers,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. James,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Hunt.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.

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

11. SURVEYORS REGISTRATION BILL :—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration of surveyors; to authorise surveyors registered to enter any land; to regulate the practise of surveyors; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900; and for purposes of and incidental to the above objects.

Question put and passed

12. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nielsen moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Nielsen, *passed*.

Mr. Nielsen then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to vest certain land in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales, subject to certain conditions; to revoke any dedication of such land as a common or for public recreation or otherwise; to repeal the Agricultural Society Act, 1902; 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 vest certain land in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales, subject to certain conditions; to revoke any dedication of such land as a common or for public recreation or otherwise; to repeal the Agricultural Society Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 6th June, 1911.

13. HELENSBURGH LEASES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nielsen 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. Nielsen, 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 with amendments.

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

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

14. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Beeby, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions :—

(1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 6 of the Industrial Disputes Act (No. 3), 1908, Schedule One thereto be amended by adding the following boards and industries :—

Board.	Industries and Employees in Industries.
Sydney Colliery	Coal-miners, engine-drivers, wheelers, surface hands, and other persons employed in and about coal mines.
Marble and Slate Workers...	Masons, polishers, and machinists, and all persons employed in marble and slate works.

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- (2.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 6 of the Industrial Disputes Act (No. 3), 1908, Schedule One thereto be amended by adding the words "portmanteau and bag makers and all leather workers except bootmakers" after the words "saddle and harness-makers" in column two in connection with the Saddlery Board.
- (3.) That the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE, 1911, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported the resolutions without amendment.

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

- (2.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Beeby, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having, in accordance with the terms of section 6 of the Industrial Disputes Act (No. 3), 1908, this day passed resolutions to amend Schedule One of that Act,—transmits the said resolutions to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th June, 1911, a.m.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE.

These Resolutions originated in the Legislative Assembly, and having this day passed, are now ready for presentation to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th June, 1911, a.m.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

- (1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 6 of the Industrial Disputes Act (No. 3), 1908, Schedule One thereto be amended by adding the following boards and industries:—

Board.	Industries and Employees in Industries.
Sydney Collieries ...	...Coal-miners, engine-drivers, wheelers, surface hands, and other persons employed in and about coal mines.
Marble and Slate Workers ...	...Masons, polishers, and machinists, and all persons employed in marble and slate works.

- (2.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 6 of the Industrial Disputes Act (No. 3), 1908, Schedule One thereto be amended by adding the words "portmanteau and bag makers and all leather-workers except bootmakers" after the words "Saddle and harness-makers" in column two in connection with the Saddlery Board.

15. DISTRICT COURTS BILL:—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate enactments relating to District Courts.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate enactments relating to District Courts,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
16. INEBRIATES BILL:—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate the Acts providing for the care, control, and treatment of inebriates; and for purposes incidental to the abovementioned objects.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate the Acts providing for the care, control, and treatment of inebriates; and for purposes incidental to the abovementioned objects,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
17. GAMING AND BETTING BILL:—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate the Acts relating to games, wagers, and betting-houses; the restriction of race-meetings; the licensing of racecourses; and allied matters.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate the Acts relating to games, wagers, and betting-houses; the restriction of race-meetings; the licensing of racecourses; and allied matters,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
18. DENTISTS BILL:—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate the Statutes providing for the Registration of Dentists qualified to practise in New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate the Statutes providing for the Registration of Dentists qualified to practise in New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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19. CLAIMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND CROWN SUITS BILL :—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for consolidating enactments relating to Claims against the Government and Crown Suits.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for consolidating enactments relating to Claims against the Government and Crown Suits,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
20. CARELESS USE OF FIRE BILL :—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate the Acts relating to the prevention of the careless use of fire.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate the Acts relating to the prevention of the careless use of fire,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
21. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL :—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate the enactments relating to the qualifications of medical witnesses at coroner's inquests and at inquiries by Justices of the Peace touching the death of any person, and the enactments providing for the registration of legally qualified medical practitioners, the restriction of unqualified persons from practising, and the further regulation of the practice of medicine and surgery and other matters connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate the enactments relating to the qualifications of medical witnesses at coroner's inquests and at inquiries by Justices of the Peace touching the death of any person, and the enactments providing for the registration of legally qualified medical practitioners, the restriction of unqualified persons from practising, and the further regulation of the practice of medicine and surgery, and other matters connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
22. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL :—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate the Acts relating to Government railways and tramways.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate the Acts relating to Government Railways and Tramways,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
23. JURY BILL :—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate the Statutes relating to Jurors.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate the Statutes relating to Jurors,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
24. DEFAMATION BILL :—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate the Statutes relating to defamation.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate the Statutes relating to defamation,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
25. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY BILL :—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate the Acts relating to the recovery of small debts in Courts of Petty Sessions.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate the Acts relating to the recovery of small debts in Courts of Petty Sessions,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
26. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Beeby moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE, 1911.

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

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS (*Amended Standing Order*):—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the amended Standing Order No. 76, adopted by the House on the 6th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

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

- (1.) Shearers and Agricultural Labourers Accommodation Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 41.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the accommodation of shearers and agricultural labourers; to repeal the Shearers' Accommodation Act, 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 26th May, 1911.*

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

- (2.) Servants' Registry Offices Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 42.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the licensing and regulation of servants' registry offices; and for purposes incidental thereto and consequent thereon.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 26th May, 1911.*

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

3. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE:—Mr Speaker having, pursuant to Standing Order 74, inquired if there were any Petitions,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Cohen submitted that Mr. Speaker must follow the procedure laid down in Standing Order 74, which distinctly stated that the first business was Questions on Notice, and that the Questions must be put in the order of the Business Paper. Although Standing Order 76 had been amended, there was no amendment of Standing Order 74. He submitted that the Questions must be put as usual.

Mr. Speaker said that the routine of Business was distinctly laid down in Standing Order 74. The House was the custodian of its own procedure, and the Speaker or presiding officer could not adopt procedure which was opposed to that laid down. He must follow the usual procedure laid down in the Standing Order.

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4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table,—Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School for 1910.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carmichael laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation under the Government Railways Act, 1901, as amended by the Railway Commissioners Appointment Act, 1906.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Arthur Griffith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for conservation of water for the Botany Dams.

(2.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Tunda Bore Water Trust under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.

(3.) By-laws regulating Water Supply of the Municipalities of Blayney and Tumut.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report by Police regarding the congestion at the entrance to the Agricultural Ground on the occasion of a football match on 3rd June, 1911.

(2.) Report on the administration of the Private Hospitals Act, 1908, during 1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. John Storey, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—

(1.) *Railway from Forbes to Stockinbingal*.—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Forbes to Stockinbingal.

(2.) *Railway from Parkes to Peak Hill*.—Second Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Parkes to Peak Hill.

(3.) *Railway from Tullamore to Tottenham*.—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Tullamore to Tottenham.

Ordered to be printed.

6. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the resolutions attending Schedule One of the Industrial Disputes Act (No. 3), 1908, embodied in the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 7th June, 1911, a.m., returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th June, 1911.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Gordon, Mr. Wade, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The decision of the Government to discontinue making provision for the residence of the Governor-General at Sydney."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. James,	Mr. Bruntzell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Latimer.
Mr. Wood,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Fell,	
Mr. John Miller,	
Mr. Robson,	

Noes, 38.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Trefle,	Mr. Henry Willis;
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Holman,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. Keegan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Dunn.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. HELENSBURGH LEASES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Nielsen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Nielsen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide that certain sales, leases, and disposals by the Crown shall be deemed to have extended to a certain depth only below the surface, and that lands below that depth shall be deemed to have been Crown lands open to mining; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that certain sales, leases, and disposals by the Crown shall be deemed to have extended to a certain depth only below the surface, and that lands below that depth shall be deemed to have been Crown lands open to mining; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th June, 1911.*

9. PUBLIC WORKS (LEASING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carmichael moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Kearsley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Meagher,	The Rev. F. S. Crawford.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. McNeill,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Cocks,
Mr. James,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Parkes,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hunt,
Dr. Arthur.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Ball.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Carmichael, *passed.*

Mr. Carmichael then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the leasing of certain superfluous lands; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1900.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the leasing of certain superfluous lands; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1900,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th June, 1911.*

10. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Edden, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1905, and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1908; to bring certain persons under the Public Service Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1905, and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1908; to bring certain persons under the Public Service Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Edden then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1905, and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1908; to bring certain persons under the Public Service Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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11. SUPREME COURT AND CIRCUIT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, and the Crimes Act, 1900; to give further powers to the Supreme Court and any Judge thereof to grant equitable relief; to provide for the assignment of choses in action and debts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, and the Crimes Act, 1900; to give further powers to the Supreme Court and any Judge thereof to grant equitable relief; to provide for the assignment of choses in action and debts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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(2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, and the Crimes Act, 1900; to give further powers to the Supreme Court and any Judge thereof to grant equitable relief; to provide for the assignment of choses in action and debts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,”—which was read a first time.

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

12. LAND SURVEYORS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration of surveyors; to authorise surveyors registered to enter any land; to regulate the practise of surveyors; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900; and for purposes of and incidental to the above objects.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration of surveyors; to authorise surveyors registered to enter any land; to regulate the practise of surveyors; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900; and for purposes of and incidental to the above objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Nielsen then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for the registration of surveyors; to authorise surveyors registered to enter any land; to regulate the practise of surveyors; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900; and for purposes of and incidental to the above objects*,”—which was read a first time.

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

13. CRIMINAL APPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a court of criminal appeal; to amend the law relating to appeals in criminal cases; to provide for better consideration of petitions of convicted persons; to amend the Crimes Act, 1900; to amend the Supreme Court Act, 1900; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to establish a court of Criminal Appeal; to amend the law relating to appeals in criminal cases; to provide for better consideration of petitions of convicted persons; to amend the Crimes Act, 1900; to amend the Supreme Court Act of 1900; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at thirteen minutes before O:9 o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE, 1911.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—Regulation under the Pure Food Act, 1908.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Surry Hills, Mr. Hoyle, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—"The case of William John Ellis, "employed in the Railway Service of New South Wales."

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

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Carmichael called attention to Notice No. 1 on the Business Paper for Tuesday, 1st August, and submitted that the motion for adjournment was out of order as anticipating debate on that motion.

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

- (2.) Mr. Parkes moved, That in accordance with the authority given in subsection (a) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. John Miller,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Parkes.	

Noes, 39.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Meagher,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Holis,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Horne,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Arthur Griffith.
Mr. Dunn,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Cochran.
Mr. Morrish,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	

And so it passed in the negative.

3. ROUTINE OF BUSINESS (*Amended Standing Order*):—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Standing Order No. 74 be amended by omitting the words "Questions on notice," in line 2, and altering the figures 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in the succeeding lines.

(2.) That the amended Standing Order be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for approval.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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4. **SERVANTS REGISTRY OFFICES BILL**:—Mr. Beeby moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the licensing and regulation of servants' registry offices; and for purposes incidental thereto and consequent thereon.
Question put and passed.
5. **SHEARERS' AND AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS' ACCOMMODATION BILL**:—Mr. Beeby moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the accommodation of shearers and agricultural labourers; to repeal the Shearers' Accommodation Act, 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
6. **LAND SURVEYORS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nielsen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
7. **LABOUR DEPARTMENT BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Beeby, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the creation of a Department of Labour; to declare the powers and duties thereof; and for purposes incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the creation of a Department of Labour; to declare the powers and duties thereof; and for purposes incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Beeby, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the creation of a Department of Labour; to declare the powers and duties thereof; and for purposes incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. **PRINTING COMMITTEE**:—Mr. Kelly, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.]
9. **GOLD BUYERS BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Edden, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate and license the purchase and sale of gold, silver, and precious stones, and the assaying and smelting of gold and silver; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate and license the purchase and sale of gold, silver, and precious stones, and the assaying and smelting of gold and silver; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Edden, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Edden then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate and license the purchase and sale of gold, silver, and precious stones, and the assaying and smelting of gold and silver; 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.
10. **MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF (SEWER MINERS) BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Edden, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend to persons employed in or about sewer construction works, the provisions of the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910; to amend the said Acts and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910; and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to extend to persons employed in or about sewer construction works, the provisions of the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910; to amend the said Acts and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910; and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. Edden, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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(2.) Mr. Edden then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend to persons employed in or about sewer construction works, the provisions of the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910; to amend the said Acts and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

11. OLD-AGE PENSIONS AND INVALIDITY AND ACCIDENTS PENSIONS (REPEAL) BILL :

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900, and the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, 1907.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to repeal the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900, and the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, 1907.

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

(2.) Mr. Carmichael then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900, and the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, 1907,*"—which was read a first time.

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

12. PHARMACY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend section 11 of the Pharmacy Act, 1897; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend section 11 of the Pharmacy Act, 1897; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Carmichael then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend section 11 of the Pharmacy Act, 1897; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

13. TRUSTEES AUDIT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the examination and audit of certain accounts; for the surcharge and disallowance of certain receipts and expenditure; to amend the Public Trusts Act, 1897, the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, and the Mining Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the examination and audit of certain accounts; for the surcharge and disallowance of certain receipts and expenditure; to amend the Public Trusts Act, 1897, the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, and the Mining Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

14. PUBLIC TRUSTEE BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to constitute a Public Trustee; to prescribe his powers and duties; to amend the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898; the Administration (Validating) Act, 1900; and the Administration Amending Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to constitute a Public Trustee; to prescribe his powers and duties; to amend the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898; the Administration (Validating) Act, 1900; and the Administration Amending Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to constitute a Public Trustee; to prescribe his powers and duties; to amend the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898; the Administration (Validating) Act, 1900; and the Administration Amending Act, 1906; 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.

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15. CRIMINAL APPEAL BILL:—Mr. Holman, pursuant to leave granted on 8th June, 1911, a.m., presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to establish a court of Criminal Appeal; to amend the law relating to appeals in criminal cases; to provide for better consideration of petitions of convicted persons; to amend the Crimes Act of 1900; to amend the Supreme Court Act of 1900; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman moved That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Two o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 JUNE, 1911.

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

ROUTINE OF BUSINESS (Amended Standing Order):—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the amended Standing Order No. 74, adopted by the House on the 8th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

2. **WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL:**—Colonel Onslow presented a Petition from Robert Atkins of the Diocesan Registry, Bathurst street, representing that the Warwick Farm Railway Act Extension Bill had been referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and praying that he may be granted permission to appear in person, by Solicitor or Counsel, before such Committee, with right to adduce evidence and power to examine and cross-examine witnesses. Petition received.

3. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 1st June, 1911,—“Annual Procession of University Under-graduates.”

(2.) Papers relating to the appointment and supersession of Mr. William Robinson, J.P., as Returning Officer for the State Electoral District of Newtown. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. **SINKING FUND (RENEWALS) BILL:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carmichael, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 43.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for payments by certain public departments to renewals accounts in the Treasury and to the Consolidated Revenue Fund; to appropriate certain moneys of the said fund and of the General Sinking Fund; to amend the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Act, 1897, the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908, and the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 8th June, 1911.

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

5. **CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE COMPANY, LIMITED, ENABLING BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

13th June, 1911.

6. OPERATIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Thrower,—

“(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the operations of the “Australian Jockey Club and the powers of the said Club in relationship to horseracing in New South Wales.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. Grahame, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Peters, Mr. Lynch, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Harry Morton, Mr. Brinsley Hall, and the Mover.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said Debate.

Mr. Kelly moved,—That the Honorable Member for Waverley, Colonel Onslow, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Horne,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Treflé.
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. McFarlane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bruntell,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Harry Morton.
Mr. Hunt,	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the Noes, and declared the Question to have passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Mr. McNeill moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Black,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Horne.
Mr. Minahan,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Henry Willis.
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Bruntell,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. McCourt,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least thirty Members.”—

And Mr. Thrower proceeding to reply,—

Colonel Onslow moved, That the Honorable Member be not further heard.

Question put and negatived.

And Mr. Perry requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot.

Question put.

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the operations of the Australian Jockey Club and the powers of the said Club in relationship to horseracing in New South Wales.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Black,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. G. A. Jones.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Henry Willis.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hunt.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Bruntell,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Thomas,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Thrower, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Holman, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Harry Morton, Mr. Peters, and Mr. McCourt.

And

13th June, 1911.

And it being half-past Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on Tuesday, 30th May, 1911.

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

(1.) Coal and Shale Mines Hours Regulation Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 44.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the hours of labour and the hours below ground for persons employed in coal and shale mines; to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 13th June, 1911.

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

(2.) Mines Inspection (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 45.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to extend certain provisions of the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, to smelting works, quarries, and dredges; to amend the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, and the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 13th June, 1911.

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

(3.) State Coal Mine Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 46.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the establishment of State Coal Mines, and the acquisition of lands for that purpose; to amend the Acts relating to the Government Railways, the Mining Act, 1906, and the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 13th June, 1911.

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

8. TRUSTEES AUDIT BILL:—Mr. Carmichael, pursuant to leave granted on 8th June, 1911, presented a Bill, intitled "A Bill to provide for the examination and audit of certain accounts; for the surcharge and disallowance of certain receipts and expenditure; to amend the Public Trusts Act, 1897; the Water and Drainage Act, 1902; the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, and the Mining Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—which was read a first time.

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

9. CROWN LANDS (DECLARATORY) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare the law, correct anomalies, reconcile discrepancies, and supply omissions contained in the Acts regulating the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Resolved.—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to declare the law, correct anomalies, reconcile discrepancies, and supply omissions contained in the Acts regulating the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands; and for other purposes.

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

- (2.) Mr. Nielsen then presented a Bill, intitled "A Bill to declare the law, correct anomalies, reconcile discrepancies, and supply omissions contained in the Acts regulating the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands; and for other purposes,"—which was read a first time.

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

10. OLD-AGE PENSIONS AND INVALIDITY AND ACCIDENTS PENSIONS (REPEAL) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carmichael moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On

13th June, 1911.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

11. MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF (SEWER MINERS) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Edden moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Edden, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Edden, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

12. CROWN LANDS (CONTROL OF LAND AGENTS) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Nielsen, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 47.

Lieutenant-Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the registration and control of land agents, to amend the Crown Lands Acts and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 12th June, 1911.

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

13. PHARMACY (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Carmichael 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. Carmichael, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE, 1911, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

14. SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACCOUNTS BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to constitute special deposit accounts in the Treasury for the receipt and payment of moneys relating to certain Government undertakings and institutions; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to constitute special deposit accounts in the Treasury for the receipts and payment of moneys relating to certain Government undertakings and institutions; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Carmichael then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to constitute special deposit accounts in the Treasury for the receipt and payment of moneys relating to certain Government undertakings and institutions; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned at nine minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,

Speaker.

Acto South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE, 1911.

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

WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL :—Mr. Downes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 31st May, 1911; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Downes then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 27th June.

Question put and passed.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

(a) £2,000 from Vote, "Contingent Vote—Department of Agriculture," to Vote, "Stock and Brands—Contingencies."

(b) £250 from Vote, "Board of Fire Commissioners—Subsidy," to Vote, "Auditor-General."

(c) £700 from Vote, "Board of Fire Commissioners—Subsidy," to Vote, "Incidental, Unforeseen, and Petty Expenses."

(d) £4,000 from Vote, "Board of Fire Commissioners—Subsidy," to Vote, "Amount required to provide for Subventions to Friendly Societies."

(e) £1,500 from Vote, "Department of Lands, Salaries," to Vote, "To meet cost of Postage and Railway Freight Stamps, &c."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

By Mr. Nielsen,—

- (1.) Wentworth Park Validation Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 48.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide in respect of certain lands in and near Wentworth Park for the validation of Crown grants issued; for the vesting and dedication of the lands; to declare certain of the lands to be Crown lands subject to the Crown Lands Acts, and free from any appropriation; to amend the Act 41 Victoria, No. 20; and for other purposes.

State Government House,

Sydney, 14th June, 1911.

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

14th June, 1911.

By Mr. Arthur Griffith,—

(2.) Greater Newcastle Convention Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 49.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the constitution of a Convention to formulate a scheme for the amalgamation of the Local Government of Newcastle and certain neighbouring Municipalities and Shires or parts thereof, to define the powers and duties of such Convention ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st May, 1911.*

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

(3.) Greater Sydney Convention Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 50.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the constitution of a Convention to formulate a scheme for the amalgamation of the Local Government of Sydney and certain neighbouring Municipalities and Shires or parts thereof, to define the powers and duties of such Convention ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st May, 1911.*

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

(4.) Local Government (Amending) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 51.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1906, as amended by the Local Government (Loans) Act, 1907, and by the Local Government (Amending) Act, 1908 ; to amend the law relating to Local Government ; to amend certain Acts relating to Water Supply and Sewerage and Drainage ; to amend certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st May, 1911.*

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

By Mr. Carmichael,—

(5.) State Debt and Sinking Fund (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 52.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the State Debts and Sinking Fund Act, 1904 ; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 13th June, 1911.*

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

4. CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING ON THE CORONATION OF THE KING AND QUEEN :—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House agrees to the following Address to the King, conveying the congratulations of Parliament on the occasion of His Majesty's Coronation, and authorises Mr. Speaker to sign such address on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, in conjunction with the President of the Legislative Council on behalf of the Legislative Council :—

“ To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,—

“ We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, desire to approach your Most Gracious Majesty and to offer our loyal and heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the Coronation of Your Majesty and Our Gracious Queen.

“ We desire to convey to Your Majesty our dutiful assurances of deep loyalty to Your Throne and Person and to express our humble trust that, under the care of the Almighty, Your Majesties may be long preserved to reign.

“ On behalf and in the name of the Legislative Assembly.

“ Speaker.”

And the motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade,—

Question put, and passed unanimously.

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14th June, 1911.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Canterbury, Mr. Parkes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The incomplete nature of the scheme now being carried out by the Railway Commissioners for relieving the congested Goods Railway Traffic in the Metropolitan area."

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

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

Point of Order :—Mr. Carmichael asked Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether the motion was definite. Any work now being carried out could be discussed within the terms of this motion. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the matter was one of recent occurrence and the motion definite, but the Honorable Member was confined to the one scheme to relieve the congestion of goods traffic, and could not continue the line of argument he was pursuing with regard to the passenger traffic.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. **INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Beeby moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 27th June.

7. **OLD-AGE PENSIONS AND INVALIDITY AND ACCIDENTS PENSIONS (REPEAL) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Carmichael, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Carmichael then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to repeal the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900, and the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, 1907.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900, and the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, 1907,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 14th June, 1911.

8. **PHARMACY (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Carmichael, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Carmichael then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend section II of the Pharmacy Act, 1897 ; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend section II of the Pharmacy Act, 1897 ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 14th June, 1911.

9. **MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF (SEWER MINERS) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Edden moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Edden, *passed*.

Mr. Edden then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend to persons employed in or about sewer construction works the provisions of the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910 ; to amend the said Acts and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910 ; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend to persons employed in or about sewer construction works the provisions of the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners' Accident (Amendment) Act, 1901, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910 ; to amend the said Acts and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910 ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 14th June, 1911.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 15 JUNE, 1911.

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

CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE COMPANY, LIMITED, ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*):—
On motion of Mr. Parkes, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, to close certain streets in the municipality of Canterbury, being James-street and Arthur-street, and portion of a certain street in the said municipality, being a portion of Frederick-street, and in lieu thereof to dedicate for the use and for the purpose of public roads or streets certain pieces or parcels of land in the municipality of Canterbury aforesaid; and for other 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 enable the Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, to close certain streets in the municipality of Canterbury, being James-street and Arthur-street, and portion of a certain street in the said municipality, being a portion of Frederick-street, and in lieu thereof to dedicate for the use and for the purpose of public roads or streets certain pieces or parcels of land in the municipality of Canterbury aforesaid; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th June, 1911.*

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Particulars of Leases issued to the 7th June, 1911, under the provisions of the Western Lands Amendment Act, 1905.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Recreation Ground at West Balmain.

(3.) Notification of re-umption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Kingswood.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Arthur Griffith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Gloucester to Taree Railway.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the West Maitland to Dungog Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 27th June, instant.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

15th June, 1911.

4. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Bega, Mr. Wood, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The determination of the Government to close the Public Departments from Wednesday next until the following Monday."
- And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
- Mr. Wood moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put, and voices given.
- Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Noes* had it.
- Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *negative*, as there were only five Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.
- The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Thrower, Mr. Wood, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Henley, and Mr. Gus. Miller.
5. **PRINTING COMMITTEE** :—Mr. Kelly, as Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.
6. **WENTWORTH PARK VALIDATION BILL** :—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide in respect of certain lands in and near Wentworth Park for the validation of Crown grants issued; for the vesting and dedication of the lands; to declare certain of the lands to be Crown lands subject to the Crown Lands Acts, and free from any appropriation; to amend the Act 41 Vic. No. 20; and for other purposes.
- Question put and passed.
7. **CROWN LANDS (CONTROL OF LAND AGENTS) BILL** :—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration and control of land agents, to amend the Crown Lands Acts and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
- Question put and passed.
8. **STATE COAL MINE BILL** :—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of State Coal Mines, and the acquisition of lands for that purpose; to amend the Acts relating to the Government Railways, the Mining Act, 1906, and the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
- Question put and passed.
9. **STATE DEBT AND SINKING FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—Mr. Carmichael moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904; and for other purposes.
- Question put and passed.
10. **SINKING FUND (RENEWALS) BILL** :—Mr. Carmichael moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for payments by certain public departments to renewals accounts in the Treasury, and to the Consolidated Revenue Fund; to appropriate certain moneys of the said fund and of the General Sinking Fund; to amend the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Act, 1897, the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908, and the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
- Question put and passed.
11. **MINES INSPECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Edden, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend certain provisions of the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, to quarries, and dredges; to amend the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, and the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
- Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
- The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
- Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to extend certain provisions of the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, to smelting works, quarries, and dredges; to amend the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, and the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes.
- On motion of Mr. Edden, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Edden then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to extend certain provisions of the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, to smelting works, quarries, and dredges; to amend the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, and the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 27th June.

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15th June, 1911.

12. **SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACCOUNTS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carmichael 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. Carmichael, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Carmichael, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday, 27th June.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 27th June.
14. **THE TIMBER INDUSTRY**:—Mr. Briner moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the whole question of royalties upon timber, the regulations governing sizes of timber which may be cut, and other matters connected with the timber industry.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Treflé, Mr. Black, Mr. Ball, Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Harry Morton, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Henry Willis, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Nielsen moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 11th July.
15. **RETIREMENT OF JAMES MCKAY, FROM THE RAILWAY DEPARTMENT**:—Mr. Bruntnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the retirement of Mr. James McKay from the Railway Department.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Meagher, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harry Morton, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at sixteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Tuesday, 27th June*, at Two o'clock

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 27 JUNE, 1911.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Acting Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness, and read a letter from him regretting his inability to attend the House to-day, and expressing the hope that his disablement would only be of short duration.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation under the Pure Food Act, 1908.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Ventilating Shaft for the Burwood Sewerage.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Ventilating Shaft for the Glebe Sewerage.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Downes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Downes, Mr. 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. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

4. PAPER:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General, transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th Section of the Audit Act, 1902, copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service, namely:—

(a) £340 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Contingencies," to the following Votes, namely:—£90 to Vote, "Registrar in Bankruptcy—Contingencies"; £50 to Vote, "District Court—Contingencies"; £100 to Vote, "Probate and Intestate Estates—Contingencies": £100 to Vote "Judges—Contingencies."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. CLAIMS OF MADAME BELL AGAINST THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:—Mr. Hoyle moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Madame Bell against the Education Department.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Beeby, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Osborne, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Downes, Mr. Lynch, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

27th June, 1911.

6. TESTATORS' FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to insure provision for testators' families.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to insure provision for testators' families,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
7. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION, LIMITED :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, "That," in the opinion of this House, the Government should return to the liquidators of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation, Limited, the £10,000 deposited by that Company as a *bond fide* of its carrying out certain harbour and other works.
Mr. John Miller moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the first word "That" and inserting the words "a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the question whether the Government should return to the liquidators of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation, Limited, the £10,000 deposited by that Company as a *bond fide* of its carrying out certain harbour and other works."
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carmichael, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Thrower, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Parkes, and the Mover—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Estell,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. Peters,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Henry Willis,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Morrish.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Thomas,
Colonel Onslow,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Nobbs.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and negatived.

8. DAYLIGHT SAVING PRINCIPLE :—Dr. Arthur moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Daylight Saving principle.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Page, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Henley, Mr. Thomas, Mr. W. Millard, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Mr. G. A. Jones moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

And it being half-past Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on Tuesday, 30 May, 1911.

9. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Beeby, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. David Storey moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
10. SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACCOUNTS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Carmichael, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Carmichael then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to constitute special deposit accounts in the Treasury for the receipt and payment of moneys relating to certain Government undertakings and institutions; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; 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 constitute special deposit accounts in the Treasury for the receipt and payment of moneys relating to certain Government undertakings and institutions; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th June, 1911.

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

W. S. MOWLE,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE, 1911.

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

CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING ON THE CORONATION OF THE KING AND QUEEN :—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following letter from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor :—

Sir,

State Government House, Sydney, 28th June, 1911.

In connection with the Address of Congratulation to His Majesty the King on the occasion of his Coronation which was adopted by the Members of the Legislative Assembly on the 14th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I duly cabled the contents of the Address in question to His Majesty, through the proper channel, on the 20th idem, and, in reply thereto, I have this day received a telegraphic despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the following terms :—

“ Address contained in your telegram of 20th June has been laid before His Majesty the King. I am commanded to express His Majesty's grateful acknowledgment for the loyal assurances and good wishes of the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.—(Signed) HARCOURT.”

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,
W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Honorable The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

2. OPERATIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB :—Mr. James presented a Petition from Adrian Knox, of Sydney, Chairman of the Australian Jockey Club, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the operations of the Australian Jockey Club, and praying that he may be represented by Counsel, Attorney, or Agent before such Committee, with the right to adduce evidence, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carmichael laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amendment of Rule 65 of the Rules and Regulations for the conduct of traffic, &c., on the Railways.
 - (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for erecting a sub-station at Leichhardt.
 - (3.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Railway traffic at Goulburn.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the second valuation of Friendly Societies of New South Wales, as at 31st December, 1909.
 - (2.) Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies enclosing copy of Order of His Majesty the King-in-Council, providing that the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890, shall come into force in New South Wales on 1st July, 1911.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.

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Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—Proclamation declaring certain land in the parish of Wonona, county of Camden, to be private lands, under the Mining Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Downes, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Downes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to continue and amend the provisions of the Warwick Farm Railway Act, whereby the construction and control of a railway from and connecting the line of railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta railway stations, to and with the Warwick Farm racecourse was authorised; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue and amend the provisions of the Warwick Farm Railway Act, whereby the construction and control of a railway from and connecting the line of railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta railway stations, to and with the Warwick Farm racecourse was authorised; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th June, 1911.*

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

By Mr. Carmichael:—

- (1.) Savings Bank Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 53.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to dissolve the Savings Bank of New South Wales and to vest the property, rights, and liabilities of the said bank in the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act, 1902, and the Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Act, 1902; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 28th June, 1911.*

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

By Mr. Arthur Griffith:—

- (2.) Land Values Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 54.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for determining values in respect of all lands, and to provide that statutory rates, taxes, duties, and contributions based on land values shall be levied on values so determined; to provide that such values shall be the values for the purposes of resumption and exchange of land and advances on mortgage or other security by the Crown or any of its Departments or Officers, or by any local governing body or public trust; for the acquisition by the Crown of land in certain cases; for the purposes aforesaid to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 27th June, 1911.*

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

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28th June, 1911.

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

(1.) Nurses Registration Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the registration of nurses qualified to practice in New South Wales; to amend the Private Hospitals Act, 1908; and for other purposes*,"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf:

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Sydney, 28th June, 1911.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

And the 296th Standing Order of the House permitting of the restoration of the Bill to the stage it had reached at the close of a previous Session,—

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

(2.) Royal Agricultural Society Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to vest certain land in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales, subject to certain conditions; to revoke any dedication of such land as a common or for public recreation or otherwise; to repeal the Agricultural Society Act, 1902; 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, 28th June, 1911.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 28th June, 1911.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 4, line 9. Omit "such other purposes as" insert "any purpose that"

Page 2, clause 5. At end of clause add "Provided that the land so re-vested shall be subject in "the hands of the Crown to any mortgage or charge for which the permission of the Minister "for Lands has been duly obtained."

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Namoi, Mr. Black, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The "shortage of Public School Teachers in this State."

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

And Mr. Black proceeding to move, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. McCourt asked Mr. Speaker whether this motion had not been put in the box in an envelope. He submitted that there ought to be some regular method of putting these motions in the box; it was evidently unfair for one Honorable Member to put his motion in an envelope while another Member put his on an open piece of paper.

Mr. Speaker said he took this notice out of the box in an envelope, but he did not know any rule of the House which precluded him from receiving such a motion in that way. He had stirred up the Notices of Motions and the one in an envelope was the first which came to hand. There might be an advantage in placing the Notice of Motion in an envelope; therefore, while he would not rule this motion out of order, there not being any procedure of the House against its being received, he wished to intimate that in future motions for the adjournment of the House must be put in the box, not in an envelope, and must be written on the proper form.

Mr. Black then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. TRUSTEES AUDIT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Carmichael 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. Carmichael, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

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

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

28th June, 1911.

9. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Beeby, "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,—

THURSDAY, 29 JUNE, 1911, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.
11. TESTATORS' FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day, Testators' Family Maintenance Bill, second reading, read, and, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, postponed until To-morrow.
12. DAYLIGHT SAVING PRINCIPLE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Dr. Arthur:—
" (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Daylight Saving principle.
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Page, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Henley, Mr. Thomas, Mr. W. Millard, and the Mover."
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Keegan,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. James,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Home,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Osborne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Peters,	Mr. Thrower.
Mr. Black,	Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Page,	
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Henley,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Burgess.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Hoyle.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales:

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 29 JUNE, 1911.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present Session be granted to the Honorable James Sinclair Taylor McGowen, Member for Redfern, representing the State in London.
Question put and passed.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Helman laid upon the Table,—Papers relating to "Hansard" Staff's method of reporting the speech by the Honorable Henry Willis, M.L.A., delivered on the 7th June, 1911.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carmichael laid upon the Table,—Additional Regulation, No. 12A, under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. LOCAL OPTION VOTE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McGarry moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the vote taken under section 66 of the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905, No. 40, should be taken on a date apart from the date of election of Members of this House.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Burgess.
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Latimer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henley,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,	
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Harry Morton.
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Levy,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Horne,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Cochran.
Tellers,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Gus. Miller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

- (1.) Helensburgh Leases Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that certain sales, leases, and disposals by the Crown shall be deemed to have extended to a certain depth only below the surface, and that lands below that depth shall be deemed to have been Crown Lands open to mining; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th June, 1911.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

- (2.) Public Works (Leasing) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the leasing of certain superfluous lands; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1900,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th June, 1911.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Canterbury, Mr. Parkes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The irregular manner " in which the late Municipal Election for the Municipality of Bankstown was conducted."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Price,
Mr. James,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. John Miller.
Mr. Cocks,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Robson,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Fell,	
Mr. Parkes,	

Noes, 44.

Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Peters.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Nicholson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Horne,	Mr. Morrish.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. PRIVILEGE—REPORT OF SPEECH BY THE HONORABLE HENRY WILLIS IN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES:—

The Honorable Member for the Upper Hunter, the Honorable Henry Willis, referring to the laying upon the Table of certain papers in reference to the method of reporting in the Parliamentary Debates, a speech delivered by him on 7th June, 1911, moved, That it is highly improper to allow the Chief of "Hansard" Staff to answer the comments of a Member of this Parliament, by placing such officer's statement on the Table of this House, which is a breach of privilege.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Price proceeding to submit as a point of order that the papers were improperly laid upon the Table of the House,—

Point of Order:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick contended that a point of order could not be submitted at the present moment. The question before the House was one of privilege which had been raised in consequence of a certain document having been laid upon the Table of the House.

Mr. Speaker said that a question of privilege having been raised, the fact of a document having been laid upon the Table was not the question now. He did not think he ought to listen to a point of order with reference to the document, but only to a question of order with reference to the matter of privilege.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. James,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Cocks,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. W. Millard.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Price,
Mr. Taylor.

Noes, 44.

Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Beeby,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Estell,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Morrish,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Gus. Miller.
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Mechan,	

And so it passed in the negative

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7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Kelly, as Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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8. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS:—Mr. Price submitted as a Point of Order that the papers in reference to the "Hansard" Staff's methods of reporting the speech by the Honorable Henry Willis, M.L.A., laid upon the Table by the Attorney-General had not been laid on in accordance with the Standing Orders. He quoted from a ruling given by Mr. Speaker Young on 21st August, 1890, to the effect that if papers reflected on the conduct of a Member of the House, or referred to a debate, they should not be presented except in obedience to an order of the House, and further from "May's Parliamentary Practice" to show the practice which obtained in the House of Commons, and contended that the documents were improperly before the House.

Mr. Speaker said he would be sorry to take such a restricted view as would prevent Ministers from making the freest communication to the House as to the working of their Departments. If he were to rule this document improperly before the House he would be putting a restriction on Ministers of the Crown in laying documents on the Table. The document did reflect generally on what some Honorable Member might do, but it did not reflect on any individual Member. He ruled that the document had not been improperly laid upon the Table.

9. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Beeby, "'That' this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Bruntnell moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Beeby, Mr. Wade, Mr. Wood, Mr. McCourt, Mr. McFarlane, Colonel Onslow, Mr. David Storey, Mr. Horne, Mr. John Storey, and the Mover," instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Mid-day,—

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Proposed amendment by leave withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Treffé,	Mr. Dann,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. McNeill.
Mr. Keegan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Peters.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Levieu.
Mr. Robson,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Price,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Bruntnell.
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Gillies,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Taylor.
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

The House adjourned, at four minutes before Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next, at Two o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 4 JULY, 1911.

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

PAPERS :—Mr. Carmichael laid upon the Table,—Copy of the agreement between Messrs. McKenzie and Holland, Limited, and the Railway Commissioners in connection with the Contract for the installation of Electro-Pneumatic Signalling at the Central Railway Station, Sydney.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—Papers and Correspondence in connection with alleged double voting at the General Election, 14th October, 1910.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Arthur Griffith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the completion of Orpington—Alt-street Stormwater Channel, Ashfield, Contracts Nos. 712 and 831.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Casino Stormwater Channel.

(3.) Correspondence, &c., in connection with application for erection of new Public Wharf at Morpeth, Hunter River.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. SAVINGS BANKS AMALGAMATION BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carmichael, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 55.

Lieutenant-Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to dissolve the Savings Bank of New South Wales, and to vest the property, rights, and liabilities of the said Bank in the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act, 1902, and the Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Act, 1902; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 30th June, 1911.

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

3. CASE OF HENRY HARDING, W. S. STEAD, AND OTHERS—CERTIFICATE OF TITLE :—Mr. Hollis moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(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. Holman, Mr. Wade, Mr. Briner, Mr. Minahan, Mr. Fallick, Mr. T. S. Crawford, 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.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4th July, 1911.

4. CONDUCT OF THE RABBIT INDUSTRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the general conduct of the rabbit industry in New South "Wales," with the view of ascertaining to what extent a combine exists, and what impediments are placed in the way of firms engaged in export operations, &c.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Tressé, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McGarry, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Harry Morton, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Horne, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. John Miller moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "Wales" to the end of the first resolution.
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
- Debate continued.
- Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
- Question, as amended,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the general conduct of the rabbit industry in New South Wales.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Tressé, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McGarry, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Harry Morton, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Horne, and the Mover,—then put and passed.
5. CLAIMS IN RELATION TO TRAM ACCIDENTS:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The number of claims in relation to tram accidents that were made against the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways during the twelve months ended 31st March, 1911.
- (2.) The total amount of such claims.
- (3.) The number that were settled, and at what cost, stating the amount paid in law costs separately.
- (4.) The number that went to the Court, and with what result.
- (5.) The number that are still pending, and the amount involved.
- (6.) The number of these accidents attributed to the overcrowding of the trams.
- (7.) The number of fatal accidents during the same period.
- Debate ensued.

And it being half-past Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on Tuesday, 30th May, 1911.

6. LAND VALUES BILL:—Mr. Nielsen, *on behalf of* Mr. Arthur Griffith, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for determining values in respect of all lands, and to provide that statutory rates, taxes, duties, and contributions based on land values shall be levied on values so determined; to provide that such values shall be the values for the purposes of resumption and exchange of land and advances on mortgage or other security by the Crown or any of its Departments or Officers, or by any local governing body or public trust; for the acquisition by the Crown of land in certain cases; for the purposes aforesaid to amend certain Acts; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
- Question put and passed.
7. TRUSTEES AUDIT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Carmichael, read a third time, and *passed*.
- Mr. Carmichael then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the examination and audit of certain accounts; for the surcharge and disallowance of certain receipts and expenditure; to amend the Public Trusts Act, 1897, the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, and the Mining Act, 1906; 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 examination and audit of certain accounts; for the surcharge and disallowance of certain receipts and expenditure; to amend the Public Trusts Act, 1897, the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, and the Mining Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th July, 1911.*
8. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to one, and amended the other, of the Council's amendments.
- On motion of Mr. Nielsen, the report was adopted.
9. LAND SURVEYORS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Nielsen, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
- And the Question being again proposed,—
- The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
- Question put and passed.
- Bill read a second time.

On

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4th July, 1911.

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

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

10. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Nielsen, 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 28th June, 1911, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Royal Agricultural Society Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment in clause 4.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 5,—but proposes to amend it by inserting after the word "any" the word "lease,"—

In which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th July, 1911,*

11. SUPREME COURT AND CIRCUIT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order :—Mr. Cohen submitted that this Bill proposed to amend the Matrimonial Causes Act of 1899 without any mention in the Order of Leave, and the Bill was therefore out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the Title of the Bill did not mention the Matrimonial Causes Act, but he inferred from section 23 that the Bill made provision to meet causes referred to in section 69 of that Act. He did not think it necessary to set out every Act proposed to be amended. It was not proposed to destroy the Court as provided for in section 69. There was to be a tribunal set up under the amending Bill to which these causes could be referred. He therefore could not see his way clear to rule the Bill out of order.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 5 JULY, 1911, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Holman moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill *pro forma*.

Mr. Cohen asked Mr. Speaker's direction as to the proper time to take objection to the amendments proposed to be submitted *pro forma*. The proposed amendments might not be within the Order of Leave of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker said that the Point of Order must be taken in Committee. Although the amendments could not be discussed, they must be in accordance with the rules of the House.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported a *Point of Order* from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again as soon as the point of order had been decided by the House.

The Temporary Chairman stated that Mr. Holman having brought up a printed list of amendments, which included an amendment in the Title, the Honorable Member for Petersham took a point of order that the printed list of amendments should not have included any amendment of the Title, which point of order he, as Temporary Chairman, had upheld;—upon which the Committee decided to submit the Question for the decision of the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that while amendments might be made in the clauses of a Bill under this procedure, he thought the Title of the Bill should be left until after the Committee had dealt with the Bill in detail in the ordinary way. He must, therefore, sustain the ruling of the Temporary Chairman.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House again resolved itself into Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at Ten minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

Act of South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 5 JULY, 1911.

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

PAPERS :—Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Cundletown.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) Claims in Relation to Tram Accidents ; resumption of the Debate, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, that a return be laid upon the Table of this House ;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Nurses Registration Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. Levy*] ;—until To-morrow.

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

- (1.) Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to amend section 11 of the Pharmacy Act, 1897 ; and for other purposes*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th July, 1911.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

- (2.) Old-age Pensions and Invalidity and Accidents Pensions (Repeal) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to repeal the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900, and the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, 1907*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th July, 1911.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

- (3.) Royal Agricultural Society Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 4th July, 1911, in reference to the Royal Agricultural Society Bill,—agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th July, 1911.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

- (4.) Special Deposits Accounts Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to constitute special deposit accounts in the Treasury for the receipt and payment of moneys relating to certain Government undertakings and institutions ; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th July, 1911.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President

5th July, 1911.

4. SAVINGS BANKS AMALGAMATION BILL :—Mr. Carmichael moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to dissolve the Savings Bank of New South Wales, and to vest the property, rights, and liabilities of the said Bank in the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act, 1902, and the Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Act, 1902; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
5. CRIMINAL APPEAL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. James moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
6. WENTWORTH PARK VALIDATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide in respect of certain lands in and near Wentworth Park for the validation of Crown grants issued; for the vesting and dedication of the lands; to declare certain of the lands to be Crown lands subject to the Crown Lands Acts, and free from any appropriation; to amend the Act 41 Vic. No. 20; and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide in respect of certain lands in and near Wentworth Park for the validation of Crown grants issued; for the vesting and dedication of the lands; to declare certain of the lands to be Crown lands subject to the Crown Lands Acts, and free from any appropriation; to amend the Act 41 Vic. No. 20; and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. Nielsen, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS :—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.
8. TESTATORS' FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL :—The Order of the Day, Testators' Family Maintenance Bill, read, and, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, postponed until To-morrow.
9. CLAIMS OF SAMUEL ALFRED HUTCHINSON :—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Samuel Alfred Hutchinson, respecting 15 acres of land, part of portion 7, parish Barratta, county of Cunningham, under section 11 of the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1896.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Edden, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Dooley, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 6 JULY, 1911.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Helman laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting the celebration of marriage by Rev. A. Cowling.
 - (2.) Paper showing the strength of the Police Force at Orange.
 - (3.) Report by Dr. C. S. Willis, Principal Assistant Medical Officer of the Government, on the proposed Hospital at Cessnock.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulation No. 48 under the Crown Lands Acts.
 - (2.) Amended Form No. 135 under the Crown Lands Acts.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—Sewerage By-laws of the Municipality of Katoomba under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. NECROPOLIS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Nielsen, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 56.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Necropolis Act, 1901; and for other purposes.

State Government House,

Sydney, 16th June, 1911.

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

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Camden, Mr. Downes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The necessity for the immediate connection of the Sydenham-Bankstown line with the Main Southern line."
- And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. STATE COAL MINES BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Edden, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of State Coal Mines, and the acquisition of lands for that purpose; to amend the Acts relating to the Government Railways, the Mining Act, 1906, and the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

6th July, 1911.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of State Coal Mines, and the acquisition of lands for that purpose; to amend the Acts relating to the Government Railways, the Mining Act, 1906, and the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Edden then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the establishment of State Coal Mines, and the acquisition of lands for that purpose; to amend the Acts relating to the Government Railways, the Mining Act, 1906, and the Crown Lands Acts; 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.

5. RANDWICK ASYLUM BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Beeby, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 57.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to dissolve the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children, and to vest the property, rights, and liabilities of the said Society in the Minister of Public Instruction upon certain trusts; to constitute the said Minister a corporation sole; to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 6th July, 1911.*

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

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Kelly, as Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

7. WENTWORTH PARK VALIDATION BILL :—Mr. Nielsen, pursuant to leave granted on 5th July, 1911, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide in respect of certain lands in and near Wentworth Park for the validation of Crown grants issued; for the vesting and dedication of the lands; to declare certain of the lands to be Crown lands subject to the Crown Lands Acts, and free from any appropriation; to amend the Act 41 Vic. No. 20; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. CRIMINAL APPEAL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Holman, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Two o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 11 JULY, 1911.

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

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba*):—Mr. John Storey, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba.
Ordered to be printed.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Labour and Industry on the working of the Factories and Shops Act, Minimum Wage Act, Early Closing Acts, and Shearers' Accommodation Act, &c., during 1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carmichael laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Railway Traffic at Goulburn.

(2.) Statement of Trust Moneys Deposit Account from 1st April, 1910, to 31st March, 1911.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Arthur Griffith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889.

(2.) By-law of the Municipality of Wagga Wagga under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. TIMBER INDUSTRY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Briner—

“(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the whole question of royalties upon timber, the regulations governing sizes of timber which may be cut, and other matters connected with the timber industry.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Treflé, Mr. Black, Mr. Ball, Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. McGarry, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Henry Willis, and the Mover.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question (*as amended by consent*),—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. McFarlane,

Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Pago,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Taylor.

Tellers,

Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Briner.

Noes, 11.

Colonel Onslow,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Henley.

Tellers,

Mr. Black,
Mr. Dacey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11th July, 1911.

4. CLAIMS IN RELATION TO TRAM ACCIDENTS :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,—"That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- "(1.) The number of claims in relation to tram accidents that were made against the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways during the twelve months ended 31st March, 1911.
- "(2.) The total amount of such claims.
- "(3.) The number that were settled, and at what cost, stating the amount paid in law costs separately.
- "(4.) The number that went to the Court, and with what result.
- "(5.) The number that are still pending, and the amount involved.
- "(6.) The number of these accidents attributed to the overcrowding of the trams.
- "(7.) The number of fatal accidents during the same period."
- And the Debate not being resumed,—
- Question put and passed.
5. NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL :—The Order of the Day, Nurses Registration Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—read, and, on motion of Mr. Levy, postponed until To-morrow.
6. TESTATORS' FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. T. S. Crawford moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

And it being half-past Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on Tuesday, 30th May, 1911.

7. PRIVILEGE—HONORARY MINISTERS :—The Honorable Member for Wollondilly, Mr. McCourt, referring to the position in the Government of Honorary Ministers performing official duties in respect to Departmental administration,—

Point of Order :—Mr. Holman, referring to Standing Orders Nos. 158 and 159, submitted that unless there was some matter arising out of the business of the House, this motion could not be proceeded with without Notice, not having suddenly arisen. He quoted "May's Parliamentary Practice," 10th Edition, p. 258, in support of his contention.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the position of the Honorable Member for Leichhardt, from a constitutional point of view, had been called in question. It had been intimated that the Honorable Member was about to move certain resolutions which were covered by a Message, or place Government Business—acts which it was the privilege of Ministers of the Crown only to do. That position having arisen now, he held that the question could be raised as privilege.

Mr. McCourt then moved, That the practice of allowing so-called Honorary Ministers to perform official duties in respect to the administration of any Department, which can only be legally done by Ministers of the Crown, is a breach of privilege, and opposed to the letter and spirit of the Constitution Act, and should, in the opinion of this House, be discontinued.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order :—Mr. Beeby, referring to "May's Parliamentary Practice," 10th Edition, page 69, submitted that the special rule as to privilege, the right of a Member to rise without Notice, and submit a motion to the House, must relate to one of the specific privileges of Members, not to actions taken outside the House. The motion was an abstract one which did not in any way affect the individual rights of Members, and was, therefore, out of order.

Mr. Speaker said that the first part of the motion referred to the practice of allowing so-called Honorary Ministers to perform official duties. A Department could not be administered under our laws without affecting acts of this House as well. A Minister of the Crown could not be implicated without implicating his acts in this House, and for that reason he held that the resolution was in order.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. James,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Ball.
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Robson,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. John Miller,	
Mr. Henry Willis,	
Mr. McCourt,	

Noes, 38.

Mr. Mcagher,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Mercer.
Mr. G. A. Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Peters.

And so it passed in the negative.

And

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY, 1911, A.M.

8. **RANDWICK ASYLUM BILL**:—Mr. Beeby moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to dissolve the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children, and to vest the property, rights, and liabilities of the said society in the Minister of Public Instruction upon certain trusts; to constitute the said Minister a corporation sole; to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
9. **NECROPOLIS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Necropolis Act, 1901; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
10. **SAVINGS BANKS AMALGAMATION BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to dissolve the Savings Bank of New South Wales, and to vest the property, rights, and liabilities of the said Bank in the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act, 1902, and the Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Act, 1902; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Savings Bank of New South Wales, and to vest the property, rights and liabilities of the said Bank in the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act, 1902, and the Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Act, 1902; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Carmichael, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Carmichael then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to dissolve the Savings Bank of New South Wales, and to vest the property, rights, and liabilities of the said Bank in the Government Savings Bank; to repeal the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act, 1902, and the Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Act, 1902; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
11. **WORKERS' DWELLINGS BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the erection and construction by or on behalf of the Crown of workmen's dwellings, and for the dedication, appropriation, purchase, and resumption of lands; to provide for the maintenance and management of such dwellings, and for the leasing or other disposal of the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the erection and construction by or on behalf of the Crown of workmen's dwellings, and for the dedication, appropriation, purchase, and resumption of lands; to provide for the maintenance and management of such dwellings, and for the leasing or other disposal of the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Carmichael, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Carmichael then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the erection and construction by or on behalf of the Crown of workmen's dwellings, and for the dedication, appropriation, purchase, and resumption of lands; to provide for the maintenance and management of such dwellings, and for the leasing or other disposal of the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
12. **CRIMINAL APPEAL BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

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13. SUPREME COURT AND CIRCUIT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—On motion of Mr. Holman, 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 Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twelve minutes before Three o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., this Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY, 1911.

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

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

- (1.) Old-age Pensions and Invalidity and Accidents Pensions (Repeal) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 58.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900, and the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, 1907,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 12th July, 1911.*

- (2.) Special Deposits Accounts Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 59.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to constitute special deposit accounts in the Treasury for the receipt and payment of moneys relating to certain Government undertakings and institutions; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 12th July, 1911.*

- (3.) Public Works (Leasing) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 60.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the leasing of certain superfluous lands; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1900,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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12th July, 1911.

(4.) Helensburgh Leases Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 61.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that certain sales, leases, and disposals by the Crown shall be deemed to have extended to a certain depth only below the surface, and that lands below that depth shall be deemed to have been Crown lands open to mining; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 12th July, 1911.*

(5.) Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 62.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend section 11 of the Pharmacy Act, 1897; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 12th July, 1911.*

(6.) Royal Agricultural Society Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 63.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain land in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales, subject to certain conditions; to revoke any dedication of such land as a common or for public recreation or otherwise; to repeal the Agricultural Society Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 12th July, 1911.*

2 CROWN LANDS PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Nielsen, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 64.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to validate certain original and additional conditional purchases, conditional purchase leases, a certain settlement lease, and a sale by auction; to vest certain lands in certain persons; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 12th July, 1911.*

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

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

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Moree to Mungindi Railway.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Burwood, Mr. Henley, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The appointment of Messrs. Durack, Thyer, Dunleavy, Kirby, and Chambers, as Temporary Inspectors under the "Industrial Disputes Act."

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

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

Mr. Speaker said this was not the kind of definite motion contemplated by the Standing Order dealing with motions for the adjournment of the House. The motion could be discussed in a general way in the House by another method. He therefore ruled the motion out of order on the ground of indefiniteness.

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12th July, 1911.

5. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 13 JULY, 1911, A.M.

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

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

- (1.) Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, to close certain streets in the municipality of Canterbury, being James-street and Arthur-street, and portion of a certain street in the said municipality, being a portion of Frederick-street, and in lieu thereof to dedicate for the use and for the purpose of public roads or streets certain pieces or parcels of land in the municipality of Canterbury aforesaid; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1911.

H. N. MACLAURIN,
Deputy-President.

- (2.) Warwick Farm Railway Act Extension Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to continue and amend the provisions of the Warwick Farm Railway Act, whereby the construction and control of a railway from and connecting the line of railway from Sydney to Liverpool, at a point between the Liverpool and Cabramatta Railway Stations, to and with the Warwick Farm Racecourse was authorised; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1911.

H. N. MACLAURIN,
Deputy-President.

WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th July, 1911.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 4, clause 4, line 19. Omit "district" insert "Council of the Municipality."

Page 4, clause 7, line 30. Omit "highway or parish."

Page 4, clause 7, line 32. After "shall" insert "to the satisfaction of the Council of the Municipality of Liverpool."

Page 6, clause 11, line 15. After "shall" omit remainder of clause insert "to the satisfaction of the Council of the Municipality of Liverpool form and maintain the whole of the space of the roadway between any gates on each side of the railway across any road, and where the gates are placed across the railway for the whole of the space between and on either side of the rails for the whole width of such gates. Any work required by the said Council to be performed in accordance with this section shall be completed within seven days of the receipt of a notice from the Council, and if default be made the Council may perform such work and recover from the said Edwin Ernest Allan Oatley, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, the expenses so incurred as a debt."

Examined,—

H. N. MACLAURIN,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at seven minutes before Five o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 13 JULY, 1911.

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

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

- (1.) Methodist Church Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction and confirm the constitution of the New Zealand Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia as an Independent Conference ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th July, 1911.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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

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

- (2.) Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906, and the Parliamentary Elections (Second Ballot) Act, 1910 ; and for other purposes,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th July, 1911.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th July, 1911.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3. *Omit* paragraph (d).

Page 2, clause 4. *After* paragraph (a) *insert* the following new paragraphs :—

"(b) and by adding after the words 'usual signature' :

" 'Note—The claimant making any wilfully false statement in the above
" 'declaration shall be liable to six months' imprisonment.' "

"(c) by omitting the words 'polling-place in' "

Page 2, clause 4. *After* paragraph (b) *insert* the following new paragraph :—

"(e) by inserting after 'claimant' the words 'occupation and address.' "

Page 2, clause 4, line 29. *Omit* "claimant," *insert* "witness."

Page 3, clause 6, line 5. *Omit* "or of any station, farm, or other property."

Page 3, clause 6, line 11. *Omit* "or on such station, farm, or other property."

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Page 3, clause 6, at end of subclause (10A) *add*:—"For the purpose of preparing such list, any member of the police force may require the owner or manager or person apparently in charge of any station, farm, or other property, to give him information to the best of his knowledge and belief as to the names of all persons of or above the age of twenty-one years who are employed by the owner of the station, farm, or property, together with the names of any contractor upon the said station, farm, or property, who has men in his employment.

"If such owner, manager, or person, on being so required as aforesaid, refuses or fails without reasonable cause to give such information, or wilfully gives any information which is false or incomplete in any material particular, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

"In this section 'dwelling-house' includes any building, tent, or tenement, of which the whole or any part is used for the purpose of human habitation, and also any ship or other vessel in any port or harbour used as a dwelling."

Page 3, clause 7. *Omit* clause 7.

Page 3, clause 8, lines 42 and 43. *Omit* "a penalty not exceeding ten pounds," *insert* "six months' imprisonment."

Page 4, clause 10. *Before* paragraph (a) *insert* the following new paragraphs:—

"(a) by adding after '(Signature)' the words:

"Note—The applicant making any wilfully false statement in the above declaration shall be liable to six months' imprisonment."

"(b) by omitting the words 'polling place in.'"

Page 4, clause 10. *After* paragraph (a) *insert* the following new paragraph:—

"(d) by adding 'occupation and address' of witness."

Page 4, clause 10, line 9. *Omit* "applicant," *insert* "witness."

Page 4, clause 12, line 14. *Omit* "eight," *insert* "seven."

Page 5, clause 16, line 4. *Omit* "two," *insert* "one."

Page 5, clause 16, line 36. *Omit* "three" *insert* "two"

Page 6. *After* clause 20 *insert* the following new clause:—

The proviso of section fifty-eight of the Act of 1906 is repealed, and the following is substituted for it:—

"Provided that the returning officer may, for the purpose of ascertaining whether plural voting or personation has been practised, retain in his possession for a reasonable time, and after notice to the candidates and intimation that a scrutineer of each candidate shall be entitled to be present, break the seal of parcels containing copies of rolls, books, and other papers sealed up and transmitted to him in the pursuance of that Act, and shall, after such investigation, reseal the same, and forward them as hereinbefore in this section prescribed, and shall report to the Minister the result of such investigation."

Page 7, Schedule One. *Omit* "Schedule One."

Examined—

C. K. MACKELLAR,

Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

2. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Raleigh, Mr. Briner, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The necessity for providing additional bar dredges."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Edden asked Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether this motion was definite.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he had tried to keep the debate to the definite matter of additional bar dredges. Members had been allowed to refer to the conditions prevailing at a particular place, to show the necessity for additional bar dredges. He ruled that the motion was definite, so far as bar dredges were concerned.

Debate continued.

Question put and negatived.

3. **CROWN LANDS PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL**:—Mr. Beeby, *on behalf of* Mr. Nielsen, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to validate certain original and additional conditional purchases, conditional purchase leases, a certain settlement lease, and a sale by auction; to vest certain lands in certain persons; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

4. **INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And

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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 on Tuesday next.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Kelly, as Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.
6. CRIMINAL APPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
7. PAPER:—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—Telegrams, reports, &c., in reference to the condition of Northern River entrances. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Two o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 18 JULY, 1911.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—Return showing number of applications received since 14th October, 1910, for conversion of Settlement Leases and Homestead Selections, and the number reported as confirmed.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carmichael laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Railway Traffic at Gap.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for an Electric Sub-station at Darlinghurst (No. 2).

(3.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Railway Traffic at Nea Siding.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Arthur Griffith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws regulating the Water Supply of the Municipality of Goulburn, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Water Supply from Umberumberka Creek, for Broken Hill and District.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, "Warwick Farm Railway Act Extension Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments"; postponed until Tuesday next.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Nielsen, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Public Service (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 65.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Public Service (Amendment) Act, 1910, in certain particulars.

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Sydney, 14th July, 1911.

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

(2.) New Lambton, Hartley Vale Colliery, and Australasia Coal Company Railways Resumption Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 66.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to divest the promoters of certain railways, and the Australasia Coal Company, and their representatives and assigns, of their estates in certain lands within the area known as the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve; to vest certain portions of the said area in His Majesty and declare the same to be Crown lands within the meaning of the Crown Lands Acts; to give effect to certain sales and disposals of lands; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 14th July, 1911.

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

18th July, 1911.

4. SALE OR LEASE OF STREETS OR ROADS BY MUNICIPAL OR SHIRE COUNCILS:—Mr. McFarlane moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Municipal Councils and Shire Councils shall be vested with the necessary power to sell or lease any streets or roads not required for traffic purposes.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Levich,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Harry Morton,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Perry.

Tellers,

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Briner.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Petera,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Minahan.

Tellers,

Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Grahame.

And so it passed in the negative.

5. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carmichael, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 67.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1911-1912, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

State Government House,

Sydney, 18th July, 1911.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

6. CLAIMS OF MR. HARRY K. CARPENTER:—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Harry K. Carpenter against the Government, in respect of arrears of salary and increased pension.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. Fell, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Horne, Mr. Henry Willis, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

7. SYSTEM OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FOR GREATER SYDNEY:—Mr. Dacey moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on "System of Municipal Government for Greater Sydney" during the Session of 1902, be laid upon the Table of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And the Acting Clerk having laid the documents upon the Table,—
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. McGarry moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905, in regard to the taking of the local option vote; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Debate ensued.

And it being half-past Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on Tuesday, 30th May, 1911.

9. PAPER:—Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—Papers in connection with the re-registration of Rev. F. B. Cowling to celebrate marriages.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (Railway from Borellan towards Hillston):—
Mr. John Storey, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Borellan towards Hillston.
Ordered to be printed.

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11. SAVINGS BANKS AMALGAMATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carmichael moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Fell moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
12. PAPER :—Mr. Carmichael laid upon the Table,—Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into certain matters relating to the Department of Public Works, together with Evidence and Appendices.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
13. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Carmichael moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only ten Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Black, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Estell, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Levy, Mr. Lynch, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Nobbs, and Mr. Thrower,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY, 1911.

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

PAPERS :—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—Correspondence among the State Premiers in connection with the suggested voluntary surrender by the States of certain powers to the Commonwealth.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—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.

2. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day, "Testators' Family Maintenance Bill ; resumption of the " adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, ' That this Bill be now read a second " time ' " ;—postponed until To-morrow.
3. DISSENT FROM MR. SPEAKER'S RULING—MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Henley moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker given on Wednesday, 12th July, 1911, wherein he ruled in effect that the motion for adjournment under the 49th Standing Order, submitted by the Honorable Member for Burwood, Mr. Henley, viz.,—"The appointment " of Messrs. Durack, Thyer, Dunleavy, Kirby, and Chambers, as Temporary Inspectors under the " Industrial Disputes Act," was not definite, and therefore out of order.
- Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Latimer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Cohen,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hunt.
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Henry Willis,	

Noes, 39.

Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. Kearsley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Horne,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Keegan,	

And so it passed in the negative.

4. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Public Service (Amendment) Act, 1910, in certain particulars.
- Question put and passed.

19th July, 1911.

5. NEW LANBTON, HARTLEY VALE COLLIERY, AND AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY RAILWAYS RESUMPTION BILL:—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to divest the promoters of certain railways, and the Australasia Coal Company, and their representatives and assigns, of their estates in certain lands within the area known as the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve; to vest certain portions of the said area in His Majesty, and declare the same to be Crown lands within the meaning of the Crown Lands Acts; to give effect to certain sales and disposals of lands; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

6. CROWN LANDS (DECLARATORY) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Nielsen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. Wood submitted that the Bill was improperly before the House, and was out of order, as it did not conform to the practice which governs the introduction of Bills. The Bill while it dealt with the correction of anomalies and the reconciling of discrepancies, went beyond those objects, as it amended the whole of the Crown Lands Acts, and further, repealed sections of those Acts. The Bill was not merely an amending Bill in particular details, but a general amending Bill, and one which repealed a large number of sections of the Crown Lands Acts. It was laid down on p. 440 of "May's Parliamentary Practice" that a Bill must not contain provisions outside the Order of Leave, and must be drawn pursuant to the Order of Leave. The Title in no way indicated the amending or repealing provisions contained in the Bill.

Mr. Speaker said he had always held that the Title of a Bill should make clear what Parliament was deliberating on. In instances where it was proposed to legislate on some subject of the same character as the law it was proposed to amend, he had not held that it was necessary to put everything in the Order of Leave that would cover all that it was proposed to do. There was no doubt that the Bill proposed to amend the law, but if it were held that the Minister must put in the Order of Leave every section or every Act which it was proposed to amend, the Order of Leave would be larger than the Bill itself. He did not consider that that was necessary, although he did regard it as necessary that the Order of Leave should practically cover the scope of what the Bill proposed to do. A different phraseology has been adopted from that which was usually adopted in these matters. He considered that the Order of Leave covered generally what was proposed, and therefore could not sustain the Point of Order.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

7. CRIMINAL APPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 20 JULY, 1911, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments. Ordered, That the report be adopted To-morrow.

8. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's amendments.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Beoby,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Mcagher,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Dootley,	Mr. Gus. Miller.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Carmichael,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Osborne.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Henley,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hindmarsh.
Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Price,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Lee,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. McFarlane,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

Mr.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to one, amended other, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments, and made a consequential amendment.

On motion of Mr. Holman the Report was adopted.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS :—Mr. Holman moved, That the remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business be postponed until To-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House adjourned, at twelve minutes after Seven o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 20 JULY, 1911.

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

CONDUCT OF THE RABBIT INDUSTRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Thrower presented a Petition from Oscar Curtis, of Messrs. Curtis and Curtis, exporters, &c., representing that, on the fourth day of July, a Select Committee was appointed to inquire into and report upon the general conduct of the Rabbit Industry in New South Wales, and praying that he may be granted permission to appear in person, by solicitor or counsel, before such Committee, with right to adduce evidence and send for persons and papers, and power to examine and cross-examine witnesses.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

2. DALGETY SIDING BILL:—Mr. McLaurin presented a Petition from Dalgety and Company, Limited, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction, maintenance, and use of a Railway Siding across Wilson-street, Albury; and for other purposes.

And Mr. McLaurin having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Albury Banner*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Two o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 25 JULY, 1911.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDERS:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of Notice of Motion No. 2 of General Business, on the Notice Paper for To-day, and the continuation of the discussion of such motion after half-past Seven o'clock, p.m.
Question put and passed.

2. VOTE OF CENSURE—LAND POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT:—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) The declared policy of the Government, that, in the proposed repeal of the Conversion Act, they will not preserve in their entirety the rights of all those persons who are now entitled to convert their holdings, thereby repudiating a Statutory compact: Further, the obstacles placed in the way of intending occupants of Crown land who may be desirous of acquiring a freehold: Further, the discontinuance of resumptions of land under the Closer Settlement Acts: Further, the proposal, under the Workers' Dwellings Bill, to deprive workers of the right to acquire a freehold title to land in connection with their homes—tend to embarrass persons engaged in rural pursuits, to discourage land settlement, and are inimical to the best interests of this "State."
(2.) That the foregoing be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. David Storey moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "State" at the end of the first resolution the words—"Further that the proposal to include within the provisions "of the Industrial Arbitration Bill, rural workers, is against the interests of land settlement."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY, 1911, A.M.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. James,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Price,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Levy,	Colonel Onslow.
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Waddell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Harry Morton.
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	

Noes, 44.

Mr. Meagher,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Briener,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Dooley.
Mr. Osborne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. Cochran,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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Original Question put,—

(1.) The declared policy of the Government, that, in the proposed repeal of the Conversion Act, they will not preserve in their entirety the rights of all those persons who are now entitled to convert their holdings, thereby repudiating a Statutory compact: Further, the obstacles placed in the way of intending occupants of Crown land who may be desirous of acquiring a freehold: Further, the discontinuance of resumptions of land under the Closer Settlement Acts: Further, the proposal, under the Workers' Dwellings Bill, to deprive workers of the right to acquire a freehold title to land in connection with their homes—tend to embarrass persons engaged in rural pursuits, to discourage land settlement, and are inimical to the best interests of this State.

(2.) That the foregoing be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. James,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Henley,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Lonsdale,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Ball,	

Noes, 42.

Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Grabame,
Mr. Edlen,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Doolley.
Mr. Kearsley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Minahan.

And so it passed in the negative.

3. VACANT SEATS:—

(1.) *Electoral District of Liverpool Plains*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Henry Edwin Horne, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Liverpool Plains.

Whereupon Mr. Holman moved, That the Seat of Henry Edwin Horne, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Liverpool Plains, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Henry Edwin Horne.

(2.) *Electoral District of Mudgee*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from William Fraser Dunn, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.

Whereupon Mr. Holman moved, That the Seat of William Fraser Dunn, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said William Fraser Dunn.

4. CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE COMPANY, LIMITED, ENABLING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 68.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, to close certain streets in the municipality of Canterbury, being James-street and Arthur-street, and portion of a certain street in the said municipality, being a portion of Frederick-street, and in lieu thereof to dedicate for the use and for the purpose of public roads or streets certain pieces or parcels of land in the municipality of Canterbury aforesaid; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st July, 1911.

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

(a) £300 from Vote, "Board of Fire Commissioners—Subsidy" to Vote, "Maintenance and Trans- mission of Deserted Persons, Charitable Relief, &c."

(b) £50 from Vote, "Board of Fire Commissioners--Subsidy" to Vote, "Rewards for Apprehension of Offenders."

(c) £15,000 from Vote, "Local Government" to Vote, "Dredge Service"; and Authority to treat the Revenue Vote Schedule Items Nos. 176 to 188, inclusive, as one Schedule.

(d) £575 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice, Miscellaneous Services—to meet the Legal Expenses, &c.," to the following Votes, namely:—£75 to Vote, "District Courts—Contingencies"; £500 to Vote, "Petty Sessions—Contingencies." £200

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£200 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—Refunds of Fees paid, &c.," to Vote, "Judges—Contingencies."

(e) £75 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Service—To meet the Legal Expenses, &c." to Vote, "Judges—Contingencies."

(f) £5,550 from Vote, "Navigation—Contingencies" to the following Votes, viz.:—£3,550 to Vote, "To pay interest on uninvested Cash Balances at credit of various Accounts in temporary possession of the Government"; £1,000 to Vote, "Darling Harbour Resumptions—Interest on Compensation Money"; £1,000 to Vote, "To meet unforeseen expenses to be hereafter accounted for";

£1,100 from Vote, "Navigation—Salaries" to the following Votes, viz.:—£750 to Vote "Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Subsidy—on condition that an equal amount be raised by private annual contributions, &c."; £50 to Vote, "Special Grants to Hospitals, &c."; £50 to Vote, "Royal Naval House, Special Grant in aid of, including Rates and Taxes."; £250 to Vote, "Agent-General for New South Wales—Contingencies."

(g) £1,000 from Vote, "Interest on Advances by Banks in London" to the following Votes, viz.:—£400 to Vote, "To meet Remission of Rents, Survey Fees, &c."; £500 to Vote, "Western Land Board—Contingencies"; £100 to Vote, "Government Domain (Outer)—Contingencies"; £5,000 from Vote, "Local Government"; and £1,000 from Vote, "Adjustment of Salaries of Officers under Public Service Act Regulations" to the following Votes, viz.:—£3,500 to Vote, "Gratuities to Officers on Retirement," and £2,500 to Vote, "To meet cost of subsidising Agricultural, Horticultural and Pastoral Societies, &c.";

£4,000 from Vote, "Adjustment of Salaries of Officers under Public Service Act Regulations" to Vote, "Industrial Court—Contingencies";

£1,200 from Vote, "Commission on Payments in England by the Government Financial Agents," and £800 from Vote, "Sewerage and Water Rates on Government Buildings, &c." to Vote, "In aid of Educational Institutions for Maintenance Purposes";

£4,000 from Vote, "Police—Salaries," to Vote, "Subsidies to Hospitals and Benevolent Institutions, &c.";

£1,500 from Vote, "Navigation—Salaries," and £3,000 from Vote, "Stores Supply Department—Contingencies," and £3,500 from Vote, "Sewerage and Water Rates on Government Buildings, &c." to Vote, "Towards promoting Immigration, &c.";

£2,000 from Vote, "Mines—Salaries," and £2,500 from Vote, "Mines—Contingencies," to Vote, "Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Contingencies";

£50 from Vote, "Mines—Contingencies," to Vote, "Postage Stamps for use of Members of the Legislative Assembly."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—MEMBER SWORN:—Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Acting Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Hohman moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 13th July, 1911, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3,—because the inmates of asylums are entitled to vote under the Federal law, and if old-age pensioners live outside an asylum they are entitled to a vote under the State law, and further because every other class in the community will become entitled to vote under the proposed law.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 8, but proposes to further amend the clause by omitting the word "wilfully" in line 41, and inserting before the word "untrue" in line 42 the word "wilfully,"—as consequential upon the Council's amendment.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 10 which adds a new paragraph (d), but proposes to amend it by adding after the word "witness" the words "after the signature of the witness."

Agrees to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 20, but proposes to amend it by inserting after the word "purpose" the words "of a scrutiny of the votes given by electors at the several polling-places or"

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreement from, and amendments upon the Council's amendments, and in the Assembly's consequential amendment, in the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at nineteen minutes after Five o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY, 1911.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Holman informed the House as to the intentions of the Government, in view of the state of parties in the House, and intimated that he proposed to ask for Supply, and take no other Business of any kind, but would ask the House to adjourn for a period which would be sufficient for the by-elections to be held. He proposed to give notice of a motion which would permit of the motion of adjournment being taken To-morrow.
Mr. Wade and Mr. David Storey also addressed the House.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Conversion of Tenures.
 - (2.) Amended Regulation No. 214 under the Crown Lands Acts.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—Report by the Government Statistician and Registrar of Friendly Societies on the state of the New South Wales Miners' Accident Relief Fund at 30th April, 1910.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carmichael laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Returns showing the Contracts in existence for the Supply of Coal for use on the Railways and Tramways.
 - (2.) Regulations under the Navigation Act, 1901.
 - (3.) Regulations Nos. 31 and 32 under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
 - (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Railway Traffic Improvements at Yeo Yeo.
 - (5.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Glebe Island Railway.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Treffé laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification repealing all regulations hitherto made under the Wentworth Irrigation Act, 1890, and substituting certain amended regulations in lieu thereof.
 - (2.) Notification repealing all regulations hitherto made under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901, and issuing certain regulations in lieu thereof.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Arthur Griffith laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting proposed inquiry into alleged irregularities at Bankstown Municipal Election.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day,—Testators' Family Maintenance Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—postponed until To-morrow.

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4. TRUSTEES AUDIT 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 examination and audit of certain accounts; for the surcharge and disallowance of certain receipts and expenditure; to amend the Public Trusts Act, 1897, the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, and the Mining Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th July, 1911.

H. N. MACLAURIN,
Deputy President.

TRUSTEES AUDIT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 26th July, 1911.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 4, lines 3 and 4. Omit "shall at the request of the Treasurer or of any Minister of the Crown" insert the following new paragraphs :—

"(a) may whenever he thinks fit, and

"(b) shall whenever required by the Treasurer so to do."

Page 2, clause 5, lines 11 and 12. Omit "and to any Minister of the Crown who has requested such examination or audit to be made."

Examined,—

H. N. MACLAURIN,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Carmichael moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1911-1912, and out of the Public Works 'Fund'; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Wade moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "Fund" the words "for the months of July and August."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. James,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. John Miller,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. David Storey,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. McLaurin,	Tellers,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Henry Willis,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Trefic,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Grahame.
Mr. Lynch,	Tellers,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Holman,	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker, referring to a similar case which occurred on 13th August, 1889, said that, for the reason then given, that the question, if carried, would take the Business out of the hands of the Government, and perhaps bring about a change of Administration, which should not be done on the Speaker's single vote; he would give his casting vote with the Noes, and declare the Question passed in the negative.

Original Question,—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1911-1912, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively,—then put and passed.

26th July, 1911.

C. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carmichael moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Wade, under Standing Order No. 335, moved, That leave be given to propose an amendment,—
“That in the opinion of this House, the proposal to alter the Electoral law embodied in clause Three of the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill, by conferring the franchise on inmates of asylums, which has been amended by the Legislative Council, and which amendment this House has been asked to disagree with by Message, is undesirable.”

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. James,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Bruntvoll,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. McLaurin,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Robson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cocks,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Waddell,	

Noes, 38.

Mr. Mcagher,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Burgess
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. T. S. Crawford.
Mr. Kearsley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Peters.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply,—then put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 27 JULY, 1911, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £3,259,000; being £1,158,500 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of July, August, and September, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1912, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1911, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1911-12; and

£1,600,000 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services, viz.:—

£1,500 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Adjustment of Salaries of Officers under Public Service Act Regulations;

£1,300,000 for Railways and Tramways—Working Expenses;

£298,500 for Minister for Public Works—Public Works and Services—Maintenance, viz.,—Punts, Ferries, and Launches, £8,500; Harbours and Rivers, £6,500; Dredge Service, £39,000; Public Buildings, £22,000; Dock Establishment, £5,000; Miscellaneous, £5,000; Equipment, Travelling, Transfer, Removal, and other Allowances and Pay for Temporary Service, £12,000; State Brickworks, Homebush Bay—Working Expenses, £4,000; State Brickworks, Botany—Working Expenses, £3,500; State Brickworks, Homebush—Delivery of Bricks, £500; State Brickworks, Botany—Delivery of Bricks, £500; State Metal Quarry—Working Expenses, £1,000; State Lime Works—Working Expenses, £500; Royal Commission Inquiry Public Works Department, £500; Local Government—Local Government (Endowments of Shires), £190,000;

£331,950 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in anticipation of Loan Votes; being for Minister for Public Works, viz., Railways—Moree to Mungindi (towards), £15,000; Land Resumption for Authorised Railways, £5,000; Tramways—Tramways generally, £40,000; Water Supply—Compensation Weirs, Nepean River—further sum, £150; Water Conservation—Resumption of Lands for Settlement under Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme—further sum, £230,000; Miscellaneous—State Brickworks, Homebush Bay—to provide means of delivery, £12,000; State Brickworks, Botany—to provide means of delivery, £10,000; State Metal Quarry and Steamer—Establishment, £15,000; State Lime Works—Establishment, £2,000; Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—Water Supply—Extension of

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Reticulation, £2,000; Improvements, £300; Sewerage—Extension of Reticulation, £500; and £168,550 payable out of the Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes for the following Services, viz. :—

£10,000 for Colonial Secretary—Police Buildings—Erections, Additions, and Cost of Land; £7,000 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Sydney Harbour Trust—Replacement of Wharfs, Jetties, and Buildings under Reconstruction Schemes.

£66,000 for Secretary for Lands—Towards Purchase, Acquisition, or Resumption of Harbour Foreshores and Sites for Public Parks, and for other public purposes and expenses in connection therewith;

£65,250 for Minister for Public Works, viz.,—Water Supplies, £2,000; Public Buildings, £15,000; Dock Establishment, £16,000; Sewerage of Government Institutions generally, £250; Railways and Tramways, £7,000; Grant under section 5 of Public Works Fund Act to Shires and Municipalities, £15,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Renewal of Water Mains, Sewers, Plant, Buildings, &c., for Renewal Works Generally, Lining and Strengthening Upper Canal, also to recoup to Loan Votes for Machinery and Plant worn out or dismantled, £10,000;

£20,300 for Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry, viz.,—School Buildings, Teachers' Residences, Sites, &c., £20,000; Miscellaneous Services—Equipment and Minor Works, £300.

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

7. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1911–12, the sum of £3,259,000 be granted, viz., £3,090,450 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and £168,550 out of the Public Works Fund.

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

8. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AND PUBLIC WORKS FUND BILL:**—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carmichael, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1911–1912, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Carmichael then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1911–1912, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Carmichael, *passed*.

Mr. Carmichael then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1911–1912, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1911–1912, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th July, 1911, A.M.

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 27 JULY, 1911.

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

PAPER :—Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table,—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for 1910.
Ordered to be printed.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Mr. Holman informed the House that in view of the position that had arisen, his colleagues and he had determined this morning to tender to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor certain advice, which His Excellency had not been able to see his way to accept, and he had therefore placed the resignation of the Ministry in His Excellency's hands. He also informed the House that His Excellency had asked him to communicate at once with the Premier (Mr. McGowen), and a cable would be despatched. What the advice was that had been tendered to His Excellency it was not for him at that moment to say.

3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AND PUBLIC WORKS FUND BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1911-1912 and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th July, 1911.*

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at nineteen minutes before Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Two o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES,
to wit.
(L.S.)
W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

By His Excellency The Honourable Sir WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, Knight,
Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies,
in the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His late 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 WILLIAM PORTUS CULLEN, the Lieutenant-Governor aforesaid—the Governor having departed from the State,—in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Wednesday, the twenty-third day of August instant, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Legislative Council and Assembly shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid twenty-third day of August instant, 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 first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and in the second year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
FRED. FLOWERS.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 1 AUGUST, 1911.)

QUESTIONS:—

1. COLONEL ONSLOW *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Has he instructed the Government Valuator to employ any local firm of Solicitors at Grafton or South Grafton to act on his behalf, or that of the Minister, in connection with properties subject to resumption for the South Grafton—Glenreagh section of the North Coast Railway?
 - (2.) Has he or Mr. Sievers employed any such local firm to act on his behalf in relation to such resumptions?
 - (3.) Has he authorised any statement "that if the whole or the majority of the owners are acting jointly, the compensation obtained in respect of resumed lands is likely to be on a more liberal scale than if owners were acting independently of one another"?
2. COLONEL ONSLOW *to ask* THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
 - (1.) What position does Mr. F. L. Edwards hold in the Premier's Office or other branch of the Public Service, and how long has he been employed?
 - (2.) Does this officer sign correspondence in the name of the Acting Premier?
 - (3.) What is his salary, and is it a fact that his rate of pay has been twice increased during the past six months, so that now it is higher than that of hundreds of officers who have been many years in the Service?
 - (4.) Is it usual for the State to pay salary and travelling expenses to men who hold positions in the Service for the purpose of gaining political experience?
3. MR. PRICE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that in order to facilitate the railway traffic in connection with the Lower Manning, Croki, Mitchell's and Jones Islands, and the Cooperbrook District, and the North Coast Railway, a deviation is urgently required, so as to bring such railway line closer to Cooperbrook and other populous centres?
 - (2.) Will he take steps to have the promised inquiry and investigation made with a view to carrying out such a deviation near Cooperbrook?
 - (3.) What action is being taken in reference to the resolutions, carried by a representative public meeting of the residents of the Lower Manning, recently held at Cooperbrook, which were submitted by the Honorable Member for Gloucester?
4. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What amount of demurrage has been paid on produce at Darling Harbour and Sydney Goods, for the half-year, January to June, 1911?
5. MR. FALICK *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Will he inform the House the nature of charges, if any, preferred against Messrs. Cook and Raw, which brought about their dismissal?
6. MR. KEARSLEY *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What reason is assigned for giving the last contract for the supply of coal for use on the Government Railways to the Gunnedah Coal Company in preference to the Curlewis Coal Company?
7. MR. KEARSLEY *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is the Chief Railway Commissioner or the officer who let the last contract to the Gunnedah Coal Company for the supply of coal for use on the Government Railways cognizant of the fact that while both the Gunnedah and Curlewis Coal Companies submitted the same price of 9s. 6d. per ton, the Curlewis Coal Company pays a hewing rate of 3s. 10d. per ton, and the Gunnedah Coal Company refuses to pay this rate, which refusal has occasioned industrial strife?
8. MR. PRICE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Has a design been prepared and a survey made of allotments in the village of Landsdown; if so, has such design been approved?
 - (2.) What is the cause of the delay in the submission of same by auction?
 - (3.) Will he be good enough to fix a date for such auction sale; if so, when?

9. MR. BRINER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) For what purposes were special leases 1905-97, 1905-11, 1906-21, and 1907-21, Bellingen, granted to H. E. Day?
 - (2.) Has any condition, except survey, been fulfilled?
 - (3.) How many extensions of time have been granted to the lessee?
 - (4.) Were these leases the subject of recent inquiry by the Local Land Board, sitting at Coff's Harbour; and, if so, what was the finding of the Board?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that these leases have been held for speculative purposes only, and that nothing has ever been done to carry out any actual work?
 - (6.) What further action is proposed?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLMAN to move, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 22nd August, next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Trustees Audit Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments. [*Mr. Carmichael.*]
2. Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Holman, "That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
 "MR. PRESIDENT,—
 "The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 13th July, 1911, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill,—
 "Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3,—because the inmates of asylums are entitled to vote under the Federal law, and if old-age pensioners live outside an asylum they are entitled to a vote under the State law, and further because every other class in the community will become entitled to vote under the proposed law.
 "Agrees to the amendment in clause 8, but proposes to further amend the clause by omitting the word 'wilfully' in line 41, and inserting before the word 'untrue' in line 42 the word 'wilfully,'—as consequential upon the Council's amendment.
 "Agrees to the amendment in clause 10, which adds a new paragraph (d), but proposes to amend it by adding after the word 'witness' the words 'after the signature of the witness.'
 "Agrees to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 20, but proposes to amend it by inserting after the word 'purpose' the words 'of a scrutiny of the votes given by electors at the several polling-places, or'
 "Agrees to the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill.
 "And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreement from, and amendments upon the Council's amendments, and in the Assembly's consequential amendment, in the Bill."
3. Criminal Appeal Bill, reported; adoption of report. [*Mr. Holman.*]
4. Savings Banks Amalgamation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carmichael, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Supreme Court and Circuit Courts (Amendment) Bill; to be further reconsidered in Committee. [*Mr. Holman.*]
6. Crown Lands (Declaratory) Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Nielson.*]
7. Industrial Arbitration Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Beeby.*]
8. District Courts Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
9. Inebriates Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
10. Gaming and Betting Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
11. Dentists Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
12. Claims against the Government and Crown Suits Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
13. Careless Use of Fire Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
14. Medical Practitioners Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
15. Government Railways Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
16. Jury Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
17. Defamation Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
18. Small Debts Recovery Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
19. Public Trustee Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
20. Public Service (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Public Service (Amendment) Act, 1910, in certain particulars. [*Mr. Nielsen.*]

21. New Lambton, Hartley Vale Colliery, and Australasia Coal Company Railways Resumption Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to divest the promoters of certain railways, and the Australasia Coal Company, and their representatives and assigns, of their estates in certain lands within the area known as the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve ; to vest certain portions of the said area in His Majesty, and declare the same to be Crown lands within the meaning of the Crown Lands Acts ; to give effect to certain sales and disposals of lands ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Nielsen.*]
22. Crown Lands Purchases and Leases Validation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to validate certain original and additional conditional purchases, conditional purchase leases, a certain settlement lease, and a sale by auction ; to vest certain lands in certain persons ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Nielsen.*]
23. Necropolis (Amendment) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Necropolis Act, 1901 ; and for other purposes. [*Mr. Nielsen.*]
24. Wentworth Park Validation Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Nielsen.*]
25. Crown Lands Consolidation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate the Crown Lands Acts and certain other Acts dealing with the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown Lands. [*Mr. Nielsen.*]
26. Leases Resumption Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the resumption of certain Crown leases. [*Mr. Nielsen.*]
27. Agricultural and Dairying Leases Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the leasing of agricultural or dairying land. [*Mr. Nielsen.*]
28. Land Surveyors Bill ; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Nielsen.*]
29. Crown Lands (Control of Land Agents) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration and control of land agents, to amend the Crown Lands Acts and other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Nielsen.*]
30. Randwick Asylum Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to dissolve the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children, and to vest the property, rights, and liabilities of the said Society in the Minister of Public Instruction upon certain trusts ; to constitute the said Minister a corporation sole ; to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Beeby.*]
31. Labour Department Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Beeby.*]
32. Steam Boilers Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the construction and use of steam boilers ; to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Beeby.*]
33. Saturday Half Holiday Act—Extension of Provisions ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following resolution : —
 (1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 5 of the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910, the provisions of that Act be extended to the country shopping districts of Broken Hill, Bulli Pass, Cobar, Hillgrove, Illawarra Central, Illawarra North, Kiama, Peak Hill, Shellharbour, Wollongong, Wrightville, Wyalong, and West Wyalong.
 (2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence. [*Mr. Beeby.*]
34. Servants Registry Offices Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the licensing and regulation of servants' registry offices ; and for purposes incidental thereto and consequent thereon. [*Mr. Beeby.*]
35. Shearers' and Agricultural Labourers' Accommodation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the accommodation of shearers and agricultural labourers ; to repeal the Shearers' Accommodation Act, 1901 ; and for other purposes incidental thereto. [*Mr. Beeby.*]
36. Land Values Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for determining values in respect of all lands, and to provide that statutory rates, taxes, duties, and contributions based on land values shall be levied on values so determined ; to provide that such values shall be the values for the purposes of resumption and exchange of land and advances on mortgage or other security by the Crown or any of its Departments or Officers, or by any local governing body or public trust ; for the acquisition by the Crown of land in certain cases ; for the purposes aforesaid to amend certain Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Arthur Griffith.*]
37. Local Government (Amending) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act 1906, as amended by the Local Government (Loans) Act, 1907, and by the Local Government (Amending) Act, 1908 ; to amend the law relating to Local Government ; to amend certain Acts relating to Water Supply and Sewerage and Drainage ; to amend certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Arthur Griffith.*]

38. Greater Newcastle Convention Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the constitution of a Convention to formulate a scheme for the amalgamation of the Local Government of Newcastle and certain neighbouring Municipalities and Shires or parts thereof ; to define the powers and duties of such Convention ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Arthur Griffith.*]
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40. State Coal Mines Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Edden.*]
41. Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Edden.*]
42. Mining Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Mining Act, 1906, and the Crown Lands Act of 1884 ; to validate certain payments of royalty ; to except beyond a certain distance below the surface certain lands from past or future alienations by the Crown ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Edden.*]
43. Gold Buyers Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Edden.*]
44. Coal and Shale Mines Hours Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the hours of labour in coal and shale mines ; to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes. [*Mr. Edden.*]
45. Mines Inspection (Amendment) Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Edden.*]
46. Workers' Dwellings Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Carmichael.*]
47. State Debt and Sinking Fund (Amendment) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904 ; and for other purposes. [*Mr. Carmichael.*]
48. Sinking Fund (Renewals) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for payments by certain public departments to renewals accounts in the Treasury, and to the Consolidated Revenue Fund ; to appropriate certain moneys of the said fund and of the General Sinking Fund ; to amend the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Act, 1897, the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Sydney Harbour Trust and Navigation Amendment Act, 1908, and the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act, 1904 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Carmichael.*]
49. Supply ; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Carmichael.*]
50. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Carmichael.*]

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STUART-ROBERTSON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of William John Ellis, employed in the Railway Service of New South Wales.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Wood, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Dooley, and the Mover.
2. MR. PERRY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the operations of the Trades Hall, more especially in connection with the Eight-hour lottery.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Beeby, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Lonsdale, Colonel Onslow, Mr. Page, Mr. Levy, and the Mover.
3. COLONEL ONSLOW to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the loan from the Advances to Settlers Board to Mr. A. C. Carmichael, on 1st May, 1899.
4. MR. BRINER to move, That in the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) The existing system of party Government does not provide for any clear expression of public opinion upon definite issues.
 - (2.) The Constitution should be so amended as to provide (a) that every Parliamentary representative be elected by an absolute majority of votes polled ; (b) that upon the assembling of Parliament after each General Election, each and every Minister shall be elected by a majority of the whole House, and shall hold his portfolio only so long as he retains the confidence of a majority of Members of the House.
5. MR. HENRY WILLIS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the business abuses in the conduct of public services and the operations of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Osborne, Mr. David Storey, Mr. Levien, Mr. Parkes, and the Mover.

6. **MR. PRICE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The amount of prime cost goods selected for all contracts by the undermentioned officers of the Government Architect's Branch during the year 1910, as follows:—Mr. G. McRae, Mr. A. S. Cook, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. T. Barnett, Mr. A. T. Brindley, Mr. R. M. S. Wells, Mr. A. J. Purdue.
 - (2.) The amount of each officer's selection, giving the names of the various firms with whom the goods were so selected.
 - (3.) The total amount of the contracts in each case in which the prime cost items referred to were included.
7. **MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into the administration of the Public Service of New South Wales by the Public Service Board, particularly in relation to the matter of the fixing of salaries, the promotion of officers, and the appointment of outside applicants to positions vacant in the various branches of the Service.
8. **MR. PRICE** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Gustave William Engel for compensation in connection with certain oyster lease improvements in Port Stephens, and legal expenses incurred by him in the Equity case of *Merewether v. Engel*.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Brown, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Thrower, and the Mover.
9. **MR. PRICE** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, so as to enable the Government to abolish the Stock Boards in the coastal districts.
 - (2.) That the imposition of the Stock Tax in the coastal districts is inimical to the agricultural, pastoral, and dairying industries.
10. **MR. PRICE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) (a) The number of miles run by the engines manufactured by the Clyde Engineering Works ; (b) the like information regarding those manufactured by Beyer, Peacock, and Company ; (c) the cost for repairs, at per mile, for both classes of engines ; (d) the number of occasions on which the Clyde engines and those made by Beyer, Peacock, and Company, have been sent into dock for repairs or alterations.
 - (2.) The comparative tests of the two makes of engines.
 - (3.) The like information in relation to the Eveleigh Works engines.
 - (4.) The estimated requirements of the Railway Department for engines, so as to enable New South Wales firms to tender for the manufacture of engines.
 - (5.) The character of the engines made by the Clyde Engineering Works.
11. **MR. HOLLIS** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the suspension and claim of Robert Roberts, late bookbinder in the Registrar General's Department.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. Briner, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Levy, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. McNeill, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1901, the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1902, the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1905, and the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1909, together with the Proceedings of the Committees, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.
12. **MR. THROWER** to move, That it be an instruction to the Commission appointed to inquire into the cost of living, the following matter, namely, the question of equal pay for equal work to both sexes of employees be considered.
13. **MR. G. A. JONES** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The number of special grants made to Shire Councils during the past five years.
 - (2.) The amount of each grant made, and the Shire to which same was paid.
 - (3.) The State Electorate in which each Shire receiving a grant was situated.
 - (4.) The amount of the rate struck by each Council for the year in which a grant was received.
14. **MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK** to move, That in the opinion of this House, the Act providing for the maintenance of boarded-out children should be amended in such manner as to secure to the mother whose children have been boarded out to her the same weekly amount as would be made in respect of children not her own, viz., 5s. per week.
15. **MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the meat supply of New South Wales, and as to the existence of a ring or of any organisation for restraint of the output, &c.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Meagher, Mr. John Miller, and the Mover.
16. **MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the minimum salary of all teachers, male and female, should be fixed at £110 per annum, irrespective of location.
17. **MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK** to move, That in the opinion of this House, all persons over 21 in the employ of the State should be paid a minimum wage of £110 per annum.

18. MR. HOYLE to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Immigration and Tourist Bureau.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Keegan, and the Mover.
19. MR. McCOURT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The names in the order in which they joined of every member of the Police Force above the rank of first-class constable.
 (2.) The date of joining the Force.
 (3.) The date of appointment and rank to present date.
20. MR. McNEILL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The details of the work performed by the Naturalist of the Fisheries Department for the past two years.
 (2.) The specific recommendations, if any, made by that Officer which has formed the basis for legislation on fisheries matters.
21. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the operations of the present Companies Act, and to consider the best methods of safeguarding the investments of the public in companies and corporate bodies.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. Fell, Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Mr. Levy, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Henry Willis, Mr. Thrower, and the Mover.
22. MR. HENLEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the accumulated profits derived from the metropolitan tramways (said to be over £405,000), and the profits of each succeeding year, so long as may be required, be set aside and used in the construction of an underground system of railways for the more populous centres.
23. DR. ARTHUR to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the application for registration by A. B. A. Palmer to the Dental Board, and his charge against the Registrar.
24. MR. G. R. W. McDONALD to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Elizabeth Agnes Doyle, of Bingara, with respect to the alleged maladministration of the estate of her late husband by the Master-in-Lunacy, and others.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. Briner, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Harry Morton, Mr. Meagher, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. John Miller, and the Mover.
25. MR. LEVY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a Royal Commission should forthwith be appointed for the purpose of inquiring and reporting as to the means of avoiding unnecessary delay and expense, and of making improvements generally in the administration of justice, and in the working of the law.
26. MR. McLAURIN to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) The time has arrived when the Government should impose a Hospital and Charities tax upon the net returns from all charges for admission to, also amount obtained from members' fees, in connection with all forms of sport and amusement.
 (2.) This State should be divided into Hospital Districts and the proceeds of the tax distributed upon a population basis in each district.
27. MR. JOHN MILLER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived, according to recent revelations, when the Government should immediately bring in a Bill to safeguard the funds of all employers or workers contributing under the Industrial or Trade Union Acts.
28. MR. HENLEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, in order to expedite unloading, and avoid depreciation and waste, and to more humanely treat live animals, erect, on the abattoir area recently purchased at Homebush, metropolitan saleyards to accommodate all classes of stock intended for slaughter.
29. MR. HENLEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, at an early date issue a *Gazette* notice removing from the control of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners all low-lying foreshores and bays suitable for reclamation and reservation, and that early steps be taken to fill in and dedicate the said land as public recreation reserves.
30. MR. JOHN MILLER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, an Eight-hour Bill should be introduced and passed into law.
31. MR. STUART-ROBERTSON to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon what is a living wage and why men and women are not paid equally for equal work.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Beeby, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Briner, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Scobie, Mr. T. S. Crawford, and the Mover.
32. MR. HOLLIS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the actuarial annual amounts deductible from each pensioner named in the return respecting certain retirements from the Public Service in 1896, ordered to be printed on 10th December, 1908; in lieu of the abatement of four per centum on salary received by them prior to the year 1885, and as required by section 55 of the Civil Service Act, 1884.

33. **MR. HOLLIS** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The number of electric motor drivers employed on the Government Tramways of New South Wales.
 - (2.) The number of conductors in the same Service.
 - (3.) The number of electric motor drivers who suffered loss of conduct holidays for the year ended 30th June, 1906.
 - (4.) The same information for the years ended 30th June, 1907, 1908, 1909, and 1910.
 - (5.) The number of conductors who suffered loss of conduct holidays in each of these four years, showing each year separately.
34. **MR. HENLEY** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, at an early date bring in a Bill providing for a liberal system of State insurance against invalidity and old-age; to encourage thrift and self-reliance, and in order to lessen the growing cost of the present system of old-age pensions, and to do away with the need for Civil Service pensions.
35. **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 five 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.
36. **MR. STUART-ROBERTSON** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the sale of spirituous liquors, beers, &c., should cease on the premises of Parliament House.
37. **MR. TAYLOR** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of John Reilly against the Railway Commissioners for compensation for postal duties and extended leave.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Hollis, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Henley, Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Price, Mr. Page, and the Mover.
38. **MR. TAYLOR** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Henry Arthur Hough against the Government in respect of land selected by him on the Tarramiah Run, as set out in his petition to the House, dated 14th May, 1886.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Downes, Mr. Holman, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Price, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Henley, Mr. G. A. Jones, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1885-6, together with the proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.
39. **MR. TAYLOR** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Local Government Act should be amended by the deletion of all provisions in regard to exemptions from rating.
40. **MR. PETERS** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, capital punishment should be abolished.
41. **MR. LEVIEN** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to legalise and regulate the use of an instrument known as the totalizator on certain racecourses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; and for other purposes in connection therewith.
42. **MR. GRAHAME** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the disrating of Driver W. H. Bannaster, of the Railway service.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Price, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Brown, and the Mover.
43. **MR. HOYLE** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Rodrick Montgomery against the Railway Department.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Harry Morton, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Bruntnell, and the Mover.
44. **MR. MEAGHER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) No further leases of coal-mining areas should be granted, unless a proviso is therein contained that, upon cessation of work through industrial trouble and the closing of such mines by the lessee, the Government, as lessor, shall order the mine to be worked to the extent of its average output, failing which, after the expiration of fourteen days, the Government may enter thereon and work the same.
 - (2.) On taking possession, improvements shall be paid for in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act.
45. **MR. MEAGHER** to move, That no further permanent appointments be made to the Supreme Court Bench, except the law be so amended that no pensions be furnished as provided in regard to the High Court of the Commonwealth of Australia.
46. **MR. MEAGHER** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the administration and distribution of the intestate estate of John Moor, deceased, by the Curator of Intestate Estates.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. Levy, Mr. Parkes, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Thrower, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Harry Morton, and the Mover.

47. MR. DOOLEY to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the system of gratuities or tips in Railway Service and to other employees of the State.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Lynch, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Briner, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Estell, and the Mover.
48. MR. KEEGAN to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the necessity of legislation being introduced to fix the rentals of householders.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Harry Morton, Mr. Levy, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, and the Mover.
49. MR. MINAHAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system now existing in connection with tied houses in the liquor trade should be abolished, and a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into same.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Warwick Farm Railway Act Extension Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments. [*Mr. Downes.*]
2. Testators' Family Maintenance Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Methodist Church Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Robson.*]
4. Nurses' Registration Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Levy.*]
5. Liquor (Amendment) Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. McGarry, "That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905, in regard to the taking of the local option vote; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto."

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT
DURING THE SESSION OF 1911.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D.	21	20	.....	41
Ball, Richard Thomas, Esq.	13	16	.....	29
Beeby, The Hon. George Stephenson	27	26	.....	53
Black, George, Esq.	27	27	1	55
Briner, George Stuart, Esq.	18	9	.....	27
Brown, William, Esq.	22	29	.....	51
Bruntnell, Albert, Esq.	29	17	.....	46
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	23	21	.....	44
Cann, The Hon. John Henry (<i>Speaker</i>) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carmichael, The Hon. Ambrose Campbell	27	28	1	56
Cochran, John Patrick, Esq.	22	28	.....	50
Cocks, Arthur Alfred Olement, Esq.	13	10	.....	23
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq.	15	25	1	41
Crawford, Thomas Simpson, Esq.	24	23	.....	47
Cusack, John Joseph, Esq.	30	29	.....	59
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq.	29	26	.....	55
Donaldson, Robert Thomas, Esq.	17	4	.....	21
Dooley, James, Esq.	21	27	.....	48
Downes, Frederick William Arthur, Esq.	10	14	.....	24
Dunn, William Fraser, Esq. (<i>Resigned 25th July, 1911</i>)	26	21	.....	47
Edden, The Hon. Alfred	29	25	.....	54
Estell, John, Esq.	21	28	1	50
Fallick, James, Esq.	23	26	.....	49
Fell, David, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	30	23	1	54
Gardiner, Arthur Rowland, Esq.	23	8	.....	31
Gillies, John, Esq.	18	17	.....	35
Grahame, William Calman, Esq.	30	29	.....	59
Griffith, The Hon. Arthur	28	21	.....	49
Hall, Brinsley, Esq.	19	20	.....	39
Henley, Thomas, Esq.	26	27	.....	53
Hindmarsh, George Thomas, Esq.	18	10	.....	28
Hollis, Robert, Esq.	24	28	.....	52
Holman, The Hon. William Arthur	26	19	.....	45
Horne, Henry Edwin, Esq. (<i>Resigned 25th July, 1911</i>)	24	17	.....	41
Hoyle, Henry Clement, Esq.	29	15	.....	44
Hunt, John Charles, Esq.	25	26	.....	51
James, Augustus George Frederic, Esq.	18	18	36
Jones, George Alfred, Esq.	29	29	58
Kearseley, William, Esq.	28	28	56

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Keegan, Thomas, Esq.	24	27	51
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq.	19	21	40
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq.	18	28	46
Lee, The Hon. Charles Alfred... ..	25	25	.....	50
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	12	.....	.....	12
Levy, Daniel, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	23	27	1	51
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq.	20	24	.....	44
Lynch, John Patrick, Esq.	18	25	1	44
Macdonell, The Hon. Donald ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
McCourt, The Hon. William	26	13	.....	39
McDonald, George Roy William, Esq.	23	13	.....	36
McFarlane, John, Esq.... ..	21	20	.....	41
McGarry, Patrick, Esq.	28	21	.....	49
McGowan, The Hon. James Sinclair Taylor... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
McLaurin, Gordon Ranald, Esq.	14	4	.....	18
McNeill, John, Esq.	27	23	1	51
Mcagher, Richard Denis, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	22	8	.....	30
Meehan, John Charles, Esq.	23	25	.....	53
Mercer, James Ballantine, Esq.	30	29	.....	69
Millard, William, Esq.	13	23	.....	41
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	19	23	.....	47
Miller, John, Esq.	17	10	.....	27
Minahan, Patrick Joseph, Esq.	29	29	.....	58
Morrish, James John, Esq.	30	29	.....	59
Morton, Henry Douglas, Esq.	22	18	.....	40
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq.	5	2	.....	7
Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq.	13	12	.....	25
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq.	20	3	.....	23
Nielson, The Hon. Niels Rasmus Wilson	29	26	.....	55
Nobbs, John, Esq.	31	29	1	61
Onslow, Colonel James William Macarthur... ..	25	29	.....	54
Osborne, John Percy, Esq.	31	28	.....	59
Page, Frederick Joseph, Esq.	30	28	.....	58
Parkos, Varney, Esq.	23	26	.....	54
Perry, The Hon. John	27	26	.....	53
Peters, Henry John Frederick, Esq.	28	28	.....	56
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq.	19	13	.....	32
Robson, William Elliott Veitch, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	12	13	.....	25
Scobie, Robert, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	24	12	.....	36
Storey, David, Esq.	17	6	.....	23
Storey, John, Esq.	18	19	.....	37
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James, Esq.	11	1	.....	12
Taylor, William, Esq.	21	24	.....	45
Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq.	23	13	.....	36
Thrower, Thomas Henry, Esq.	29	27	1	57
Treffé, The Hon. John Louis	28	20	.....	48
Waddell, The Hon. Thomas	20	4	.....	24
Wade, The Hon. Charles Gregory, K.C.	1	1	.....	2
Will's, The Hon. Henry	21	8	.....	29
Wood, The Hon. William Herbert	22	24	.....	46

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 1st August, 1911.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1911.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
2. Select Committees:—										
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	...	10				
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	...	1				11
3. Standing Committees	...	...	...	...	...					5
4. Public Bills:—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	6				
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	51				
						57				
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	0				
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	1				
						1				68
5. Private Bills:—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	0				
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	3				
						3				
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	0				
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	1				
						1				4
6. Petitions received:—										
Printed	...	...	...	...	...	8				
Not Printed	...	...	...	...	...	2				
						10				
7. Divisions:—										
In the House	...	...	...	...	...	31				
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	...	29				
						60				
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2):—										
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...	...				30
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	...	...				283 h. 59 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...				56 h. 3 m.
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...				9 h. 23 m.
Adjoined for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	...	0				
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	...	1				
						1				
9. Votes and Proceedings:—										
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	...	326				
Of Questions answered	...	...	...	...	...	544				
						870				
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...				29
Entries in Notice Paper—										
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	...	1,023				
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	...	1,484				
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	...	1,065				
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	...	0				
						3,572				
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...				119
10. Contingent Notice Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...				0
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...				3
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...				0
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...				2
14. Papers laid upon the Table:—										
By Message	...	...	...	...	...	67				
By Command	...	...	...	...	...	163				
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	...	...	2				
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	0				
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	1				
						233				
Ordered to be Printed	86				
Not ordered to be Printed	197				
						233				

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