

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1871.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION :—The House met at Twelve o'clock, at noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the nineteenth day of September, 1871; the Speaker took the Chair. The Clerk then, by direction of the Speaker, read a copy of the said Proclamation, as follows :—

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable SOMERSET RICHARD,
“ to wit. } EARL OF BELMORE, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy
“ (L.S.) BELMORE, } Council in Ireland, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony
“ Governor. } New South Wales, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

“ WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the third proximo: Now I, SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the fourteenth day of November next ensuing: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim, that the said Parliament shall assemble for the dispatch of business on the aforesaid fourteenth day of November next, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney; and the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

“ Given under my hand and seal, at Government House, Sydney, this nineteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and in the thirty-fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“ By Command,

“ JOHN ROBERTSON.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

2. WRITS ISSUED DURING THE RECESS :—The Speaker reported as follows :—
(1.) That in pursuance of the direction of the Electoral Act of 1858, he had issued Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament, viz. :—
For Shoalhaven,—in the room of Thomas Garrett, Esquire, resigned.
For New England,—in the room of Charles Thomas Weaver, Esquire, resigned.
(2.) That these Writs had been duly returned to him, with the respective Certificates endorsed thereon of the election of the following gentlemen,—
James Warden, Esquire, to serve as Member for Shoalhaven; and
Samuel Henry Terry, Esquire, to serve as Member for New England.
3. MEMBER SWORN :—Samuel Henry Terry, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of New England.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR :—The Usher of the Black Rod, being admitted, delivered a Message “That it is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do attend His Excellency immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.”

The House went, and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-eight minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Three o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

5. PAPERS :—

(1.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

- (1.) Regulation respecting Fines to be inflicted for Drunkenness in the New South Wales Artillery and Infantry.
- (2.) Report on Nautical School Ship "Vernon."
- (3.) Rules and Regulations for Volunteer Brigade Band.
- (4.) Report of Astronomer, for 1870, on Government Observatory, Sydney.
- (5.) Report, for 1870, on Sydney Grammar School.
- (6.) Regulations for Biloela Industrial School for Girls.
- (7.) By-laws, under the Municipalities Act 31 Vict. No. 12, sec. 158, of the undermentioned Boroughs :—

Borough of Newcastle,	Borough of Mudgee,
Borough of Newtown,	Municipal District of North Illawarra.
Borough of North Willoughby,	

- (8.) Fifteenth Annual Report from the Registrar General on Vital Statistics.
- (9.) Blue Book for the year 1870.
- (10.) Proceedings of the Intercolonial Conference held at Melbourne in the month of September 1871.
- (11.) Despatch respecting proposed establishment of a Court of Appeal for the Australian Colonies.
- (12.) Despatch respecting supply of New Silver Coinage.
- (13.) Despatch on the subject of Dr. Lang's suggestion relative to annexation of the Fiji Islands to New South Wales.
- (14.) Despatch from the Secretary of State, with Correspondence, respecting Deportation of South Sea Islanders.
- (15.) Despatch respecting new method of destroying Chrysalids of Silkworms.
- (16.) Report for 1870 of the University of Sydney.
- (17.) By-laws and Regulation of University of Sydney.
- (18.) Returns, for 1870, under Real Property Act.
- (19.) Return showing the estimated number of Electors entitled to vote in the several Gold Fields Electoral Districts, for 1871-2.
- (20.) Return showing the number of Electors on the Roll of each Electoral District of New South Wales, for 1871-2.
- (21.) Despatches respecting payment of Expenses of Witnesses in cases of Prosecution for forcible Deportation of Natives of the South Sea Islands.
- (22.) Further Despatches and Cabinet Minute respecting release of Hovell and Rangī, convicted of the murder of a South Sea Islander.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

- (1.) Return of Runs Appraised in 1870.
- (2.) New Regulation under the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866.
- (3.) Additional Regulations under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
- (4.) New and Additional Amended Regulations under the Gold Fields Act of 1866.
- (5.) Regulations for carrying into effect the Oyster Beds Act of 1868.
- (6.) Additional Regulation for carrying into effect the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Lord laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

- (1.) Despatches (2) respecting the Sydney Branch Royal Mint.
- (2.) Despatch respecting supply of New Silver Coinage.
- (3.) General Abstracts (3) of Bank Liabilities and Assets for Quarters ended 31st December, 1870, 31st March, and 30th June, 1871.
- (4.) Superannuation Fund—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements in the year 1870.
- (5.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account, from 1st April, 1870, to 31st March, 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—The Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy :—

"LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

"Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1858, I do hereby appoint

"George Wigram Allen, Esquire,	"Mathew Henry Stephen, Esquire,
"Richard Driver, Esquire,	"William Henry Suttor, Esquire, and
"Joseph Leary, Esquire,	"Robert Wisdom, Esquire,
"James Henry Neale, 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 fourteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

"W. M. ARNOLD,
"Speaker."

7. **ORDNANCE LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Sir James Martin having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill for confirming the Transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordinance “Land Act of Council 1840,”* read a first time, *pro forma*.
8. **THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:**—The Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy, which he read to the House as follows:—

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

1. The great length to which the last Parliamentary Session was prolonged, and the magnitude of the questions subsequently calling for consideration, have rendered it necessary that I should call you together at a later period of the year than usual.

2. Among other measures of importance which have been under the consideration of the Government, are Bills for the consolidation and amendment of the Laws regulating the Occupation and Sale of Crown Lands—for the extension of Municipal Institutions—for the amendment of the Laws for the Regulation of the Gold Fields—and for the amendment of the Impounding Laws.

3. These Bills, with the exception of the Gold Fields Bill, will be submitted for your consideration without delay.

4. Shortly after the Prorogation it was thought desirable to endeavour to enter into some arrangement with the Governments of the Colonies of Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and Queensland, for the establishment of a Mail Service, that would afford the Colonies interested the means of more frequent communication with other parts of the World than they have at present.

5. With that object, the Attorney General, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Postmaster General proceeded to Melbourne, to attend a Conference called at the instance of this Government, and the deliberations of that Conference have resulted in the making an Agreement, subject to the sanction of the Parliaments of the Colonies represented there, which it is thought will, if carried out, be generally advantageous.

6. The approaching termination of the Agreement made in 1867 between this Colony and the Colony of Victoria, in reference to goods imported into and exported from the Colony, across or by way of the River Murray, rendered it incumbent upon the Government to make a new Arrangement, which, while securing to this Colony the duties to which it is fairly entitled, would keep the trade in question free from all injurious or irritating restrictions.

7. At the Conference at which the question of the Mail Service was disposed of, this matter of the Murray River trade was considered by the Representatives of this Colony and the Colonies of Victoria and South Australia, but no agreement for the renewal of the existing arrangement on equitable terms could be arrived at.

8. The proceedings of the Conference will be forthwith submitted to you for your consideration.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

9. I am able to congratulate you on the state of the Public Finances. The Loan of £374,980, which the Act of Parliament 35 Vic. No. 5 authorized the Government to raise for the prosecution of various Public Works, was obtained without difficulty in Sydney, at a premium. The Treasury Bills, amounting to £334,600, which the Government were empowered by the Act 35 Vic. No. 4 to dispose of to meet the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Account, have not been offered for sale, as the money has not been, and there is reason to believe will not be, required. The income of the Country has so increased as to enable the Government, with a due attention to economy, to meet all engagements, without any resort being had to additional taxation.

10. The Estimates of Expenditure have been prepared, and will be immediately submitted to you.

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

11. It is hoped that the measures which I have enumerated, with some others, amongst which may be included a proposal for the extension of the Railways, may be disposed of without much delay, with a view to the commencement of the next Session at an early period of the year.

12. There is every reason to believe that the Colony is now on the eve of a period of great prosperity. A favourable season has given an impulse to our Agriculture; whilst the yield from our Gold Fields has increased, and is still increasing. Mining industries are springing up in various directions, and the price to which our chief staple has risen in Europe and America has caused a marked improvement in pastoral affairs.

13. I trust that, under Divine Providence, your labours will give a further impulse to the prosperity of which we now see the beginning.

Mr. Smith then moved, and Mr. Clarke seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir James Martin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dodds, Mr. King, Mr. Moses, Mr. Terry, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

"To His Excellency the Right Honorable SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council in Ireland, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

"The various measures to which Your Excellency refers, and particularly the Bill for the Consolidation and Amendment of the Laws relating to the Occupation and Sale of Crown Lands, shall receive our most careful consideration.

"The proceedings of the recent Conference, held in Melbourne, shall receive our attention when the papers are laid before us.

"We are glad to learn that the Public Finances are in a satisfactory condition.

"We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may aid in advancing the general prosperity."

Mr. Smith then moved, and Mr. Clarke seconded the motion, That the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House. Debate ensued.

Mr. Farnell moved, That the Address be amended by the addition after the first paragraph of the following paragraph:—

"We regret that owing to the late period at which we have been called together, sufficient time will not be afforded to consider the Estimates of Expenditure in detail, without great public inconvenience, and that we shall be deprived of the opportunity of properly dealing with other important questions in which legislation is urgently required, and of inquiring into certain appointments made during the recess."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Samuel,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. Church,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. S. Brown,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick.	

Noes, 23.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Eckford,	
Mr. Cummings,	
	Mr. Smith,
	Mr. Lackey.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put, and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir James Martin,—intimating that he had it in Command from the Governor to state that His Excellency would be pleased to receive the Address of the Assembly in reply to his Opening Speech at half-past Three o'clock To-morrow,—moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1871.

MEMO.—*The House meet at Three o'clock this day, and proceed to Government House,—there, at half-past Three o'clock, to present to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1871.

Questions :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government be prepared to invite tenders for the construction of a low-level Bridge over the Hawkesbury at Windsor, authorised by the 35 Vic. No. 5 ?
2. MR. NOWLAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to lease those portions of the Church and School Estate which, having been put up to auction, have not been sold ?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to advise His Excellency the Governor (in his capacity of trustee or agent of the estate) to reduce the upset price of the Church and School Lands in localities where the intrinsic value of these lands is manifestly much under 20s. per acre ?
3. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Papers relating to the complaint made by Lieutenant Talbot, No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, the production of which was ordered by the House on the 14th day of June last, be laid upon the Table ?
4. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is the Colonial Storekeeper required to find security for the faithful discharge of his duties ; if so, what is the nature and amount of such security ?
5. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) On what date did the Gold Commission, recently re-appointed, resume their deliberations ?
 - (2.) What is the amount or rate of remuneration each member of the said Commission is to receive for his services ?
 - (3.) Are the members of the said Commission to be remunerated for every day subsequent to their re-appointment, whether they meet to deliberate or not ?
 - (4.) Will the President be remunerated for every day subsequent to the re-appointment of the Gold Commission until the duties of the said Commission terminate, although he may have during that period been attending to his professional business in the Supreme Court ?
 - (5.) Do the members of the said Gold Commission proceed with their deliberations in the absence of the President of such Commission ?
6. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) To whom were the Debentures sold, issued under the provisions of the 35 Vic. No. 5 ?
 - (2.) When were they sold, and in what amounts ?
 - (3.) When were they delivered to the purchasers ?
 - (4.) On what dates were they paid for ?
7. MR. LACEY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a new Railway Station at Redfern ?
 - (2.) Has a contract been entered into for such Railway Station ?
 - (3.) If so, will the Honorable Member state what the cost will be, and the name of the persons tendering, with the amount of each tender ?

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LORD *to move*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law regulating the time allowed for entering Imported Goods.
2. MR. WEARNE *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to restrain the Common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.
3. MR. WEARNE *to move*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Licensing and Regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney.
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales.
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal Cases.
6. MR. BUCHANAN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of future Parliaments to three years.
7. MR. BUCHANAN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of New South Wales.
8. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the right of appeal from the Supreme Court of New South Wales to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, is rendered almost nugatory from the want of a well organized Court of Appeal.
 - (2.) That at the present moment the arrears of Appeal Cases before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council amount to 386, and that under these circumstances, and considering the defective organization of the tribunal in question, the Colonists are denied justice so far as their right of appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council is concerned.
 - (3.) That the attention of the Government should be at once given to this important matter, with the view either to the establishment of a Court of Final Appeal within the Colony, or to the taking of such action with the British Government as may relieve the Colonists from the extreme hardship of the present state of things.
 - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. MR. TUNKS *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill for the regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney ?

10. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for dispatch of Business at Three o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week.
11. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.
12. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Private Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays, Private Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
13. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session:—
 - (1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill, to which on the Question being put from the Chair—"Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal' Motion or Order of the Day?"—no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
 - (2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, the Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member, otherwise entitled to move it, to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
 - (3.) That no debate shall be allowed upon any of such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day, or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
 - (4.) That in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions, or the reception of Notices of Motions.
14. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
15. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
16. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
17. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session:—
 - (1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
 - (2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House; and, on the presentation of any Balloting Paper, shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper; and the Clerk shall place such list, so initialled, on record, with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
18. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions—of which formal notice shall have been given—put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.
19. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second or casting vote.
20. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Library Committee of the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Windeyer, Captain Onslow, Mr. Hart, Mr. Greville, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
21. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Butler, Mr. Hart, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to, or pending before, the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
22. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Lord, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Bell, Mr. S. Brown, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
23. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That John Lackey, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
24. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Occupation and Alienation of Crown Lands.

25. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the Impounding of Live Stock.
26. MR. WILSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands.
27. MR. WILSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the reclamation of Land in Blackwattle Bay.
28. MR. WILSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for and regulate Roads.
29. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Married Women to acquire and hold property.
30. MR. W. FORSTER to move that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Cattle Sale Yards Act of 1870.

THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. R. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act to establish District Courts and for enabling the Judges thereof to act as Chairmen of Quarter Sessions.
2. MR. R. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the property of Married Women.
3. MR. R. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel.
4. MR. R. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove disqualifications of Justices of the Peace in certain cases and to extend their powers and authorities.
5. MR. R. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act to amend the Electoral Law.
6. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Contract entered into at Melbourne, on the 29th September last, on behalf of the Governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and Queensland, in reference to Mail Services between London and Sydney, by way of Suez, and between London and Melbourne, by way of San Francisco, be adopted.

FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Is it true that £7,000 was voted by this House in March, 1869, to be borrowed for the erection of Public Buildings in Newcastle?
 - (2.) Has the money been borrowed, and when?
 - (3.) Has any estimate been made of the cost of erecting a Post Office at Newcastle?
 - (4.) Have any tenders been invited, and what was the lowest tender?
 - (5.) Will that, or any tender for the Post Office, be accepted?
2. MR. STEWART to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether any action has been taken in or towards recognition of the establishment of Constitutional Government in the Kingdom of Fiji?

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, entitled a Bill to relieve legal practitioners from certain restrictions, and to promote their efficiency.

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government any intention of introducing a measure during the present Session to encourage a judicious stream of Immigration to this Colony?
2. MR. TUNKS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to carry into effect the following Resolution agreed to by this House on the 1st April, 1870 :—“That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to authorize provision to be made by Bill for the erection and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and a Bridge over Long Cove, and for the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, with a view to meet the cost of such works?”
3. MR. STEWART to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it true that a piece of land vested in the Council of Education has been alienated, or promised, to the Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind?
4. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Whether Ministers are aware that on the last birthday of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the public were excluded from the Outer Domain, except on payment of money for admission?
 - (2.) By whose orders, and for what purpose, were members of the police force stationed at the gates where toll was demanded, and entrance prevented?

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. S. BROWN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce certain Official Salaries.
2. MR. S. BROWN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of a certain Letter written by Mr. William Deane, late Captain No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, to His Excellency, making certain charges against Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, Commandant of Volunteers; and also copies of all Letters and Minutes of His Excellency, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, and Major Shepherd thereon or relating thereto; and of all Minutes of the Executive Council thereon or relating thereto, or relating to the dispensing with the services of Mr. Deane as such Captain; and of all orders made by His Excellency or the Executive Council in reference thereto.
3. Mr. Farnell to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1850.
4. Mr. Farnell to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the total cost to each Colony (including all transit charges), of the conveyance of Mails *via* Suez for the year 1871, and also the entire cost of the service to the Imperial and Colonial Governments.

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That this House approves the steps taken at the Conference held in Melbourne in September last, in referencé to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1871.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—On motion of Sir James Martin, the Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor their Address in reply to the Speech His Excellency had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament on Opening the Session,—

And, being returned,—

The Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, and there presented to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give thereto the following Answer:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I thank you for your Loyal Address, and for your expressions of attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government.

I rely upon your readiness to give your careful consideration to the various measures which will be laid before you.

*Government House,
Sydney, 15th November, 1871.*

BELMORE.

2. MEMBER SWORN:—James Warden, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Shoalhaven.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bridge over the Hawkesbury, at Windsor:—Mr. Piddington asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When will the Government be prepared to invite tenders for the construction of a low-level Bridge over the Hawkesbury at Windsor, authorized by the 35 Vic. No. 5?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Within fourteen days.

(2.) Church and School Lands:—Mr. Nowlan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to lease those portions of the Church and School Estate which, having been put up to auction, have not been sold?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to advise His Excellency the Governor (in his capacity of trustee or agent of the estate) to reduce the upset price of the Church and School Lands in localities where the intrinsic value of these lands is manifestly much under 20s. per acre?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) His Excellency the Governor has approved a recommendation to lease certain portions of Church and School Lands, that cannot at present be sold, but this does not apply to all unsold portions, as some of these lands will again be put up to auction.

(2.) It is not intended at present to advise His Excellency the Governor to reduce the upset price of Church and School Lands below 20s. per acre.

-(3.)

(3.) Volunteer Artillery:—*Mr. Fitzpatrick*, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—When will the Papers relating to the complaint made by Lieutenant Talbot, No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, the production of which was ordered by the House on the 14th day of June last, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I hold in my hand the Papers referred to, and will presently lay them upon the Table.

(4.) The Colonial Storekeeper:—*Mr. Hoskins* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is the Colonial Storekeeper required to find security for the faithful discharge of his duties; if so, what is the nature and amount of such security?

Mr. Lord answered,—Not being a collector of public moneys, the Clerk of Stores has not hitherto been required to give security. I may state, however, that early in August last a circular was issued to all Heads of Departments, including the officer named, for information on the subject, in order that a more complete system of security for the faithful discharge of official duties may be adopted.

(5.) Gold Fields Commission:—*Mr. Hoskins* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) On what date did the Gold Commission, recently re-appointed, resume their deliberations?

(2.) What is the amount or rate of remuneration each member of the said Commission is to receive for his services?

(3.) Are the members of the said Commission to be remunerated for every day subsequent to their re-appointment, whether they meet to deliberate or not?

(4.) Will the President be remunerated for every day subsequent to the re-appointment of the Gold Commission until the duties of the said Commission terminate, although he may have during that period been attending to his professional business in the Supreme Court?

(5.) Do the members of the said Gold Commission proceed with their deliberations in the absence of the President of such Commission?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The Gold Commission was re-appointed on the 1st October, but the Government is not aware of the date of their resuming their deliberations.

(2.) The President is to receive £40, and the other paid members of the Commission £30, as remuneration for their services in preparing their report.

(3 & 4.) Answered by 2nd.

(5.) The Government is not aware whether the Gold Commissioners proceed with their deliberations in the absence of the President or not.

(6.) Sale of Debentures:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Samuel, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) To whom were the Debentures sold, issued under the provisions of the 35 Vic. No. 5?

(2.) When were they sold, and in what amounts?

(3.) When were they delivered to the purchasers?

(4.) On what dates were they paid for?

Mr. Lord answered,—I do not think it would be fair to give the names of the tenderers, but shall give numbers to designate the tenderers for the different loans.

No. of accepted tender.	When sold.	Amount sold.	When delivered.	When paid for.
	1871.	£	1871.	1871.
16	15 August	50,000	17 August	17 August
24	"	50,000	16 "	16 "
8	"	5,800	16 "	16 "
17	"	3,000	16 "	16 "
3	"	2,200	16 "	16 "
8	"	1,800	17 "	17 "
14	"	1,200	16 "	16 "
4	"	1,200	21 "	21 "
1	"	900	2 September	2 September
11	"	600	16 August	16 August
2	"	300	1 September	1 September
19	"	200	18 August	18 August
20	"	200	16 "	16 "
Total of 1st sale.....		117,400		
6	1 September	100,000	1 September.....	1 September
7	"	50,000	1 "	1 "
8	"	50,000	£22,000, 5 September.....	5 "
22	"	39,900	£2,000, 9 October	9 October
13	"	10,000	£85,900, 7 November	7 November
15	"	2,100	4 September	4 September
1	"	1,300	4 "	4 "
4	"	1,000	11 "	11 "
19	"	700	22 "	22 "
21	"	600	4 "	4 "
16	"	500	4 "	4 "
18	"	500	4 "	4 "
2	"	400	4 "	4 "
11	"	400	4 "	4 "
20	"	100	7 "	7 "
Total of 2nd sale.....		257,500		
Total loan		£ 374,900		

(7.) New Railway Station at Redfern:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a new Railway Station at Redfern?
- (2.) Has a contract been entered into for such Railway Station?
- (3.) If so, will the Honorable Member state what the cost will be, and the name of the persons tendering, with the amount of each tender?

Mr. Byrnes answered.

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The amount of the accepted tender is £12,599 19s.

The following tenders were received:—

1. Smith and Bennett	£14,563	10	0
2. Richard Nancarrow	14,950	0	0
3. John Young	12,930	0	0
4. Frederick Horn	12,599	19	0
5. William Cains	14,474	0	0
6. R. & W. McCredie	14,598	0	0
7. A. Maclean	13,500	0	0
8. McMaster & Elphinstone	14,896	0	0

4. AMENDED STAMP DUTIES ACT:—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Bega, praying that this Act may be further amended in certain respects.
Petition received.
5. GUNDAROO POST OFFICE:—Mr. W. Forster presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Gundaroo, in Public Meeting assembled, complaining of the present position of this Post Office, and praying that it may be removed to a more central and convenient place.
Petition received.
6. PAPER:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Return to an Address in reference to "Volunteer Artillery," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. S. Brown, on 14th June, 1871.
Ordered to be printed.
7. IMPORT ENTRIES REGULATION BILL:—
 - (1.) Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law regulating the time allowed for entering Imported Goods.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Lord having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law regulating the time allowed for Entering Imported Goods*,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
8. PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL:—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to restrain the Common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.
Question put and passed.
9. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION BILL (No. 1.):—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Licensing and Regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney.
Question put and passed.
10. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
11. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION BILL (No. 1.):—Mr. Wearne having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the Licensing and Regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney*,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 24th November.
12. CRIMINAL EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal Cases.
Question put and passed.
13. TRIENNIAL PARLIAMENTS BILL:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of future Parliaments to three years.
Question put and passed.
14. FUTURE GOVERNORS SALARIES REDUCTION BILL:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
15. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL:—Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales*,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
16. APPEALS TO PRIVY COUNCIL:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the right of appeal from the Supreme Court of New South Wales to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, is rendered almost nugatory from the want of a well organized Court of Appeal.
 - (2.) That at the present moment the arrears of Appeal Cases before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council amount to 386, and that under these circumstances, and considering the defective organization of the tribunal in question, the Colonists are denied justice so far as their right of appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council is concerned.

(3.) That the attention of the Government should be at once given to this important matter, with the view either to the establishment of a Court of Final Appeal within the Colony, or to the taking of such action with the British Government as may relieve the Colonists from the extreme hardship of the present state of things.

(4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

17. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION BILL (No. 2) :—

(1.) Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, for leave to bring in a Bill for the regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Tunks having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney*,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

18. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to (*amended*) Notice No. 10, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for despatch of Business at Four o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

19. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.

Question put and passed.

20. PRECEDENCE OF PRIVATE BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 12, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Private Business shall take precedence of Government Business ; and that on Fridays, Private Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.

Question put and passed.

21. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 13, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session :—

(1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill, to which on the Question being put from the Chair—"Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal' Motion or Order of the Day?"—no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.

(2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, the Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills ; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member, otherwise entitled to move it, to have the above question put with reference thereto ; and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.

(3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any of such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day, or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders ; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.

(4.) That in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions, or the reception of Notices of Motions.

Question put and passed.

22. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 14, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.

Question put and passed.

23. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 15, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.

Question put and passed.

24. TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 16, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.

Question put and passed.

25. BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 17, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session :—

(1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.

(2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House ; and, on the presentation of any Balloting Paper, shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper ; and the Clerk shall place such list, so initialled, on record, with the other proceedings of the Ballot.

Question put and passed.

26. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 18, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions—of which formal notice shall have been given—put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.
Question put and passed.
27. **VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILL** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 19, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second or casting vote.
Question put and passed.
28. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 20, That the Library Committee of the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Windeyer, Captain Onslow, Mr. Hart, Mr. Greville, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
Question put and passed.
29. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 21, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Butler, Mr. Hart, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to, or pending before, the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.
30. **REFRESHMENT ROOM COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 22, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Lord, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Bell, Mr. S. Brown, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
31. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 23, That John Lackey, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Lackey made his acknowledgments to the House.
32. **CROWN LANDS OCCUPATION AND ALIENATION BILL**:—
Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 24, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Occupation and Alienation of Crown Lands.
Question put and passed.
33. **IMPOUNDING BILL**:—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 25, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the Impounding of Live Stock.
Question put and passed.
34. **DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL**:—
(1.) Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 26, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Wilson having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands,*"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
35. **BLACKWATTLE BAY LAND RECLAMATION BILL**:—
(1.) Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 27, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the reclamation of Land in Blackwattle Bay.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Wilson having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the reclamation of Land in Blackwattle Bay,*"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Thursday, 23rd November.
36. **PUBLIC ROADS BILL**:—
(1.) Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 28, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for and regulate Roads.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Wilson having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for and regulate Roads,*"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Thursday, 23rd November.
37. **MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL (No. 1.)**:—
(1.) Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice No. 29, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Married Women to acquire and hold property.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Windeyer having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Married Women to acquire and hold property*,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

38. CATTLE SALE YARDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. W. Forster, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 30, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Cattle Sale Yards Act of 1870.

Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. LEE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Returns and Correspondence in reference to the erection of a Court-house in West Maitland, ordered by this House on 16th May last, be laid upon the Table?
2. MR. NOWLAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) Were lots A No. 1, 81 acres 1 rood, and B No. 2, 83 acres 2 roods, Church and School Land, County of Durham, Parish of Middlehope, withdrawn from the sale which took place at the Police Office, Maitland, on Monday, 30th October last, by order of the Government?
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to put aforesaid lots up for sale?
3. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce during the present or any future Session any measure for the amendment of the Stamp Acts?
4. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What are the duties appertaining to the office of Colonial Storekeeper?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Contract entered into at Melbourne, on the 29th September last, on behalf of the Governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and Queensland, in reference to Mail Services between London and Sydney, by way of Suez, and between London and Melbourne, by way of San Francisco, be adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Occupation and Alienation Bill:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Occupation and Alienation of Crown Lands.
2. Impounding Bill:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Impounding of Live Stock.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. R. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act to establish District Courts and for enabling the Judges thereof to act as Chairmen of Quarter Sessions.
2. MR. R. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the property of Married Women.
3. MR. R. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel.
4. MR. R. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove disqualifications of Justices of the Peace in certain cases and to extend their powers and authorities.
5. MR. R. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act to amend the Electoral Law.
6. MR. CLARKE to move, That the Petition presented by him on 15th November, from certain inhabitants of Bega, praying for an amendment in Section 3 of the Stamp Act, be printed.
7. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better prevention of the stealing of Live Stock.
8. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admission of Volunteers.
9. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate proceedings in Courts of Justice.
10. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
11. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 15th November, from certain inhabitants of Gundaroo, relative to the removal of the site of the Post Office, be printed.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Is it true that £7,000 was voted by this House in March, 1869, to be borrowed for the erection of Public Buildings in Newcastle?
 - (2.) Has the money been borrowed, and when?
 - (3.) Has any estimate been made of the cost of erecting a Post Office at Newcastle?
 - (4.) Have any tenders been invited, and what was the lowest tender?
 - (5.) Will that, or any tender for the Post Office, be accepted?
2. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether any action has been taken in or towards recognition of the establishment of Constitutional Government in the Kingdom of Fiji?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Permissive Liquor Bill:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to restrain the Common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.
2. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART *to move*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, entitled a Bill to relieve legal practitioners from certain restrictions, and to promote their efficiency.

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government any intention of introducing a measure during the present Session to encourage a judicious stream of Immigration to this Colony?
2. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to carry into effect the following Resolution agreed to by this House on the 1st April, 1870:—“That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to authorize provision to be made by Bill for the erection and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and a Bridge over Long Cove, and for the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, with a view to meet the cost of such works?”
3. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it true that a piece of land vested in the Council of Education has been alienated, or promised, to the Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind?
4. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Whether Ministers are aware that on the last birthday of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the public were excluded from the Outer Domain, except on payment of money for admission?
 - (2.) By whose orders, and for what purpose, were members of the police force stationed at the gates where toll was demanded, and entrance prevented?
5. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What was the amount of tonnage of goods forwarded monthly from Sydney to the Goulburn, Wallerawang, and Rydal Stations, respectively, for the six months ending October 31st, 1871, and what was the number of trucks used monthly in the conveyance of such goods?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. S. BROWN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce certain Official Salaries.
2. MR. S. BROWN *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of a certain Letter written by Mr. William Deane, late Captain No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, to His Excellency, making certain charges against Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, Commandant of Volunteers; and also copies of all Letters and Minutes of His Excellency, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, and Major Shepherd thereon or relating thereto; and of all Minutes of the Executive Council thereon or relating thereto, or relating to the dispensing with the services of Mr. Deane as such Captain; and of all orders made by His Excellency or the Executive Council in reference thereto.
3. MR. FARNELL *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1850.
4. MR. FARNELL *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the total cost to each Colony (including all transit charges), of the conveyance of Mails *via* Suez for the year 1871, and also the entire cost of the service to the Imperial and Colonial Governments.
5. MR. LUCAS *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
6. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, for the purpose of inquiring into, and reporting upon, the organization of the Civil Service, and the appointments and promotion under the same.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Windeyer, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); second reading.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What sum per day is allowed for defraying the travelling expenses of—
(1.) The Supreme Court Judges, and
(2.) The District Court Judges?
2. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether it is the intention of Government to introduce the Bill proposed by the Law Reform Commissioners for the amendment and consolidation of the Criminal Law?
3. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether there is any rule or custom which requires Government officials to retire from the Service on becoming insolvent?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That this House approves the steps taken at the Conference held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :

1. Import Entries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill ; second reading.
3. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1) ; second reading.

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; second reading.
2. Public Roads Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1) ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
(2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
(3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions :—
 1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
 2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
 3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
- (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court House, West Maitland:—Mr. Lee asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When will the Returns and Correspondence in reference to the erection of a Court-house in West Maitland, ordered by this House on 16th May last, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have every reason to believe the Papers will be ready in the course of a fortnight.

- (2.) Church and Schools Lands:—Mr. Nowlan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Were lots A No. 1, 81 acres 1 rood, and B No. 2, 83 acres 2 roods, Church and School Land, County of Durham, Parish of Middlehope, withdrawn from the sale which took place at the Police Office, Maitland, on Monday, 30th October last, by order of the Government?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to put aforesaid lots up for sale?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The lots alluded to in the Honorable Member's question were withdrawn from Auction Sale, as it was believed the land would be required for public purposes.

(2.) The Government have not yet determined what recommendation they will make to His Excellency the Governor as to the disposal of the land in question.

- (3.) Amendment of the Stamp Acts:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce during the present or any future Session any measure for the amendment of the Stamp Acts?

Mr. Lord answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce any measure for the amendment of the Stamp Acts during the present Session.

- (4.) The Colonial Storekeeper:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—What are the duties appertaining to the office of Colonial Storekeeper?

Mr. Lord answered,—As the reply to the Honorable Member's question is somewhat lengthy, I will presently lay the Paper upon the Table of the House, and move that it be printed.

2. PAPERS:—

- (1.) Mr. Lord laid upon the Table a Paper showing the duties appertaining to the office of Colonial Storekeeper.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the Electoral Rolls for 1871-72.

3. DISTRICT COURTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. R. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act to establish District Courts and for enabling the Judges thereof to act as Chairmen of Quarter Sessions.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. R. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend an Act to establish District Courts and for enabling the Judges thereof to act as Chairmen of Quarter Sessions,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 1st December.

4. MARRIED WOMENS PROPERTY BILL (No. 2) ("Formal" Motion) :—
 (1.) Mr. R. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the property of Married Women.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. R. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Property of Married Women,"—read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 24th November.
5. DEFAMATORY WORDS AND LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—
 (1.) Mr. R. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. R. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel,"—read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
6. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—
 (1.) Mr. R. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, for leave to bring in a Bill to remove disqualifications of Justices of the Peace in certain cases and to extend their powers and authorities.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. R. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to remove disqualifications of Justices of the Peace in certain cases and to extend their powers and authorities,"—read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 1st December.
7. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—
 (1.) Mr. R. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act to amend the Electoral Law.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. R. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend an Act to amend the Electoral Law,"—read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 5th December.
8. AMENDED STAMP DUTIES ACT ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on 15th November, from certain inhabitants of Bega, praying for an amendment in Section 3 of the Stamp Act, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
9. LIVE STOCK STEALING PREVENTION BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better prevention of the stealing of Live Stock.
 Question put and passed.
10. VOLUNTEER ADMISSION BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admission of Volunteers.
 Question put and passed.
11. COURTS OF JUSTICE PROCEEDINGS BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate proceedings in Courts of Justice.
 Question put and passed.
12. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
 Question put and passed.
13. GUNDAROO POST OFFICE ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, That the Petition presented by him on 15th November, from certain inhabitants of Gundaroo, relative to the removal of the site of the Post Office, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
14. POSTAL CONFERENCE :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to (amended) Notice No. 1, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the following Resolution :—
 That the Contract entered into at Melbourne, on the 29th September last, on behalf of the Governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and Queensland, in reference to Mail Services between London and Sydney, by way of Suez, and between London and Melbourne, by way of San Francisco, be adopted.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Sir James Martin,	Tellers.
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Brookes,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Hoskins.	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Samuel,	Tellers.
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Speer,	
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. Butler,	
Mr. S. Brown,	
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick.	

And so it passed in the negative.

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15. CROWN LANDS BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Occupation and Alienation of Crown Lands,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Wilson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Occupation and Alienation of Crown Lands.

On motion of Mr. Wilson that Report was adopted.

(2.) Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Occupation and Alienation of Crown Lands*,”—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 6th December.

16. IMPOUNDING BILL :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Impounding of Live Stock,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Wilson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Impounding of Live Stock.

On motion of Mr. Wilson that Report was adopted.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

(1.) Is it true that £7,000 was voted by this House in March, 1869, to be borrowed for the erection of Public Buildings in Newcastle ?

(2.) Has the money been borrowed, and when ?

(3.) Has any estimate been made of the cost of erecting a Post Office at Newcastle ?

(4.) Have any tenders been invited, and what was the lowest tender ?

(5.) Will that, or any tender for the Post Office, be accepted ?

2. MR. STEWART to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether any action has been taken in or towards recognition of the establishment of Constitutional Government in the Kingdom of Fiji ?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Permissive Liquor Bill :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to restrain the Common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.

2. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.

3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill entitled a Bill to relieve legal practitioners from certain restrictions, and to promote their efficiency.

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government any intention of introducing a measure during the present Session to encourage a judicious stream of Immigration to this Colony ?

2. MR. TUNKS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to carry into effect the following Resolution agreed to by this House on the 1st April, 1870 :—“That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to authorize provision to be made by Bill for the erection and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and a Bridge over Long Cove, and for the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, with a view to meet the cost of such works ?”

3. MR. STEWART to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it true that a piece of land vested in the Council of Education has been alienated, or promised, to the Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind ?

4. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) Whether Ministers are aware that on the last birthday of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the public were excluded from the Outer Domain, except on payment of money for admission ?

(2.) By whose orders, and for what purpose, were members of the police force stationed at the gates where toll was demanded, and entrance prevented ?

5. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What was the amount of tonnage of goods forwarded monthly from Sydney to the Goulburn, Wallerawang, and Rydal Stations, respectively, for the six months ending October 31st, 1871, and what was the number of trucks used monthly in the conveyance of such goods?
6. MR. FITZPATRICK *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the expediency of altering the currency of the Financial Year?
7. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the Return be furnished which was ordered by this House on the 18th April last, to contain an annual debtor and creditor statement of the amount of money due to the Government by the Municipal Council of Sydney, on account of Sewerage and Water Supply for the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney?
8. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to the recommendation in the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of the late Mr. Thomas Smith, adopted by this House on the 2nd February, 1869?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. S. BROWN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce certain Official Salaries.
2. MR. S. BROWN *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of a certain Letter written by Mr. William Deane, late Captain No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, to His Excellency, making certain charges against Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, Commandant of Volunteers; and also copies of all Letters and Minutes of His Excellency, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, and Major Shepherd thereon or relating thereto; and of all Minutes of the Executive Council thereon or relating thereto, or relating to the dispensing with the services of Mr. Deane as such Captain; and of all orders made by His Excellency or the Executive Council in reference thereto.
3. MR. FARNELL *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1850.
4. MR. FARNELL *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the total cost to each Colony (including all transit charges), of the conveyance of Mails *via* Suez for the year 1871, and also the entire cost of the service to the Imperial and Colonial Governments.
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 - (1) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
6. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, for the purpose of inquiring into, and reporting upon, the organization of the Civil Service, and the appointments and promotion under the same.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Windeyer, and the Mover.
7. MR. FITZPATRICK *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Gold Fields Commission, now sitting, or the President thereof.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What sum per day is allowed for defraying the travelling expenses of—
 - (1.) The Supreme Court Judges, and
 - (2.) The District Court Judges?
2. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether it is the intention of Government to introduce the Bill proposed by the Law Reform Commissioners for the amendment and consolidation of the Criminal Law?
3. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether there is any rule or custom which requires Government officials to retire from the Service on becoming insolvent?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to move*, That this House approves the steps taken at the Conference held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Import Entries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; second reading.
3. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); second reading.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; second reading.
 2. Public Roads Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1) ; second reading.
 2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading
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TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - (3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions:—
 1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
 2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
 3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
 - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 2. Justices of the Peace Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Crown Lands Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public Buildings, Newcastle:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) Is it true that £7,000 was voted by this House in March, 1869, to be borrowed for the erection of Public Buildings in Newcastle?
 (2.) Has the money been borrowed, and when?
 (3.) Has any estimate been made of the cost of erecting a Post Office at Newcastle?
 (4.) Have any tenders been invited, and what was the lowest tender?
 (5.) Will that, or any tender for the Post Office, be accepted?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes. The Debentures issued under the Act 32 Victoria, No. 13, including this amount, were sold in October, 1870.
 (3.) Yes. Estimate, £1,750
 (4.) Yes. Lowest tender, £1,680.
 (5.) Not at present, as there is no specific amount available for a Post Office. The Custom House, if built, would absorb more than the whole amount voted.

- (2.) Establishment of Constitutional Government in Fiji:—Mr. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether any action has been taken in or towards recognition of the establishment of Constitutional Government in the Kingdom of Fiji?

Sir James Martin answered,—On the 8th of August last a letter was sent by me, on behalf of the Cabinet, to His Excellency the Governor, in reference to a Despatch from Lord Kimberley, dated the 16th March last, in which His Lordship stated that Her Majesty's Government adhered to their final decision not to extend British Sovereignty over the Fiji Islands, and made certain suggestions in reference to the Government of those Islands. That letter has been transmitted by His Excellency to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. There will, I believe, be no objection to place a copy of it upon the Table if the House desires it.

2. CRIMINAL EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Buchanan having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal Cases*,"—read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 1st December.

3. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RELIEF BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—

(1.) Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill entitled a Bill to relieve legal practitioners from certain restrictions, and to promote their efficiency.
 Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Stewart having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to relieve legal practitioners from certain restrictions and to promote their efficiency*,"—read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 8th December.

4. **PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to restrain the common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Wearne the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to restrain the common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.

On motion of Mr. Wearne that Report was adopted.

5. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL** :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Moscs,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 2.

Tellers.

Sir James Martin,
Mr. Hart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day fortnight.

6. **CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. W. Forster the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

On motion of Mr. W. Forster that Report was adopted.

The House adjourned at half-past Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. **MR. G. A. LLOYD** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government any intention of introducing a measure during the present Session to encourage a stream of Immigration to this Colony?
2. **MR. TUNKS** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to carry into effect the following Resolution agreed to by this House on the 1st April, 1870 :—“That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to authorize provision to be made by Bill for the erection and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and a Bridge over Long Cove, and for the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, with a view to meet the cost of such works?”
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8. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to the recommendation in the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of the late Mr. Thomas Smith, adopted by this House on the 2nd February, 1869?
9. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure during the present Session to alter or amend the Superannuation Act?
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 - (2.) If so, what is the amount of the tender, and do the Government intend to accept the same?
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1. MR. S. BROWN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce certain Official Salaries.
2. MR. S. BROWN *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of a certain Letter written by Mr. William Deane, late Captain No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, to His Excellency, making certain charges against Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, Commandant of Volunteers; and also copies of all Letters and Minutes of His Excellency, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, and Major Shepherd thereon or relating thereto; and of all Minutes of the Executive Council thereon or relating thereto, or relating to the dispensing with the services of Mr. Deane as such Captain; and of all orders made by His Excellency or the Executive Council in reference thereto.
3. MR. FARNELL *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1850.
4. MR. FARNELL *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the total cost to each Colony (including all transit charges), of the conveyance of Mails *via* Suez for the year 1870, and also the entire cost of the service to the Imperial and Colonial Governments.
5. MR. LUCAS *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
6. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, for the purpose of inquiring into, and reporting upon, the organization of the Civil Service, and the appointments and promotion under the same.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Windeyer, and the Mover.
7. MR. FITZPATRICK *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Gold Fields Commission, now sitting, or the President thereof.
8. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Post Office at Newcastle, for which the money was voted in 1869, and borrowed in 1870, should be erected at once.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What sum per day is allowed for defraying the travelling expenses of—
(1.) The Supreme Court Judges, and
(2.) The District Court Judges?
2. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether it is the intention of Government to introduce the Bill proposed by the Law Reform Commissioners for the amendment and consolidation of the Criminal Law?
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to move*, That this House approves the steps taken at the Conference held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Import Entries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill ; second reading.
3. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1) ; second reading.

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; second reading.
2. Public Roads Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1) ; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACLEAY *to move*,—
(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
(2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
(3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions :—
 1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
 2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
 3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
- (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Justices of the Peace Bill ; second reading.
3. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Immigration :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Have the Government any intention of introducing a measure during the present Session to encourage a stream of Immigration to this Colony?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Not this Session.

- (2.) Bridges over Parramatta River and Long Cove :—Mr. Tunks asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to carry into effect the following Resolution, agreed to by this House on the 1st April, 1870 :—“That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to authorize provision to be made by Bill for the erection and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and a Bridge over Long Cove, and for the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, with a view to meet the cost of such works?”

Mr. Byrnes answered,—This matter has not before been brought under the notice of the present Government. I will make inquiries into the case, and inform the Honorable Member of the intention of the Government as early as practicable.

- (3.) Land for Asylum for Deaf, Dumb, and Blind :—Mr. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it true that a piece of land vested in the Council of Education has been alienated, or promised, to the Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind?

Mr. Wilson answered,—In the year 1859 the land in question was granted to the National Board of Education for an Industrial School, but the Board, or the Council of Education, not having made use of the land, it was last year given by mistake—as I am willing to admit—to the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution, and they had commenced to erect buildings upon it before the error was discovered. I may add that the Government are in correspondence with the Council of Education on the subject, with the view of settling this matter as amicably as possible.

- (4.) The Outer Domain :—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
(1.) Whether Ministers are aware that on the last birthday of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the public were excluded from the Outer Domain, except on payment of money for admission?
(2.) By whose orders, and for what purpose, were members of the police force stationed at the gates where toll was demanded, and entrance prevented?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member has been misinformed if it has been stated to him that on the Prince of Wales last birthday the public were excluded from the Outer Domain. A person named Simpson received permission to give an exhibition of fireworks on the evening of that day, in the Outer Domain, on the express understanding that the public were not to be prevented from passing in or out at will.

(2.) In accordance with the usual practice a few constables were placed on duty at the Domain to preserve order amongst a large assemblage of people, but in no way to enforce the payment of any charge at the gate.

- (5.) Goods Traffic—Southern and Western Railway:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—What was the amount of tonnage of goods forwarded monthly from Sydney to the Goulburn, Wallerawang, and Rydal Stations, respectively, for the six months ending October 31st, 1871, and what was the number of trucks used monthly in the conveyance of such goods?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be found in the Return which I will presently lay upon the Table.

- (6.) The Financial Year:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the expediency of altering the currency of the Financial Year?

Mr. Lord answered,—This subject has been under the consideration of the Government, but no steps can be taken to carry it into effect during the present Session.

- (7.) Sewerage and Water Supply:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—When will the Return be furnished which was ordered by this House on the 18th April last, to contain an annual debtor and creditor statement of the amount of money due to the Government by the Municipal Council of Sydney, on account of Sewerage and Water Supply for the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney?

Mr. Lord answered,—The Return, which is a tedious one, is in course of preparation, and will be laid upon the Table as speedily as possible.

Mr Tunks withdrew Question No. 8.

- (8.) Superannuation Act:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure during the present Session to alter or amend the Superannuation Act?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Yes.

- (9.) Nimboi Bridge:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—
 (1.) Have the Government obtained a private tender from Messrs. Smithyman and Bartholemew for the erection of the Nimboi Bridge?
 (2.) If so, what is the amount of the tender, and do the Government intend to accept the same?
 (3.) If no tender has been accepted, do the Government intend to call for tenders for the erection of the Nimboi Bridge, or do they intend to erect the said bridge by day labour, under the supervision of their own officers?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) Messrs. Smithyman and Bartholemew tendered to erect both Nimboi and Urara Bridges.
 (2.) They object to the amount of their tender being made public, as the Government have not accepted it.
 (3.) The Government invited tenders for the erection of those bridges in the first instance, and the lowest, that of Messrs. Bell and Franklin, was accepted. Those gentlemen, however, asked to be allowed to decline, as the long interval pending construction of ironwork did not suit their arrangements. Under all the circumstances of the case, it is considered most advisable to carry out the erection of those two bridges under the direct control of the Department.

- (10.) Warders, Yass Gaol:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—

(1.) Is it true that some of the Warders in Yass Gaol have not been paid their salaries for the last three months?

(2.) If this is true, will the Colonial Treasurer put an end to this state of things without delay?

Mr. Lord answered,—£37 4s. was placed to the credit of the Sheriff on the 1st September, £37 4s. on the 7th October, and £36 on the 1st November, to enable him to pay the salaries of the Warders in Yass Gaol, for August, September, and October, respectively. I may state that inquiry as to the cause of delay, if any, is being made by the Sheriff.

- (11.) The "Vernon":—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—Is it true that Mr. Arkey has petitioned the Government to deliver to him his two boys at present on board the "Vernon," and that Mr. Arkey, the father of the boys, is anxious to have them under his own charge, and that the Colonial Secretary refuses to give Mr. Arkey the custody of his children?

Mr. Robertson answered,—It is true that Mr. Arkey did petition for the release of his two boys from the "Vernon," and it is true that that petition was refused. The reason of the refusal was, that on referring the matter to the Inspector General of Police, to know what manner of man the father was, and what were the circumstances of the case, the Inspector General advised that he should not have these boys, because he had charged the elder boy with stealing £8 from him, and generally that such a step was undesirable. Subsequently, however, upon other representations made to me, and upon such testimony as I thought was reliable, I learned that Mr. Arkey is a very respectable man, and quite able to support these boys. That being so, I determined to recommend that they should be released. That release has been authorized by the Governor and Executive Council, upon condition that the elder boy, who had been charged with the theft of £8, shall be apprenticed to some trade, which the father is willing to agree to, thus getting over all the difficulties, as it seems to me, in the way of letting these boys out.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Return showing the Tonnage of Goods forwarded monthly from Sydney to Goulburn, Wallerawang, and Rydal Stations, respectively, for six months ending 31st October, 1871; and number of Trucks employed.

(2.) Report from the Engineer-in-Chief to the Commissioner for Railways, dated 30th October, 1871, on the progress of the Railway Works on the Southern, Western, and Northern Extensions.

Ordered to be printed.

3. **PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL**:—Mr. Wearne having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to restrain the common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors,*"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 8th December.
4. **IMPOUNDING BILL**:—Mr. Wilson having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the Impounding of Live Stock,*"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
5. **BORDER DUTIES**:—Mr. Macleay presented a Petition from certain Residents in the Town of Wagga Wagga, and Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Districts, praying that the existing Border Treaty with the Colony of Victoria may be continued until the end of the ensuing year, and that, during the interval, statistics may be collected on which to form the basis of a future agreement between the two Colonies.
Petition received.
6. **WILLIAM HENRY BEDELL**:—Mr. Baker presented a Petition from William Henry Bedell, of Grenfell, representing that under the existing law regulating the admission of evidence in civil or criminal proceedings in Courts of Justice, disbelievers in a future state of rewards and punishments beyond the grave are held to be incompetent witnesses; and that in consequence of his inability to profess such belief he has at various times been subjected to great loss and indignities; and praying for relief in the premises.
Petition received.
7. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**:—Mr. Lucas withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 5.
8. **CATTLE SALE YARDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. W. Forster having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Cattle Sale Yards Act of 1870,*"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
9. **OFFICIAL SALARIES REDUCTION BILL ("Formal" Motion)**:—
(1.) Mr. S. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce certain Official Salaries.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. S. Brown having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to reduce the Salaries of certain Public Officers,*"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 8th December.
10. **VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.—COMPLAINTS AGAINST LIEUT.—COLONEL RICHARDSON ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. S. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of a certain Letter written by Mr. William Deane, late Captain No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, to His Excellency, making certain charges against Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, Commandant of Volunteers; and also copies of all Letters and Minutes of His Excellency, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, and Major Shepherd thereon or relating thereto; and of all Minutes of the Executive Council thereon or relating thereto, or relating to the dispensing with the services of Mr. Deane as such Captain; and of all orders made by His Excellency or the Executive Council in reference thereto.
Question put and passed.
11. **CATTLE SLAUGHTERING ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion)**:—
(1.) Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1850.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Farnell having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1850,*"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 15th December.
12. **MAILS *via* SUEZ ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, showing the total cost to each Colony (including all transit charges), of the conveyance of Mails *via* Suez for the year 1870, and also the entire cost of the service to the Imperial and Colonial Governments.
Question put and passed.
13. **GOLD FIELDS COMMISSION ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Gold Fields Commission, now sitting, or the President thereof.
Question put and passed.
14. **BORDER DUTIES**:—Mr. Jennings presented a Petition from William Threlkeld, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Hay and surrounding Districts, praying that the proposal to ascertain the amount derived from the imposition of duties on goods crossing the Border may be accepted, and that the said duties may not be re-imposed until such time as the Government of Victoria refuses to pay to New South Wales her just dues in this respect.
Petition received.
15. **DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH**:—The Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 15th November, 1871, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, Earl of Belmore, empowering John Lackey, 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, of which the following is a copy:—

"By

"By His Excellency The Right Honorable SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, a Member of
 "Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council in Ireland, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of
 "the Colony of New South Wales, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

"To all to whom these presents shall come,

"Greeting :

"In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize John Lackey, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

"Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one
 (L.S.) "thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of
 "Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

"BELMORE.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"JOHN ROBERTSON."

16. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant Reported*:—The Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 14th November, 1871, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was therefore open to members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.

(2.) *Member of Committee Sworn*:—Whereupon George Wigram Allen, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the said Committee.

17. THE CIVIL SERVICE:—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, for the purpose of inquiring into, and reporting upon, the organization of the Civil Service, and the appointments and promotion under the same.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Windeyer, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

18. POST OFFICE AT NEWCASTLE:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That, in the opinion of this House, the Post Office at Newcastle, for which the money was voted in 1869, and borrowed in 1870, should be erected at once.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

19. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Tunks moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, the Debate on this question adjourned until Friday, 8th December.

20. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Forster, until Friday, 8th December.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What sum per day is allowed for defraying the travelling expenses of—

(1.) The Supreme Court Judges, and

(2.) The District Court Judges?

2. MR. STEWART to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether it is the intention of Government to introduce the Bill proposed by the Law Reform Commissioners for the amendment and consolidation of the Criminal Law?

3. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether there is any rule or custom which requires Government officials to retire from the Service on becoming insolvent?

4. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Referring to the Minutes of the then Attorney General with reference to the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Land Titles Department, quoted by Mr. Cowper in reply to a question put by the Honorable Member for Braidwood, on the 29th November, 1870,—Do the complaints referred to in Sir William Manning's Minute still continue to be made; and if so, do the Government intend to renew the inquiry into the working of the Department, or to take any other course with reference thereto?
5. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) When the Census will be laid upon the Table?
 - (2.) What population, male and female, do the Returns exhibit from Bourke and Walgett?
6. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to his Questions, numbered 2 on the Business Paper of Wednesday, February 8, 1871, and the Answers thereto, relating to Amendment of the Marriage Law,—
 - (1.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to fulfil the "intention of the Government," as intimated by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary in his Answer to Question 1, "to introduce a measure for the Amendment of the Law relating to Marriage"?
 - (2.) What has been the result of conferring with the Registrar General, and of bringing the matter under the consideration of the Government, as intimated in the Answer to Questions 3 and 4?
7. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Papers relating to Travelling Expenses of Judges, and other matters connected with the Administration of Justice, asked for by a Resolution of this House, on November 18th, 1870, be laid upon the Table?
8. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Will the Papers relating to the Necropolis, ordered by this House on August 23rd, 1870, and since repeatedly promised by the Government, ever be laid upon the Table?
 - (2.) If so, when?
9. MR. FRASER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What expense has been incurred by the Government connected with the collection of the the Queensland Border Duties, up to date?
 - (2.) What amount of Revenue has been derived since the establishment of these Border Duties?
 - (3.) Have the Government made any attempt to come to an arrangement with the Queensland Government with a view to the establishment of free trade along the Northern Boundary; and if so with what result?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That this House approves the steps taken at the Conference held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Import Entries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; second reading.
3. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on 21 November, from residents of Wagga Wagga, and the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Districts, relative to the Border Duties question, be printed.
2. MR. BAKER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 21 November, from William Henry Bodell, relative to the admission of evidence in civil or criminal cases, be printed.
3. MR. JENNINGS to move, That the Petition presented by him on 21 November, from William Threlkeld, of Hay, on the subject of Border Duties, be printed.

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
 2. Public Roads Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER.

Question:—

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) By what authority the University of Sydney charges a fee of two pounds for examination of persons who are not University students, nor candidates for any of the degrees which the University is authorized to confer?
 - (2.) What becomes of the fees taken at the recent Civil Service examinations?

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GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1); second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2); second reading
3. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, by authorizing Magistrates to impose a smaller fine than ten pounds for unintentional violations of the third section of the 34th Victoria, No. 20.
2. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the Correspondence between the Imperial and the Colonial Governments, respecting the political position of Fiji.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish the law of Copyright in this Colony.

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER.

Question:—

1. MR. TUNKS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to the recommendation in the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of the late Mr. Thomas Smith, adopted by this House on the 2nd February, 1869?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - (3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions:—
 1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
 2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
 3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
 - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. HART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
3. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Justices of the Peace Bill; second reading.
3. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That as great inconvenience is experienced, particularly in the interior, through the necessity of persons having to keep two descriptions of stamps, one for postage and another for duty, this House is of opinion that stamps should be issued which could be used for both postage and duty, and that such stamps should not be more than two-thirds the size of the present penny postage stamp.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
 2. Permissive Liquor Bill; second reading.
 3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
 4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
 5. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Travelling Expenses of the Judges:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—What sum per day is allowed for defraying the travelling expenses of—
 (1.) The Supreme Court Judges, and
 (2.) The District Court Judges?

Sir James Martin answered,—

- (1.) The present annual Vote for the Supreme Court Judges' travelling expenses is £1450, which is allotted to the Judges according to the Circuits, and not by mileage or daily rate. It includes the expenses of the Judges' Associates acting as Clerks of Assize.
 (2.) The District Court Judges (with the exception of the Metropolitan and Coast Judges, who receive 30s. a day) are allowed £2 per diem for travelling expenses.
 (2.) Law Reform:—Mr. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether it is the intention of Government to introduce the Bill proposed by the Law Reform Commissioners for the amendment and consolidation of the Criminal Law?

Sir James Martin answered,—The Government fear that they will not be able to introduce that Bill this Session.

- (3.) Insolvency of Government Officers:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Whether there is any rule or custom which requires Government officials to retire from the Service on becoming insolvent?

Mr. Robertson answered,—There is no rule requiring Government officials to retire from the Service on becoming insolvent, but the practice is, if an employé of the Government become insolvent, to call the attention of the Chief Commissioner of the Insolvent Court to the case, and he reports upon it. If he reports that there is nothing discreditable or dishonorable in the conduct of the officer he remains in the Service; if otherwise, he is removed.

- (4.) Land Titles Department:—Mr. Greville asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Referring to the Minutes of the then Attorney General with reference to the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Land Titles Department, quoted by Mr. Cowper in reply to a Question put by the Honorable Member for Braidwood, on the 29th November, 1870,—Do the complaints referred to in Sir William Manning's Minute still continue to be made; and if so, do the Government intend to renew the inquiry into the working of the Department, or to take any other course with reference thereto?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Complaints are still made, and it is my intention, at an early date, to bring the whole matter under the consideration of my colleagues.

- (5.) The Census:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

- (1.) When the Census will be laid upon the Table?
 (2.) What population, male and female, do the Returns exhibit from Bourke and Walgett?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—There has been already, or will be to-day, the main portion of the Census Returns laid upon the Table, namely :—Returns showing the whole population of New South Wales, divided into Census Districts ; a Return showing the population of the Electoral Districts, and the number of males in each, aged 21 and upwards, not including foreigners ; the population of the various Municipalities in the Colony ; alphabetical list of towns and villages of the Colony containing 100 persons and upwards—Sydney and Suburbs not being included. The compilation of the whole, which is the last portion of the work, I am informed is not likely to be completed until early in April next.

(2.) The Population of the district of Bourke is 1092 males, 416 females—in all 1508. Of Walgett, 1049 males, 396 females—in all 1445.

(6.) Amendment of the Marriage Law :—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—With reference to his Questions, numbered 2 on the Business Paper of Wednesday, February 8, 1871, and the Answers thereto, relating to Amendment of the Marriage Law,—

(1.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to fulfil the “intention of the Government,” as intimated by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary in his Answer to Question 1, “to introduce a measure for the Amendment of the Law relating to Marriage” ?

(2.) What has been the result of conferring with the Registrar General, and of bringing the matter under the consideration of the Government, as intimated in the Answer to Questions 3 and 4 ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government will, at a very early date, bring in this Bill, which will not be a very long one. It is the result of the inquiries we have made, including a conference with the Registrar General.

(7.) Travelling Expenses of the Judges :—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—When will the Papers relating to Travelling Expenses of Judges, and other matters connected with the Administration of Justice, asked for by a Resolution of this House, on November 18th, 1870, be laid upon the Table ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—They are now in the hands of my Honorable and Learned Colleague the Attorney General, and will immediately be laid upon the Table.

(8.) Necropolis at Haslem's Creek :—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Will the Papers relating to the Necropolis, ordered by this House on August 23rd, 1870, and since repeatedly promised by the Government, ever be laid upon the Table ?

(2.) If so, when ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I must confess that I was somewhat surprised at the delay in the preparation of these Papers, but on inquiring at the Treasury to-day I find that they are very voluminous, but are being proceeded with as rapidly as possible. As soon as completed they will be laid upon the Table.

(9.) Queensland Border Duties :—Mr. Samuel, on behalf of Mr. Fraser, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) What expense has been incurred by the Government connected with the collection of the Queensland Border Duties, up to date ?

(2.) What amount of Revenue has been derived since the establishment of these Border Duties ?

(3.) Have the Government made any attempt to come to an arrangement with the Queensland Government with a view to the establishment of free trade along the Northern Boundary ; and if so with what result ?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) £476 15s.

(2.) £233 10s. 2d.

(3.) I will lay upon the Table of the House a Paper bearing on the subject referred to by the Honorable Member.

2. BORDER DUTIES :—Mr. Jennings presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and certain inhabitants of the Town and District of Deniliquin, in Public Meeting assembled, praying that the proposal to ascertain the amount derived from the imposition of duties on goods crossing the Border from Victoria may be accepted, and that the said duties may not be re-imposed until such time as the Government of Victoria refuses to pay to New South Wales her just dues in this respect. Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

(1.) Sir James Martin laid upon the Table, Return to an Address in reference to “Business of Supreme and District Courts—Travelling Expenses of Judges and Crown Prosecutors,” adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, on 18th November, 1870. Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Lord laid upon the Table, Minutes respecting Customs Duties leviable on goods crossing from this Colony into Queensland, and *vice versa*. Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

(1.) By-laws of the Borough of Windsor.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Forbes.

(3.) Return (*in part*) to an Order in reference to “Population of the Colony,” made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Hart, on 1st June, 1871.

(4.) Regulations under Government Savings Bank Act of 1870.

(5.) Correspondence respecting a Book published by Captain Palmer, R.N., late Commander on the Australian Station of H.M.S. “Rosario,” entitled “Kidnapping in the South Seas.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. BORDER DUTIES ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on 21 November, from residents of Wagga Wagga, and the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Districts, relative to the Border Duties question, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. WILLIAM HENRY BEDELL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 21 November, from William Henry Bedell, relative to the admission of evidence in civil or criminal cases, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. BORDER DUTIES ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on 21 November, from William Threlkeld, of Hay, on the subject of Border Duties, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Richard Driver, Joseph Leary, James Henry Neale, and Robert Wisdom, Esquires, came to the Table, and were severally sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
8. BORDER DUTIES:—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves the steps taken at the Conference held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray.
Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Samuel, adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER.

Question:—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether all, or any, of the Judges receive free railway passes for themselves, horses, carriages, and servants?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
2. Public Roads Bill; second reading.
3. Border Duties:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Sir James Martin, "That this House approves the steps taken at the Conference held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray."
4. Import Entries Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; second reading.
6. Married Womens Property Bill (No. 1); second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JENNINGS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd November, from the Mayor, Aldermen, and certain residents of Deniliquin, relative to the Border Customs Duties, be printed.

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) By what authority the University of Sydney charges a fee of two pounds for examination of persons who are not University students, nor candidates for any of the degrees which the University is authorized to confer?
 - (2.) What becomes of the fees taken at the recent Civil Service examinations?
2. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has the Government taken any steps, and if so, what steps, to contradict or counteract the effects of the statement contained in a Book lately published by Captain Palmer, late of H.M.S. "Rosario," entitled "Kidnapping in the South Seas," to the effect that the Government of this Colony had placed difficulties in his way when conducting legal proceedings in the case of the "Daphne," seized for alleged Kidnapping in the South Seas?
 - (2.) What was the cost of the proceedings in question?
 - (3.) Has the Colony been reimbursed for the same by the Imperial Government?

3. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) What was the cost of the Commission appointed by the Government of this Colony, at the instance of the Imperial Government, to inquire into the question of alleged Kidnapping or Slavery in the South Seas?
 (2.) Has the Colony been reimbursed for the same by the Imperial Government; or if not, what steps have been, or are intended to be, taken by the Government of this Colony to obtain such reimbursement?
 (3.) What has been the result, if any, of such inquiry?
4. MR. HART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill, during the present Session, enabling persons requiring medical aid to distinguish qualified from unqualified medical practitioners?
- GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—
1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1); second reading.
 2. Married Womens Property Bill (No. 2); second reading.
 3. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
- NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—
1. MR. STEWART to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, by authorizing Magistrates to impose a smaller fine than ten pounds for unintentional violations of the third section of the 34th Victoria No. 20.
 2. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the Correspondence between the Imperial and the Colonial Governments, respecting the political position of Fiji.
 3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish the law of Copyright in this Colony.

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to the recommendation in the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of the late Mr. Thomas Smith, adopted by this House on the 2nd February, 1869?
2. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) Are the Government aware that some eight or ten months ago a promise was made that a new line of road should be surveyed between Harden and Murrumburrah, and that the District Surveyor has now for some time had instructions to make such survey, but has failed as yet to do so?
 (2.) Will the Secretary for Public Works state when this long promised survey will be made?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
 (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 (3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions:—
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 3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
 (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. HART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
3. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Justices of the Peace Bill; second reading.
3. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That as great inconvenience is experienced, particularly in the interior, through the necessity of persons having to keep two descriptions of stamps, one for postage and another for duty, this House is of opinion that stamps should be issued which could be used for both postage and duty, and that such stamps should not be more than two-thirds the size of the present penny postage stamp.
2. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the name, occupation, and residence of all persons appointed Magistrates of the Territory since the 1st January last, together with the names of the parties, if any, recommending such appointments.
3. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return showing the appointments to, and promotions in, the Civil Service, since the 1st January last, specifying the names of the persons appointed or promoted, the office, salary, and date of appointment; also a copy of the Correspondence and Minute of the Cabinet dealing with each case.
 - (2.) A similar Return relating to minor appointments, which by law is vested in Heads of Departments.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
2. Permissive Liquor Bill; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTION:—

- (1.) Free Railway Passes to the Judges:—Mr. Stewart asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether all, or any, of the Judges receive free railway passes for themselves, horses, carriages, and servants?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Yes, all the Judges receive free passes for themselves, horses, and carriages.

2. BATHURST GAS COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Samuel presented a Petition from John Newlands Wark, of Sydney, Engineer, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the city and suburbs of Bathurst, and providing for the incorporation of "The Bathurst Gas Company (Limited)."—
And Mr. Samuel having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Bathurst Times*, newspapers, containing notices, for four consecutive weeks in the month of October, 1871, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—
Petition received.
3. PAPERS:—Mr. Lord laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Abstracts of the Public Accounts of the Colony of New South Wales, for the year 1870.
 - (2.) Return to an Order in reference to "Mails *via* Suez," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Farnell, on 21st November, 1871.
 - (3.) Regulations under Customs Duties Act of 1871.
Ordered to be printed.
4. BORDER DUTIES:—Mr. Fallon presented a Petition from certain Graziers, Traders, Vinegrowers, Free Selectors, Artizans, and others, resident in the Albury and Corowa Districts, alleging that during the currency of the present Border Customs Treaty the prosperity and agricultural and commercial development of Riverina have largely increased, and that the re-imposition of duties on goods crossing the Border from Victoria would be detrimental to their interests; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration, with a view to relief in the premises.
Petition received.
5. BORDER DUTIES ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd November, from the Mayor, Aldermen, and certain residents of Deniliquin, relative to the Border Customs Duties, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. BLACKWATTLE BAY LAND RECLAMATION BILL:—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Piddington, adjourned (after Debate) until this day week.
7. PUBLIC ROADS BILL:—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Debate on this question adjourned (after Debate) until Wednesday next.

8. BORDER DUTIES:—The Debate, on the motion of Sir James Martin, "That this House approves the steps taken at the Conference held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray,"—resumed.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight—

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1871, A.M.,

Question put,—That this House approves the steps taken at the Conference held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 21.
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Flood,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Webb,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Bawden,		Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Terry,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Stewart.	Mr. Fallon,
Mr. Baker,		Mr. Lee,
		Mr. Fitzpatrick,
		Mr. Wisdom,
		Mr. W. Forster,
		Mr. Farnell,
		Mr. Butler,
		Mr. Jennings,
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Dillon,
		Mr. S. Brown.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at fifteen minutes after One o'clock, A.M., until Four o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER.

Questions:—

- MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) By what authority the University of Sydney charges a fee of two pounds for examination of persons who are not University students, nor candidates for any of the degrees which the University is authorized to confer?
(2.) What becomes of the fees taken at the recent Civil Service examinations?
- MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Has the Government taken any steps, and if so, what steps, to contradict or counteract the effects of the statement contained in a Book lately published by Captain Palmer, late of H.M.S. "Rosario," entitled "Kidnapping in the South Seas," to the effect that the Government of this Colony had placed difficulties in his way when conducting legal proceedings in the case of the "Daphne," seized for alleged Kidnapping in the South Seas?
(2.) What was the cost of the proceedings in question?
(3.) Has the Colony been reimbursed for the same by the Imperial Government?
- MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) What was the cost of the Commission appointed by the Government of this Colony, at the instance of the Imperial Government, to inquire into the question of alleged Kidnapping or Slavery in the South Seas?
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(3.) What has been the result, if any, of such inquiry?
- MR. HART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill, during the present Session, enabling persons requiring medical aid to distinguish qualified from unqualified medical practitioners?
- MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Has the Honorable the Postmaster General received a Petition from the inhabitants of Brewarrina, praying that an alteration may be made in the time-table so as to catch the outgoing mail to Wallgett?
(2.) Will the Honorable the Postmaster General cause any immediate steps to be taken to remedy this great evil?
- MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that an accident was occasioned to one of the new omnibuses the other day by some one maliciously removing the nut by which one of the hind wheels is kept in its place?
(2.) If the Colonial Secretary is not aware of this, will he make himself master of the facts, and if they bear out the above statement, will the Government offer a reward for the apprehension of the ruffian who could be guilty of such an act?

7. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—To whom was the ground known as the Old Carter's Barracks granted, and for what purpose?
8. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Will the Colonial Secretary inform the House of the number of Students at St. John's College at the present time?
 - (2.) Will the Colonial Secretary state the number of Professors of said College, and the salaries of each?
9. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE GOVERNMENT,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure during the present Session authorizing the payment of the representative Members of Parliament for their services?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1); second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, by authorizing Magistrates to impose a smaller fine than ten pounds for unintentional violations of the third section of the 34th Victoria No. 20.
2. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the Correspondence between the Imperial and the Colonial Governments, respecting the political position of Fiji.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish the law of Copyright in this Colony.
4. MR. FALLON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd November, from certain Graziers, Merchants, Vinegrowers, and others, in the Districts of Albury and Corowa, relative to the Border Customs, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Friendly Societies.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Import Entries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; second reading.
3. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); second reading.

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to the recommendation in the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of the late Mr. Thomas Smith, adopted by this House on the 2nd February, 1869?
2. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Are the Government aware that some eight or ten months ago a promise was made that a new line of road should be surveyed between Harden and Murrumburrah, and that the District Surveyor has now for some time had instructions to make such survey, but has failed as yet to do so?
 - (2.) Will the Secretary for Public Works state when this long promised survey will be made?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - (3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions:—
 1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
 2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
 3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
 - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. HART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
3. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
4. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst, and providing for the incorporation of the Bathurst Gas Company (Limited).

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Roads Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Justices of the Peace Bill; second reading.
3. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That as great inconvenience is experienced, particularly in the interior, through the necessity of persons having to keep two descriptions of stamps, one for postage and another for duty, this House is of opinion that stamps should be issued which could be used for both postage and duty, and that such stamps should not be more than two-thirds the size of the present penny postage stamp.
2. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the name, occupation, and residence of all persons appointed Magistrates of the Territory since the 1st January last, together with the names of the parties, if any, recommending such appointments.
3. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return showing the appointments to, and promotions in, the Civil Service, since the 1st January last, specifying the names of the persons appointed or promoted, the office, salary, and date of appointment; also a copy of the Correspondence and Minute of the Cabinet dealing with each case.
 - (2.) A similar Return relating to minor appointments, which by law is vested in Heads of Departments.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
2. Permissive Liquor Bill; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) University Fees :—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) By what authority the University of Sydney charges a fee of two pounds for examination of persons who are not University students, nor candidates for any of the degrees which the University is authorized to confer?

(2.) What becomes of the fees taken at the recent Civil Service examinations?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The Registrar of the University informs me that the authority upon which this charge is made is the By-laws of the University, made by the Governor and Executive Council.

(2.) On the same authority, I am informed that they are paid into the funds of the University.

- (2.) Kidnapping in the South Seas :—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has the Government taken any steps, and if so, what steps, to contradict or counteract the effects of the statement contained in a Book lately published by Captain Palmer, late of H.M.S. "Rosario," entitled "Kidnapping in the South Seas," to the effect that the Government of this Colony had placed difficulties in his way when conducting legal proceedings in the case of the "Daphne," seized for alleged Kidnapping in the South Seas?

(2.) What was the cost of the proceedings in question?

(3.) Has the Colony been reimbursed for the same by the Imperial Government?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The Crown Solicitor addressed a letter to His Excellency the Governor on the subject, so also has the present Colonial Secretary; those letters have been forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by His Excellency. Already a portion of the Papers is before Parliament, and ordered to be printed. I hope to be able to complete the subject by laying further Papers upon the Table of the House on Tuesday next.

(2.) The cost to the Government was £179 5s. 5d.

(3.) Yes. £100 by the Imperial Government, and £79 5s. 5d. by Captain Palmer.

- (3.) Kidnapping in the South Seas :—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) What was the cost of the Commission appointed by the Government of this Colony, at the instance of the Imperial Government, to inquire into the question of alleged Kidnapping or Slavery in the South Seas?

(2.) Has the Colony been reimbursed for the same by the Imperial Government; or if not, what steps have been, or are intended to be, taken by the Government of this Colony to obtain such reimbursement?

(3.) What has been the result, if any, of such inquiry?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) It is scarcely accurate to say that the Commission was appointed at the instance of the Home Government. What occurred was, that the Secretary for the Colonies asked this Government to make inquiries with a view to clear up and to reliably report as to the true state of that very objectionable trade. This Government, believing that they would best carry out the wishes of the Home Government, and at the same time meet the necessities of so grave and important a matter, appointed a Commission consisting of:—

<p>Samuel Bennett, Esq., The Honorable W. B. Dalley, Esq., John Fairfax, Esq., The Reverend J. D. Lang, D.D., F. Mitchell, Esq., J.P.,</p>	}	<p>J. L. Montefiore, Esq., Thomas S. Mort, Esq., C. Rolleston, Esq., and Charles Smith, Esq.,</p>
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all of this city. These gentlemen declined to accept remuneration; yet there was a cost of £169 2s. 4d., incurred mainly, if not wholly, for a Secretary and Shorthand Writer, and for printing.

(2.) No; the Imperial Government declined payment,—the plea assigned being that the Secretary of State requested only that inquiries should be made, and not that a Commission should be appointed.

(3.) The Report of the Commission is before this House, and ordered to be printed.

(4.) Medical Practitioners:—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill, during the present Session, enabling persons requiring medical aid to distinguish qualified from unqualified medical practitioners?

Mr. Robertson answered,—No.

(5.) Postal Time-table, Brewarrina:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Has the Honorable the Postmaster General received a Petition from the inhabitants of Brewarrina, praying that an alteration may be made in the time-table so as to catch the outgoing mail to Wallgett?

(2.) Will the Honorable the Postmaster General cause any immediate steps to be taken to remedy this great evil?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) A Petition was received in May last, from the inhabitants of Brewarrina and district, praying that the departure of the mails from Wallgett be delayed until the arrival of the mail from Brewarrina.

(2.) It is not intended to interfere with existing arrangements. In framing tables the Postmaster General has to consider the general interests in preference to those of the residents at one particular locality.

(6.) Omnibus Accident:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that an accident was occasioned to one of the new omnibuses the other day by some one maliciously removing the nut by which one of the hind wheels is kept in its place?

(2.) If the Colonial Secretary is not aware of this, will he make himself master of the facts, and if they bear out the above statement, will the Government offer a reward for the apprehension of the ruffian who could be guilty of such an act?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I was not aware of the occurrence until notice of this question. The Inspector General of Police informs me that he has had no complaint on the subject, but he has now ascertained that the driver of an omnibus on finding, in the presence of a policeman, that a nut was missing, made no charge of malice in the matter.

Mr. Buchanan withdrew Question No. 7.

(7.) St. John's College:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Will the Colonial Secretary inform the House of the number of Students at St. John's College at the present time?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary state the number of Professors of said College, and the salaries of each?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I am informed the number of Students in the present term, that of Michaelmas, is nine; that seven of them are resident, and two Under Graduates. There are also preparing to matriculate seven, and Under Graduates, left last term, two.

(2.) There is no Professor (*See University By-laws, Section 8*). There are, however, two officers, the Rector and Vice Rector. The Rector's salary, provided by Act of Parliament, £500 a year; and the Vice Rector's, paid from the private bequest of the late Archdeacon M'Encroe, averaging £90 per annum.

(8.) Payment of Members of Legislative Assembly:—Mr. Brookes asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure during the present Session authorizing the payment of the representative Members of Parliament for their services?

Sir James Martin answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce this measure during the present Session.

2. VOLUNTEER ADMISSION BILL:—Mr. W. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the admission of Volunteers*,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

3. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL :—Mr. W. Forster having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to regulate Cemeteries*,”—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 8th December.
4. RESERVES AT COOGEE BAY :—Mr. Lucas presented a Petition from the Trustees of the Reserves for Recreation at Coogee Bay, representing that the stand or place set apart for vehicles has been washed away, and that they consider the erection of a substantial sea-wall absolutely necessary to prevent further damage ; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
Petition received.
5. COPYRIGHT BILL (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill to establish the law of Copyright in this Colony.
Question put and passed.
6. BORDER DUTIES (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—*Mr. Jennings*, on behalf of Mr. Fallon, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by Mr. Fallon on 23rd November, from certain Graziers, Merchants, Vinegrowers, and others, in the Districts of Albury and Corowa, relative to the Border Customs, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—
(1.) Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Friendly Societies.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Sir James Martin having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Laws relating to Friendly Societies*,”—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
8. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION BILL (No. 1) :—Mr. Wearne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Stewart, the Debate on this question adjourned (after Debate) until Friday, 8th December.
9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of General Business postponed, as under :—
No. 2, by Mr. Windeyer, until Friday, 15th December.
No. 3, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday, 8th December.
10. STAMP DUTIES ACT :—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to (*amended*) Notice No. 1, That this House will, on Friday, 15th December, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34th Victoria No. 20.
Question put and passed.
11. POLITICAL POSITION OF FIJI :—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the Correspondence between the Imperial and the Colonial Governments, respecting the political position of Fiji.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. IMPORT ENTRIES REGULATION BILL,—on motion of Mr. Lord read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, on motion of Mr. Lord (*with the concurrence of the House*) that Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
13. DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL,—on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, on motion of Mr. Wilson (*with the concurrence of the House*) that Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-five minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. **MR. TUNKS** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to the recommendation in the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of the late Mr. Thomas Smith, adopted by this House on the 2nd February, 1869?
2. **MR. BAKER** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Are the Government aware that some eight or ten months ago a promise was made that a new line of road should be surveyed between Harden and Murrumburrah, and that the District Surveyor has now for some time had instructions to make such survey, but has failed as yet to do so?
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3. **MR. STEWART** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether it is customary to allow any of the Judges the exclusive use of a railway carriage for themselves and such friends as may accompany them?
 - (2.) If so, which of the Judges?
4. **MR. G. A. LLOYD** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Have the Government received a Petition for the incorporation of the Municipality of Hamilton?
 - (2.) Has the necessary time required expired?
 - (3.) If it has, does the Government intend to proclaim the said proposed Municipality, and when?
5. **MR. BAWDEN** to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What quantity of wine has been imported into this Colony from Melbourne, as the produce of New South Wales, during the year ending 30th September last.
 - (2.) What precautions are taken by the Government to prevent Victorian and South Australian wines being introduced by way of Melbourne into the seaports of this Colony as the produce of New South Wales?
6. **MR. WATSON** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders for the erection of Bridges over Fisher's and Castle's Creeks, the money for which was voted in March last?
 - (2.) When will tenders be called for?
7. **MR. WATSON** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is he aware that the Council of Education recently refused to grant a Certificate to the Roman Catholic School at Grenfell; if so, is their refusal in accordance with the spirit of the Public Schools Act or the Regulations framed thereunder?
8. **MR. BUCHANAN** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has any communication been received from the Municipal Council of Sydney, suggesting the co-operation of the Government in the appointment of a Special Commission to inquire into the Sewerage of the city and suburbs; if so, does the Government intend to take any steps in the matter, with the view to remedy the grievous nuisance now existing on the lower levels of the city, and the silting up of the harbour?
9. **MR. WATSON** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Has the Government had any communication with reference to the present dilapidated and unsafe state of the Court House and Gaol at Young; and if so, is it their intention to take action towards erecting a new Court House and Gaol, by placing a sum of money on the estimates for this purpose?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. **MR. MACLEAY** to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
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 1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
 2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
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 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
4. **MR. SAMUEL** to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst, and providing for the incorporation of the Bathurst Gas Company (Limited).

5. MR. WATSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, or other Documents which may have passed between the Postmaster General, the Post and Telegraph Master at Burrowa, and any other person or persons, relating to the removal of the Post and Telegraph Offices at Burrowa, and the appointment of Postmaster at the same place.
6. MR. LUCAS to move, That the Petition presented by him on 24th November, from the Trustees of certain Reserves at Coogee, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer degrees in certain cases without examination.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.
2. Import Entries Regulation Bill; third reading.
3. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; third reading.
4. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER.

Question:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—To whom was the ground known as the Old Carter's Barracks granted, and for what purpose?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Roads Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Friendly Societies Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER.

Question:—

1. MR. JENNINGS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether, in view of the hitherto imperfect system of keeping accounts of Imports and Exports at the Custom Houses on the Murray, and of the probability of a return to the system of an actual collection of duties, the Government will cause an inspection and examination of accounts of the Murray Custom Houses to be made by the Chief Collector of Customs, or some other competent officer, as soon as possible?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Justices of the Peace Bill; second reading.
3. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That as great inconvenience is experienced, particularly in the interior, through the necessity of persons having to keep two descriptions of stamps, one for postage and another for duty, this House is of opinion that stamps should be issued which could be used for both postage and duty, and that such stamps should not be more than two-thirds the size of the present penny postage stamp.
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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
2. Permissive Liquor Bill; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria, No. 20.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) The late Mr. Thomas Smith :—Mr. Tunks asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to the recommendation in the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of the late Mr. Thomas Smith, adopted by this House on the 2nd February, 1869?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Government are quite prepared to adopt the plan of converging lines for the reclamation of the mud flats in Pyrmont Bay, as originally proposed by the Government, and recommended in the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of the late Thomas Smith, but, inasmuch as nearly all the owners of waterside properties in the Bay are opposed to the arrangement, which they have petitioned against, Government do not feel that under the circumstances they would be justified in forcing on those persons an arrangement to which they have expressed themselves as averse. The case shall have the fullest and most favorable consideration from the Government, should there appear to be any prospect of a satisfactory arrangement being effected with the adjoining proprietors.

- (2.) Road between Harden and Murrumburrah :—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that some eight or ten months ago a promise was made that a new line of road should be surveyed between Harden and Murrumburrah, and that the District Surveyor has now for some time had instructions to make such survey, but has failed as yet to do so?

(2.) Will the Secretary for Public Works state when this long promised survey will be made?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Instructions respecting this and other roads in this locality were issued to the District Surveyor in July last, but, having been engaged on important duties elsewhere, he has been unable to report upon this matter, but states he will be able to deal with it within a month.

- (3.) Judges travelling by Railway :—Mr. Stewart asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Whether it is customary to allow any of the Judges the exclusive use of a railway carriage for themselves and such friends as may accompany them?

(2.) If so, which of the Judges?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—No, it is not customary, nor, upon inquiry, can anything be learned of such a case having occurred.

- (4.) Incorporation of Municipality of Hamilton :—Mr. Watson, on behalf of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Have the Government received a Petition for the incorporation of the Municipality of Hamilton?

(2.) Has the necessary time required expired?

(3.) If it has, does the Government intend to proclaim the said proposed Municipality, and when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes, almost immediately.

(5.)

(5.) Importation of Wine from Melbourne:—Mr. Bawden asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) What quantity of wine has been imported into this Colony from Melbourne, as the produce of New South Wales, during the year ending 30th September last.

(2.) What precautions are taken by the Government to prevent Victorian and South Australian wines being introduced by way of Melbourne into the seaports of this Colony as the produce of New South Wales?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) 15,921 gallons. This large quantity being in transit to Sydney was not treated by our officers on the Murray as an export to Victoria, and that goes far, I think, to reconcile their Returns with the statements recently made by the Honorable Member for the Hume, as to the quantity of wine sent across the Border into Victoria during 1870, a very large proportion of which, it is clear, was intended for our own home consumption.

(2.) In all cases certificates are produced that the wine so imported is the produce of New South Wales. These certificates are usually signed by one of the officers of the Customs, and in some instances by Magistrates of this Colony.

(6.) Bridges over Fisher's and Castle's Creeks:—Mr. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders for the erection of Bridges over Fisher's and Castle's Creeks, the money for which was voted in March last?

(2.) When will tenders be called for?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) The Road Superintendent has reported that there is a good causeway at Fisher's Creek. Tenders have not been invited, pending inspection by the Commissioner for Roads.

(2.) Tenders will be at once invited for Bridge at Castle's Creek.

(7.) Roman Catholic School, Grenfell:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—Is he aware that the Council of Education recently refused to grant a Certificate to the Roman Catholic School at Grenfell; if so, is their refusal in accordance with the spirit of the Public Schools Act or the Regulations framed thereunder?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Council of Education did recently refuse to grant a certificate to a Roman Catholic School at Grenfell. The certificate was refused, I understood from the Council of Education, in accordance with Article 10 of the Regulations of 8th March, 1869, framed under the Public Schools Act, which provides that "applicants for a certificate to a Denominational School must provide a schoolhouse sufficient in all respects for the purpose, and suitably furnished." No schoolhouse was provided.

(8.) Sewerage of the City and Suburbs:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—Has any communication been received from the Municipal Council of Sydney suggesting the co-operation of the Government in the appointment of a Special Commission to inquire into the Sewerage of the city and suburbs; if so, does the Government intend to take any steps in the matter, with the view to remedy the grievous nuisance now existing on the lower levels of the city, and the silting up of the harbour?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Such a communication was received, and is under the consideration of the Government.

(9.) Court House and Gaol at Young:—Mr. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—Has the Government had any communication with reference to the present dilapidated and unsafe state of the Court House and Gaol at Young; and if so, is it their intention to take action towards erecting a new Court House and Gaol, by placing a sum of money on the estimates for this purpose?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Yes, and they will as early as possible take the matter into consideration, and if found desirable, will authorize the erection of a new Gaol and Court House out of the General Vote for Gaols and Court Houses for 1872.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table a Despatch from the Secretary of State respecting insertion in Army List of names of Officers of Colonial Militia and Volunteers.

Ordered to be printed.

3. THOMAS WALKER:—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from Thomas Walker, late Denominational Schoolmaster at Cassilis, alleging that he has been for upwards of twenty-five years a Denominational Schoolmaster, and is now in the 72nd year of his age; that he has been superseded at Cassilis by a younger man;—and praying the House to take his case into consideration.
Petition received.

4. BATHURST GAS COMPANY'S BILL ("Formal" Motion):—

(1.) Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst, and providing for the incorporation of the Bathurst Gas Company (Limited).

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Samuel having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intitled "A Bill to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst and providing for the incorporation of The Bathurst Gas Company, (Limited),"—read a first time.

5. AD EUNDEM and HONORARY DEGREES BILL ("Formal" Motion):—

(1.) Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer degrees in certain cases without examination.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Windeyer having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without examination*,"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 6th December.

6. DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Wilson read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands*."
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th November, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Matthew Henry Stephen, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

8. INTERNAL COMMUNICATION:—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.

(2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.

(3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions:—

1. From Goulburn to Qucanbcyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
6. From Moama to Deniliquin.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Byrnes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until "this day fortnight."
Debate ensued.

Mr. Farnell moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the words "this day fortnight," with a view to inserting in their place the words "Friday next."

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed
Question then put,—That this Debate be now adjourned until this day fortnight.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Buchanan,	Tellers.
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Driver,	Tellers.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Fallon,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Church,	
Mr. Dillon,	
Mr. R. Forster,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. MOTION DROPPED:—Mr. Hart not making the Motion standing in his name No. 2, it dropped.
10. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Mr. Lucas withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 3.
11. MOTION DROPPED:—Mr. Watson not making the Motion standing in his name No. 5, it dropped.
12. RESERVES AT COOGEE BAY:—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on 24th November, from the Trustees of certain Reserves at Coogee, be printed.
Question put and passed.
13. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until to-morrow.
14. IMPORT ENTRIES REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Lord moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Flood moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of reconsidering clause 2."

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negated.

Question

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Church,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Terry.
Mr. Brookes,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,

Tellers.

Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then,—That this Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of reconsidering clause 2,—put and passed.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that *Mr. Piddington* do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole for this day only.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

The Deputy Chairman having reported the Bill 2^o with a further amendment,—on motion of Mr. Lord (*with the concurrence of the House*), that Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

15. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1) postponed, on motion of Mr. Windeyer, until to-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—To whom was the ground known as the Old Carter's Barracks granted, and for what purpose?
2. MR. R. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Will he state the names of the Districts in which it is proposed by the new Crown Land Bill to allow selection of Pastoral Homesteads?
3. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the reply to the Question put by Mr. Hoskins to the Colonial Treasurer, on the 16th instant, relating to the duties appertaining to the office of Colonial Storekeeper, be printed and distributed?
4. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the reply to the Question put by Mr. Hoskins to the Secretary for Public Works, on the 21st instant, relating to the tonnage of goods forwarded by the Railway, and the number of trucks used, be printed and distributed?
5. MR. WATSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to grant the prayer of the Petition, adopted at a Public Meeting held at Burrowa in September last, and presented to the Secretary for Public Works, praying that the Road between Gunning and Burrowa may be placed on the Schedule of Minor Roads as a third class Road, and that the Trustees named in such Petition may be gazetted as the Trustees thereof?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Roads Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Friendly Societies Bill; second reading.
3. Impounding Bill; second reading.
4. Import Entries Regulation Bill; third reading.
5. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); second reading.

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GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move,—
 - (1.) That the Bill to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst, and providing for the incorporation of "The Bathurst Gas Company, (Limited)"—be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Webb, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Dillon, and the Mover.
2. MR. TERRY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Commons.
3. MR. DODDS to move, That the Petition presented by him on 28th November, from Thomas Walker, relative to his long services as a Denominational Schoolmaster, be printed.

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. JENNINGS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether, in view of the hitherto imperfect system of keeping accounts of Imports and Exports at the Custom Houses on the Murray, and of the probability of a return to the system of an actual collection of duties, the Government will cause an inspection and examination of accounts of the Murray Custom Houses to be made by the Chief Collector of Customs, or some other competent officer, as soon as possible?
2. MR. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Return, ordered by this House on the 26th May last, be furnished, having reference to the disposal of the children admitted into the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, respectively?
3. MR. FALLON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What are the respective amounts which have been expended on the roads hereunder mentioned during the years 1869, 1870, and 1871—

	Miles.
From Albury to Adelong Crossing-place—Main Southern line	100
" " Waleragang—Upper Murray	100
" " Wentworth—Lower do.	480
" " Urana	85
" " Wagga Wagga	90
" Tarcutta to Narandera	100
" Kyamba to Wagga Wagga	35
" Little Billybong to Tumberumba	50
" Wentworth to Wilcania	250
" Wilcania to Bourke	200
" Echuca to Booligal	180

4. MR. LEARY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the information be given in reply to certain Questions put by him to the Colonial Secretary on the 28th of March last, relative to the expenditure of the grant of money for Public and Denominational Schools?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Whether an acre of land, opposite the Gaol at Darlinghurst, was vested in Trustees for the benefit of Destitute Females, by Sir Richard Bourke, in the year 1837?
 - (2.) What has been done in pursuance of the Trust?
 - (3.) How is the land now occupied?
 - (4.) Who are the acting Trustees?
2. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is it true that the Waratah Coal Company has made application to the Department of Lands to be allowed to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, sixty acres of land, more or less, known as the Pasturage Reserve, in the immediate locality of the Public School, Hambury, and within the Municipal boundaries of the recently incorporated Borough of Waratah?
 - (2.) Is it true that this Company has set up a claim to this land in fee simple, as compensation, or in lieu of some other land to which the said Waratah Company presumed itself to have been entitled?
 - (3.) If so, has such claim been entertained by the Government?
3. MR. JENNINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether, in view of the great importance of the Land Bill, and the deep interest taken by the whole community in the question, the Government would be willing to postpone the second reading of that measure for a month, so as to give persons residing at a distance a reasonable time to examine its provisions?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Justices of the Peace Bill; second reading.
3. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
 - (2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz.:—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
 - (3.) What portion (if any) to the following purposes, viz.:—The Public School, Hanbury; the School of Arts, Hanbury; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton; the Public School, Lambton; the School of Arts, Lambton; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.
2. MR. ECKFORD to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Maitland District Council and to repeal the Maitland Road Trust Acts.

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. JENNINGS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Whether any reply to the second Petition of the Riverine Council, sent by that body as an answer to the Sydney Cabinet's Minute on the original Petition for Separation, and delivered to His Excellency Sir John Young for transmission to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in July, 1866, has been received?
 - (2.) If so, will the Minister be good enough to lay a copy of it upon the Table of the House?
2. MR. LUCAS to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill early this Session to amend the Electoral Law, with a view to more equally divide the Electorates and the Representation of the people in this House?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That as great inconvenience is experienced, particularly in the interior, through the necessity of persons having to keep two descriptions of stamps, one for postage and another for duty, this House is of opinion that stamps should be issued which could be used for both postage and duty, and that such stamps should not be more than two-thirds the size of the present penny postage stamp.
2. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the name, occupation, and residence of all persons appointed Magistrates of the Territory since the 1st January last, together with the names of the parties, if any, recommending such appointments.
3. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return showing the appointments to, and promotions in, the Civil Service, since the 1st January last, specifying the names of the persons appointed or promoted, the office, salary, and date of appointment; also a copy of the Correspondence and Minute of the Cabinet dealing with each case.
 - (2.) A similar Return relating to minor appointments, which by law is vested in Heads of Departments.
4. MR. WEARNE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all persons employed under Government on the 6th day of December, 1871, whether appointed by the Executive Council or not, and that such Return embrace the following particulars, viz.:—Place of birth, religious persuasion, date of appointment, on whose recommendation or for what reason appointed, number of promotions and the reason for promotion in each case, number of suspensions and complaints in each case, office and salary to which first appointed, office and salary at present enjoyed, present age in each case.
5. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Frontage Mining Regulations, gazetted on the 25th August, and on the 10th October of the present year, have not remedied the defects which it is alleged previously existed in the Regulations relating to Frontage Leads, and that they are, most of them, injudicious, and were quite uncalled for.
6. MR. JENNINGS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government, before proceeding to collect Customs Duties on the Murray, should endeavour to effect an arrangement with the Government of Victoria to provide for the taking of an account by both Colonies, on the basis of existing tariffs of all imports and exports across or by way of the Murray to or from South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales, and that such account should be taken for a term of twelve months from the expiration of the present Treaty.
 - (2.) That the balance ascertained by the account so taken to be due to New South Wales by Victoria, and South Australia, shall be deemed to be the amount that this Colony is justly entitled to be paid.

(3.)

(3.) That an agreement should be entered into with the beforenamed Colonies for such further period as may be deemed expedient, on the understanding that a sum not less than the aforesaid ascertained balance be paid to this Colony yearly, from 2nd February proximo, the date of expiry of the present agreement.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

7. MR. MACLEAY to move,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.

(2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

8. MR. LUCAS to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Bill ; second reading.
2. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
2. Permissive Liquor Bill ; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2) ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
7. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.) ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Internal Communication ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
 - "(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - "(2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - "(3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions :—
 - "1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
 - "2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
 - "3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 - "4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 - "5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 - "6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
 - "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor."

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria, No. 20.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Old Carters Barracks:—*Mr. Stewart*, on behalf of *Mr. Buchanan*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—To whom was the ground known as the Old Carters Barracks granted, and for what purpose?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The ground in question was never granted, but that portion of Carters Barracks originally known as the Debtors Prison was in 1848 placed at the disposal of a Society, of which Archbishop Polding was President, for a Magdalen Asylum. That portion known as the Old House of Correction was at the same time placed at the disposal of the Female Refuge Society for a similar purpose, but a grant was refused to either party unless the two Societies amalgamated, as in the case of the Benevolent Asylum. The following is a paragraph in the Executive Council Minute of 19th December, 1848:—"The Council therefore recommend that that building, being the portion of Carters Barracks known as the Debtors Prison, which it appears has been already placed in the possession of, and repaired by, the parties in question, should be allowed to remain in their occupation, and that the Old House of Correction should be placed at the disposal of the Female Refuge Society. This arrangement for the accommodation of the two Societies is sanctioned by the Council, in the earnest hope that the juxtaposition of their establishments, and the obvious advantage which would arise from their coalition as regards economy of management, will speedily lead to their union. The Council, however, think it necessary to state that they cannot advise as a permanent measure the adoption of an arrangement based upon the present division of the two Institutions; and they therefore recommend that both parties should be distinctly informed that, in allowing the use of the buildings which it is proposed to assign to them respectively, the Government does not make, nor intend to make, a final surrender of them to either party exclusively, but that, in the event of a coalition taking place between the two Societies, the Government will be prepared to make a permanent grant of the whole of the land for the purposes of the united Society."

The remainder of the site of Carters Barracks is occupied by the Mounted Police.

Mr. R. Forster not asking Question No. 2, it dropped.

- (2.) The Colonial Storekeeper:—*Mr. Hoskins* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—When will the reply to the Question put by *Mr. Hoskins* to the Colonial Treasurer, on the 16th instant, relating to the duties appertaining to the office of Colonial Storekeeper, be printed and distributed?

Mr. Lord answered,—Copies will be furnished for distribution to-day.

- (3.) Goods Traffic—Southern and Western Railway:—*Mr. Hoskins* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the reply to the Question put by *Mr. Hoskins* to the Secretary for Public Works, on the 21st instant, relating to the tonnage of goods forwarded by the Railway, and the number of trucks used, be printed and distributed?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The reply has been printed, and is, I am informed, in course of circulation.

(4.)

(4.) Road between Gunning and Burrowa:—Mr. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Is it the intention of the Government to grant the prayer of the Petition, adopted at a Public Meeting held at Burrowa in September last, and presented to the Secretary for Public Works, praying that the Road between Gunning and Burrowa may be placed on the Schedule of Minor Roads as a third class Road, and that the Trustees named in such Petition may be gazetted as the Trustees thereof?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Road will be put on Schedule as fourth class Road. As there is an officer of the department at Yass, it is not thought necessary to transfer charge to Trustees.

2. IMPORT ENTRIES REGULATION BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the law regulating the time allowed for entering Imported Goods.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law regulating the time allowed for entering Imported Goods,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th November, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

3. BATHURST GAS COMPANY'S BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Samuel, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) That the Bill to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst, and providing for the incorporation of "The Bathurst Gas Company, (Limited)"—be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Webb, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Dillon, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. COMMONS REGULATION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Commons.

Question put and passed.

5. THOMAS WALKER (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on 23th November, from Thomas Walker, relative to his long services as a Denominational Schoolmaster, be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. COMMONS REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Terry having *presented* this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Commons,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 8th December.

7. PUBLIC ROADS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "*That this Bill be now read a second time,*"—having been read,—

And the Debate not being resumed,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill, and that Mr. Piddington do act as Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for this day only.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, That the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL,—on motion of Mr. Windeyer, read a second time.

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

The Deputy Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments,—on motion of Mr. Windeyer (*with the concurrence of the House*) that Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at five minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. JENNINGS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether, in view of the hitherto imperfect system of keeping accounts of Imports and Exports at the Custom Houses on the Murray, and of the probability of a return to the system of an actual collection of duties, the Government will cause an inspection and examination of accounts of the Murray Custom Houses to be made by the Chief Collector of Customs, or some other competent officer, as soon as possible?
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" Wilcania to Bourke	... 200
" Echuca to Booligal	... 180

4. MR. LEARY *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the information be given in reply to certain Questions put by him to the Colonial Secretary on the 28th of March last, relative to the expenditure of the grant of money for Public and Denominational Schools?
5. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will John Hatton, the late Schoolmaster at Cockatoo Island, whose services were dispensed with on the breaking up of that establishment, get another appointment?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Public Roads Bill reported; adoption of Report.
3. Friendly Societies Bill; third reading.
4. Impounding Bill; second reading.
5. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); second reading.

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Whether an acre of land, opposite the Gaol at Darlinghurst, was vested in Trustees for the benefit of Destitute Females, by Sir Richard Bourke, in the year 1837?
 - (2.) What has been done in pursuance of the Trust?
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 - (1.) Is it true that the Waratah Coal Company has made application to the Department of Lands to be allowed to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, sixty acres of land, more or less, known as the Pasturage Reserve, in the immediate locality of the Public School, Hanbury, and within the Municipal boundaries of the recently incorporated Borough of Waratah?
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GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Justices of the Peace Bill; second reading.
3. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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NOTICES

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 - (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
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 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.
2. MR. ECKFORD to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Maitland District Council and to repeal the Maitland Road Trust Acts.

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. JENNINGS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Whether any reply to the second Petition of the Riverine Council, sent by that body as an answer to the Sydney Cabinet's Minute on the original Petition for Separation, and delivered to His Excellency Sir John Young for transmission to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in July, 1866, has been received?
 - (2.) If so, will the Minister be good enough to lay a copy of it upon the Table of the House?
2. MR. LUCAS to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill early this Session to amend the Electoral Law, with a view to more equally divide the Electorates and the Representation of the people in this House?
3. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Have the Government determined to form Reserves for stock travelling on the line of road from Seville's Range, in the Liverpool Plains District, to Jerry's Plains, in compliance with a written application made to the Secretary for Lands last Session, signed by six representatives of Northern Constituencies?
 - (2.) If so, will the Secretary for Lands be good enough to state where it is intended such Reserves should be formed or proclaimed, and the area and boundaries of such Reserves?
4. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What amount of freight was chargeable each week, during the months of August, September, and October, 1870, for the conveyance of every description of goods, including hides, bark, lime, and coal, forwarded from the Redfern to the South Creek Railway Station?
 - (2.) What amount of freight was chargeable each week, during the months of August, September, and October, 1871, for the conveyance of every description of goods, including hides, bark, lime, and coal, forwarded from the Redfern to the South Creek Railway Station?
 - (3.) What amount of freight was chargeable each week, during the months of August, September, and October, 1870, for the conveyance of every description of goods, agricultural and pastoral produce, and live stock, forwarded from the South Creek Railway Station?
 - (4.) What amount of freight was chargeable each week, during the months of August, September, and October, 1871, for the conveyance of every description of goods, agricultural and pastoral produce, and live stock, forwarded from the South Creek Railway Station?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That as great inconvenience is experienced, particularly in the interior, through the necessity of persons having to keep two descriptions of stamps, one for postage and another for duty, this House is of opinion that stamps should be issued which could be used for both postage and duty, and that such stamps should not be more than two-thirds the size of the present penny postage stamp.
2. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the name, occupation, and residence of all persons appointed Magistrates of the Territory since the 1st January last, together with the names of the parties, if any, recommending such appointments.
3. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return showing the appointments to, and promotions in, the Civil Service, since the 1st January last, specifying the names of the persons appointed or promoted, the office, salary, and date of appointment; also a copy of the Correspondence and Minute of the Cabinet dealing with each case.
 - (2.) A similar Return relating to minor appointments, which by law is vested in Heads of Departments.

4. MR. WEARNE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all persons employed under Government on the 6th day of December, 1871, whether appointed by the Executive Council or not, and that such Return embrace the following particulars, viz. :—Place of birth, religious persuasion, date of appointment, on whose recommendation or for what reason appointed, number of promotions and the reason for promotion in each case, number of suspensions and complaints in each case, office and salary to which first appointed, office and salary at present enjoyed, present age in each case.
5. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Frontage Mining Regulations, gazetted on the 25th August, and on the 10th October of the present year, have not remedied the defects which it is alleged previously existed in the Regulations relating to Frontage Leads, and that they are, most of them, injudicious, and were quite uncalled for.
6. MR. JENNINGS to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government, before proceeding to collect Customs Duties on the Murray, should endeavour to effect an arrangement with the Government of Victoria to provide for the taking of an account by both Colonies, on the basis of existing tariffs of all imports and exports across or by way of the Murray to or from South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales, and that such account should be taken for a term of twelve months from the expiration of the present Treaty.
 - (2.) That the balance ascertained by the account so taken to be due to New South Wales by Victoria, and South Australia, shall be deemed to be the amount that this Colony is justly entitled to be paid.
 - (3.) That an agreement should be entered into with the beforonamed Colonies for such further period as may be deemed expedient, on the understanding that a sum not less than the aforesaid ascertained balance be paid to this Colony yearly, from 2nd February proximo, the date of expiry of the present agreement.
 - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
- (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. LUCAS to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
9. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
- (1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows :—
 1. That in future the legal celebration and registration of Marriages shall be confined exclusively to Registrars appointed by the Government, and for whose appointment the Government would be responsible, and that no Marriage shall be valid without registration by one or other of such Registrars.
 2. That the legal celebration of Marriages should be permitted only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
 3. That every Registrar should be paid by a fixed salary, and should not be allowed to supplement the same by any special charge, or to be paid or receive any fee for the legal celebration or registration of any Marriage.
 4. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, should precede the legal celebration and registration of every Marriage.
 5. That in any case where inquiry may appear necessary, the Registrar should be empowered to insist on the production of additional evidence, to summon and examine witnesses, and to postpone a Marriage with a view to such inquiry.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Bill ; second reading.
 2. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
2. Permissive Liquor Bill ; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); 'adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
7. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.) ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
9. Commons Regulation Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced.
2. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Internal Communication ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
 - " (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - " (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - " (3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions:—
 - " 1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
 - " 2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
 - " 3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 - " 4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 - " 5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 - " 6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
 - " (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor."

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria, No. 20.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Border Duties:—Mr. Jennings asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether, in view of the hitherto imperfect system of keeping accounts of Imports and Exports at the Custom Houses on the Murray, and of the probability of a return to the system of an actual collection of duties, the Government will cause an inspection and examination of accounts of the Murray Custom Houses to be made by the Chief Collector of Customs, or some other competent officer, as soon as possible?

Mr. Lord answered,—The Government, on the 24th October last, issued instructions to all Collectors on the Borders to have proper records kept by them, from 1st November instant to 31st January, 1872, of the value for duty of all Imports and Exports by way of or across the Murray. The question of sending the Collector of Customs to the Border is under consideration.

Mr. Tunks withdrew Question No. 2.

(2.) Expenditure on Roads:—Mr. Fallon asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What are the respective amounts which have been expended on the Roads hereunder mentioned during the years 1869, 1870, and 1871—

	Miles.
From Albury to Adelong Crossing-place—Main Southern line	100
" " Waleragang—Upper Murray	100
" " Wentworth—Lower do.	430
" " Urana	85
" " Wagga Wagga	90
" Tarcutta to Narandera	100
" Kyamba to Wagga Wagga	35
" Little Billybong to Tumberumba	50
" Wentworth to Wilcania	250
" Wilcania to Bourke	200
" Echuca to Booligal	180

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

	Miles.	1869.		1870.		1871.		Total	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
From Albury to Adelong Crossing-place—Main Southern line	100	2,407	5 1	970	5 5	1,590	0 0	4,967	10 6
" Albury to Waleragang—Upper Murray	100	No expenditure asked for.							
" " Wentworth—Lower do.	430	1,048	4 8	504	15 0	733	3 0	2,286	2 8
" " Urana	85	42	0 0	90	0 0	90	0 0	222	0 0
" " Wagga Wagga	90	530	10 8	524	7 4	473	0 0	1,527	18 0
" Tarcutta to Narandera	100	1,048	17 4	352	5 0	1,568	9 9	2,969	12 1
" Kyamba to Wagga Wagga	35	No expenditure required or asked for.							
" Little Billybong to Tumberumba	50	210	0 0	210	0 0	210	0 0	630	0 0
" Wentworth to Wilcania	250	375	10 2	659	12 6	1,160	4 7	2,195	7 3
" Wilcania to Bourke	200	Nothing required or asked for.							
" Echuca to Booligal	180	986	2 11	2,956	3 6	7,000	6 10	10,942	13 3

Including cost of Bridges.

On the Road Booligal to Wilcania, £4,430 4s. 4d. have been expended in sinking wells and making tanks.

- (3.) Public Schools :—Mr. Leary asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the information be given in reply to certain Questions put by him to the Colonial Secretary on the 28th of March last, relative to the expenditure of the grant of money for Public and Denominational Schools ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The information alluded to was laid on the Table of this House on the 15th June, 1871. (See Votes and Proceedings, No. 155, Volume 1 of Session 1870-71.)

- (4.) John Hatton, late Schoolmaster at Cockatoo Island :—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—When will John Hatton, the late Schoolmaster at Cockatoo Island, whose services were dispensed with on the breaking up of that establishment, get another appointment ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Mr. Hatton's situation having been abolished, he received the gratuity authorized by law for having lost it. I have not on that account been unwilling to employ him, although certainly his claim was set aside, but there has been no suitable appointment open that I could offer him.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the present Gold Fields Act and Regulations of New South Wales, and into the best means of securing a permanent Water Supply for the Gold Fields of the Colony.
Ordered to be printed.
3. ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL, GRENPELL :—Mr. Baker presented a Petition from the Roman Catholics of Grenfell, respecting the refusal by the Council of Education to grant a Certificate to this School ; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
Petition received.
4. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1872, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1871, AND PREVIOUS YEARS :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message, No. 1.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th Clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of this Government for the Year 1872, with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1871 and previous Years.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1871.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates.

5. BLACKWATTLE BAY LAND RECLAMATION BILL :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—having been read,—
And the Debate not being resumed,—
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
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The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. PUBLIC ROADS BILL :—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill adopted.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, as follows :—
No. 3, by Mr. Windeyer, until Wednesday next.
No. 4, by Mr. Wilson, to follow after Order No. 5.
8. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL (No. 1.) :—Mr. Windeyer moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. R. Forster moved, That the Debate on this Question be adjourned until Friday, 15th December.
Debate ensued.
Motion for adjournment of Debate, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question stated.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Windeyer the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
9. IMPOUNDING BILL :—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, the Debate on this Question adjourned (after Debate) until Thursday, 14th December.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

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5. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to Crown Lands included in Water Reserves leased to pastoral or any other tenants,—
 - (1.) Are the rights of such tenants admitted by the Government to the same extent as over other Crown Lands not included in such Reserves?
 - (2.) Otherwise, to what extent are such rights admitted?

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8. MR. LUCAS to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
9. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
- (1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows :—
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 4. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, should precede the legal celebration and registration of every Marriage.
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 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading:

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. BAKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the general unsuitableness of the Court House recently erected at Grenfell?
 - (2.) Has the Minister for Works yet considered the Petition of the Bench of Magistrates at Grenfell, wherein they recommend that the contemplated repairs and alterations in the Court House and Post Office at that town should not be made, but that the new Court House should be used as a Post Office, and a new Court House be built?
 - (3.) Will the Minister state what he contemplates doing in reference to the matters referred to in the Questions just asked?
2. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What amount was chargeable as freight during the months of August, September, and October, 1870, for the conveyance of sleepers, permanent way materials, and stores, forwarded from the various Stations on the Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways, to the Contractors for Nos. 7 and 8 Contract, Great Western Railway?
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LORD to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor's Message No. 1, with the accompanying Estimates, be referred thereto.
2. MR. LORD to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.
2. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
3. Friendly Societies Bill; third reading.
4. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
2. Permissive Liquor Bill; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Commons Regulation Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced.
2. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
 - "(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - "(2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - "(3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions:—
 - "1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
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 - "3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 - "4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 - "5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 - "6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
 - "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor."

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria, No. 20.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land opposite Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Stewart asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) Whether an acre of land, opposite the Gaol at Darlinghurst, was vested in Trustees for the benefit of Destitute Females, by Sir Richard Bourke, in the year 1837?
- (2.) What has been done in pursuance of the Trust?
- (3.) How is the land now occupied?
- (4.) Who are the acting Trustees?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

- (1.) Yes. The Trustees were John Joseph Therry, John McEnroe, John Hubert Plunkett, Roger Therry, John Edye Manning, William Macpherson.
- (2.) In consequence, probably, of the use of a portion of Carters Barracks having been authorized for a like purpose, the land has never been used for the purpose for which it was granted.
- (3.) A cottage has been built on the land, which has been used for many years past as a Home and Registry Office for Domestic Servants.
- (4.) The whole of the original Trustees are now dead, with the exception of Sir Roger Therry, who has left the Colony. The Registry Office is reported to be under the control of the "Presbytery of the Sacred Heart Church."

Mr. Brookes withdrew Question No. 2.

- (2.) Crown Lands Bill:—Mr. Jennings asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Whether, in view of the great importance of the Land Bill, and the deep interest taken by the whole community in the question, the Government would be willing to postpone the second reading of that measure for a month, so as to give persons residing at a distance a reasonable time to examine its provisions?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Having taken some pains to ascertain the wishes of Honorable Members on both sides of the House as to the propriety of this postponement, the Government is of opinion that it will not be advisable to proceed with the second reading of this Bill on Wednesday next.

- (3.) Orphan Schools:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the Return, ordered by this House on the 16th May last, be furnished, having reference to the disposal of the children admitted into the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, respectively?

Mr. Robertson answered,—These Returns have been several times applied for by the Government, and I believe now will be very speedily in my hands. So soon as I get them, I will lay them upon the Table of the House.

- (4.) Crown Lands included in Water Reserves:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—With reference to Crown Lands included in Water Reserves leased to pastoral or any other tenants,—

- (1.) Are the rights of such tenants admitted by the Government to the same extent as over other Crown Lands not included in such Reserves?
- (2.) Otherwise, to what extent are such rights admitted?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Yes, as regards the lands reserved from sale only.

2. PAPERS :—

(1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, in reference to "Crown Lands Statistics," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Farnell, on 7th February, 1871.
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

(1.) Statistical Register of New South Wales, for the year 1870.

(2.) Return to an Address in reference to "Volunteer Artillery.—Complaints against Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. S. Brown, on 21st November, 1871.

(3.) Despatch from the Secretary of State respecting Colonial Tariffs.
Ordered to be printed.

3. MOTION WITHDRAWN :—Mr. Brookes withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 1.

4. MAITLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL DISSOLUTION BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—

(1.) Mr. Eckford moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Maitland District Council and to repeal the Maitland Road Trust Acts.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Eckford having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to dissolve the Maitland District Council and to repeal the Maitland Road Trust Acts,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 15th December.

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Speaker.

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8. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE BILL :—Mr. R. Forster moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Dillon moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the word "now," with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Clarke,
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Mr. W. Forster,	Tellers.
Mr. Jennings,	
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Buchanan,	
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Mr. Smith,	
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Mr. Driver,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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9. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, until Friday, 22nd December.
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- The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 22nd December.
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W. M. ARNOLD,
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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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 (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.

9. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—

(1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows :—

1. That in future the legal celebration and registration of Marriages shall be confined exclusively to Registrars appointed by the Government, and for whose appointment the Government would be responsible, and that no Marriage shall be valid without registration by one or other of such Registrars.
2. That the legal celebration of Marriages should be permitted only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
3. That every Registrar should be paid by a fixed salary, and should not be allowed to supplement the same by any special charge, or to be paid or receive any fee for the legal celebration or registration of any Marriage.
4. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, should precede the legal celebration and registration of every Marriage.
5. That in any case where inquiry may appear necessary, the Registrar should be empowered to insist on the production of additional evidence, to summon and examine witnesses, and to postpone a Marriage with a view to such inquiry.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. BAKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the general unsuitableness of the Court House recently erected at Grenfell ?

(2.) Has the Minister for Works yet considered the Petition of the Bench of Magistrates at Grenfell, wherein they recommend that the contemplated repairs and alterations in the Court House and Post Office at that town should not be made, but that the new Court House should be used as a Post Office, and a new Court House be built ?

(3.) Will the Minister state what he contemplates doing in reference to the matters referred to in the Questions just asked ?

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(1.) What amount was chargeable as freight during the months of August, September, and October, 1870, for the conveyance of sleepers, permanent way materials, and stores, forwarded from the various Stations on the Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways, to the Contractors for Nos. 7 and 8 Contract, Great Western Railway ?

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3. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

(1.) Is it true that the Waratah Coal Company has made application to the Department of Lands to be allowed to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, sixty acres of land, more or less, known as the Pasturage Reserve, in the immediate locality of the Public School, Hanbury, and within the Municipal boundaries of the recently incorporated Borough of Waratah ?

(2.) Is it true that this Company has set up a claim to this land in fee simple, as compensation, or in lieu of some other land to which the said Waratah Company presumed itself to have been entitled ?

(3.) If so, has such claim been entertained by the Government ?

4. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

(1.) Has the Secretary for Lands received any communications from any person or persons, directing his attention to the fact that the Waratah Coal Company had failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the Lands Occupation Act, on certain lands taken up by the said Company in the immediate vicinity of the New Lambton Colliery, and of their having made none of the stipulated improvements thereon ?

(2.) If so, did the person or persons in question demand that the said lands should be put up to public auction, in accordance with the provisions of the Lands Occupation Act ?

(3.) Has the Secretary for Lands complied with this demand ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LORD to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor's Message No. 1, with the accompanying Estimates, be referred thereto.
2. MR. LORD to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

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1. Crown Lands Bill ; second reading.
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GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
 - (2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz:—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
 - (3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz:—The Public School, Hanbury; the School of Arts, Hanbury; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton; the Public School, Lambton; the School of Arts, Lambton; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
2. Permissive Liquor Bill; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Commons Regulation Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced.
2. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.
3. MR. WEBB to move,—
 - (1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
 - (2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
 - "(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - "(2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - "(3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions:—
 - "1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
 - "2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
 - "3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 - "4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 - "5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 - "6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
 - "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor."

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, " That this Bill be now read a second time."
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FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
 3. Stamp Duties Act :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria, No. 20.
 4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
 5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 6. Justices of the Peace Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. R. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Papers and Documents in relation to the application made to the Council of Education for grant of a certificate, under the Act, to the Roman Catholic Denominational School at Grenfell.
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FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 2. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Separation of Riverina:—Mr. Jennings asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Whether any reply to the second Petition of the Riverine Council, sent by that body as an answer to the Sydney Cabinet's Minute on the original Petition for Separation, and delivered to His Excellency Sir John Young for transmission to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in July, 1866, has been received?

(2.) If so, will the Minister be good enough to lay a copy of it upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—No reply has been received.

- (2.) Amendment of the Electoral Law:—Mr. Lucas asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill early this Session to amend the Electoral Law, with a view to more equally divide the Electorates and the Representation of the people in this House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill of this kind.

- (3.) Reserves for Travelling Stock:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Have the Government determined to form Reserves for stock travelling on the line of road from Seville's Range, in the Liverpool Plains District, to Jerry's Plains, in compliance with a written application made to the Secretary for Lands last Session, signed by six representatives of Northern Constituencies?

(2.) If so, will the Secretary for Lands be good enough to state where it is intended such Reserves should be formed or proclaimed, and the area and boundaries of such Reserves?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Reserves for the purpose indicated, and in accordance with the application referred to, have been approved by the Executive Council, and are notified in this day's *Government Gazette*.

- (4.) Goods Traffic, South Creek Railway Station:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) What amount of freight was chargeable each week, during the months of August, September, and October, 1870, for the conveyance of every description of goods, including hides, bark, lime, and coal, forwarded from the Redfern to the South Creek Railway Station?

(2.) What amount of freight was chargeable each week, during the months of August, September, and October, 1871, for the conveyance of every description of goods, including hides, bark, lime, and coal, forwarded from the Redfern to the South Creek Railway Station?

(3.) What amount of freight was chargeable each week, during the months of August, September, and October, 1870, for the conveyance of every description of goods, agricultural and pastoral produce, and live stock, forwarded from the South Creek Railway Station?

(4.) What amount of freight was chargeable each week, during the months of August, September, and October, 1871, for the conveyance of every description of goods, agricultural and pastoral produce, and live stock, forwarded from the South Creek Railway Station?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be found in the Return which I will presently lay upon the Table.

(5.)

(5.) Magistrates at Newcastle:—*Mr. Wearne*, on behalf of *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 5.—

(1.) Has he received a communication from the Mayor of the Borough of Newcastle, calling attention to the fact that the resident Justices in that City had decided not to hear and determine any cases brought before them for any violation of the provisions of the Act 2 Vic. No. 2, or of the By-laws of the Corporation; on the ground that the penalties recovered are paid to the Municipality, and the Magistrates being ratepayers are interested in the result?

(2.) If so, what steps does the Honorable Gentleman propose to take in the matter?

Sir James Martin answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) There is a Bill before the House, the object of which is to remedy the grievance complained of. This Bill the Government intend to support.

(6.) Cowper Wharf:—*Mr. Stewart* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Whether the next lessee of Cowper Wharf will be restricted from placing obstructions on the roadway behind the Wharf?

Mr. Lord answered,—Yes. I may inform the Honorable Member that the Wharf has been this day leased for a term of three years, at £405 per annum, being an annual increase of £255, as compared with the rent for the last five years.

(7.) Great Western Railway—No. 7 Section:—*Mr. Webb* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) When did the contract time for the completion of No. 7 Section on the Great Western Railway expire?

(2.) At what date will the first extension of time expire, or has it already expired; if so, when?

(3.) Has the Contractor asked for a further extension of time; if so, what time has he asked for, and is it the intention of the Government to grant it, or any further extension of time?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) 31st December, 1870.

(2.) 30th September, 1871.

(3.) The Contractor requested an extension of time to the 30th April next, which was granted.

(8.) Great Western Railway—No. 8 Section:—*Mr. Webb* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) When did the contract time for the completion of No. 8 Section on the Great Western Railway expire?

(2.) At what date will the first extension of time expire, or has it already expired; if so, when?

(3.) Has the Contractor asked for a further extension of time; if so, what time has he asked for, and is it the intention of the Government to grant it, or any further extension of time?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) 31st December, 1870.

(2.) 30th September, 1871.

(3.) Yes; he requested a further extension of time to the 31st March, 1872. An extension to 31st January only was granted.

(9.) Great Western Railway—No. 9 Section:—*Mr. Webb* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—What is the contract time for the completion of No. 9 Section on the Great Western Railway, and on what date does it expire?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Twelve months; expires on the 31st March, 1872.

(10.) Bridge over the Tumut, at Brungle:—*Mr. Macleay* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—Is it his intention to give the farmers and others resident on the lower portion of the Tumut any assistance in the erection of a bridge over that river at Brungle, so as to afford direct access to the Great Southern Road at Gundagai?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Bridge at Brungle was applied for in 1869—the inhabitants offering to contribute £250. The work has been several times brought under the notice of the Government, but as the proposed local contributions were but one-fourth of the probable cost of the Bridge, and no more recent application having been made, the sum was not placed on Estimates. If the inhabitants are prepared to contribute one-third of probable cost I will recommend the subject to the favourable consideration of the Government.

(11.) Battle Bridge—Parramatta Road:—*Mr. Hill* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—If he is aware that a Bridge on the Parramatta Road, known as Battle Bridge, is almost impassable and dangerous; if so, what steps are the Government taking to repair the Bridge?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Bridge referred to has not been reported dangerous; but if funds can be spared from the tolls for this road, a new Bridge will be built in 1872.

(12.) Electorate of the Clarence:—*Mr. Bawden* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill to divide the Electorate of the Clarence, and to provide it with additional representation?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government will introduce a Bill of the kind this Session, and at a very early date.

(13.) Amendment of the Distillation Act:—*Mr. Bawden* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 13,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Distillation Act?

Mr. Lord answered,—A Bill is being prepared, and will probably be introduced during the present Session.

2. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—*Mr. W. Forster* withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 9.

3. **PAPER** :—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table a Comparative Return of Freight from Sydney to South Creek Railway Station, for August, September, and October, 1870 and 1871; and a similar Return of Freight from South Creek to Sydney Station, for the same period.
Ordered to be printed.
4. **JOHN CROSS** :—Mr. Bawden presented a Petition from John Cross, of the Woolshed, near Bundarra, Farmer, respecting the cancellation of a Conditional Purchase made by him on the Woolshed Run, near Bundarra; and praying the House to inquire into the matter.
Petition received.
5. **PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL** :—Mr. Byrnes presented a Petition from the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Directors of the Parramatta Gas Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited),—
And Mr. Byrnes having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Cumberland Times*, and the *Cumberland Mercury*, newspapers, containing notices, for four consecutive weeks, in the months of October, and November, 1871, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—
Petition received.
6. **LODER'S ESTATE BILL** :—Mr. Hart presented a Petition from Joshua Dowe, of Tamworth, Doctor of Medicine, and Andrew Loder, of Colly Creek, grazier, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the executors of the will of James Mein Loder, deceased, to sell a certain sheep station or run called "North Quirindi" or "Currindi Creek," being part of the estate of the said James Mein Loder, and to invest the money to arise from such sale for the benefit of the parties interested in the said Station under the said Will,—
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Petition received.
7. **FUTURE GOVERNORS SALARIES REDUCTION BILL** :—Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors*,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 22nd December.
8. **MOTION WITHDRAWN** :—Mr. Macleay withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 7.
9. **POSTAGE AND DUTY STAMPS** :—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That as great inconvenience is experienced, particularly in the interior, through the necessity of persons having to keep two descriptions of stamps, one for postage and another for duty, this House is of opinion that stamps should be issued which could be used for both postage and "duty," and that such stamps should not be more than two-thirds the size of the present penny postage stamp.
Debate ensued.
Mr. W. Forster moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting therefrom all the words after the word "duty," in the 4th line.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Main Question then put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Smith,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Wearne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 24.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Fallon,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Jennings,
Mr. Eckford,	
Mr. King,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Samuel.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. **MOTIONS WITHDRAWN** :—The undermentioned Motions on the Notice Paper for to-day were withdrawn by the Members named :—
No. 8, by Mr. Lucas.
Nos. 2 and 3, by Mr. Hart.
No. 4, by Mr. Wearne.
11. **GOLD MINING REGULATIONS** :—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That in the opinion of this House the Frontage Mining Regulations, gazetted on the 25th August, and on the 10th October of the present year, have not remedied the defects which it is alleged previously existed in the Regulations relating to Frontage Leads, and that they are, most of them, injudicious, and were quite uncalled for.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
12. **MOTION WITHDRAWN** :—Mr. Jennings withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 6.
13. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Stewart, until Friday 15th December.
14. **VOLUNTEER ADMISSION BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, and no Member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.

The House adjourned, at fifteen minutes before Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. **MR. BAKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**
 - (1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the general unsuitableness of the Court House recently erected at Grenfell?
 - (2.) Has the Minister for Works yet considered the Petition of the Bench of Magistrates at Grenfell, wherein they recommend that the contemplated repairs and alterations in the Court House and Post Office at that town should not be made, but that the new Court House should be used as a Post Office, and a new Court House be built?
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 - (2.) If so, did the person or persons in question demand that the said lands should be put up to public auction, in accordance with the provisions of the Lands Occupation Act?
 - (3.) Has the Secretary for Lands complied with this demand?
5. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**
 - (1.) Has the Postmaster General refused to sanction the establishment of a Post Office at Yalbright, in the Taralga district?
 - (2.) Is the Postmaster General aware that there is no Post Office between Taralga and the Abercrombie Ranges, *vid* Yalbright, a distance of twenty-six miles, and that the inhabitants of those Ranges have to post at and receive their correspondence from Taralga; whereas, if an office were to be established at Yalbright, the distance would be shortened by about twelve miles?
 - (3.) Has the Postmaster General instructed the Postal Inspector of the Southern District to visit Yalbright and surrounding localities, for the purpose of ascertaining officially the necessity of establishing an office there; and if not, does the Postmaster General intend to cause such visit to be made, and when?
6. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—**Is it the intention of the Government to open communications with the different Colonies with the view to the establishment of a properly organized Court of final appeal within the Colonies?
7. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—**Has the Minister for Lands received a Petition praying that the Government should in future call for tenders for surveys; if so, what action does he intend to take in the matter?
8. **MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—**
 - (1.) What is the total amount of appropriations unexpended, for services provided for by loan under the Loan Act, 35 Vic. No. 5?
 - (2.) What is the amount in cash remaining for the purposes specified in the Act 35 Vic. No. 5?
9. **MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—**
 - (1.) What is the total amount of the appropriations for services provided for by loans, as authorized by the Loan Acts, 17 Vic. No. 34 to 34 Vic. No. 2, not written off but remaining as liabilities for the several purposes specified?
 - (2.) What is the total amount of cash in the possession of the Treasurer, and applicable to the payment of the above appropriations?

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 - (3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz :—The Public School, Hanbury ; the School of Arts, Hanbury ; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury ; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury ?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton ; the Public School, Lambton ; the School of Arts, Lambton ; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton ?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively ?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.
2. MR. BAWDEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 5th December, from John Cross, be printed.
3. MR. BYRNES to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company, (Limited.)
4. MR. HART to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Executors of the Will of James Mein Loder, deceased, to sell a certain Sheep Station or run called "North Quirindi" or "Currindi Creek," being part of the estate of the said James Mein Loder, and to invest the money to arise from such sale for the benefit of the parties interested in the said Station under the said Will.
5. MR. HART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
6. MR. BAKER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th November, from the Roman Catholics at Grenfell, respecting the refusal of the Council of Education to grant a Certificate to the Catholic School in that town, be printed.
7. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the name, occupation, and residence of all persons appointed Magistrates of the Territory since the 1st January last, together with the names of the parties, if any, recommending such appointments.
8. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return showing the appointments to, and promotions in, the Civil Service, since the 1st January last, specifying the names of the persons appointed or promoted, the office, salary, and date of appointment ; also a copy of the Correspondence and Minute of the Cabinet dealing with each case.
 - (2.) A similar Return relating to minor appointments, which by law is vested in Heads of Departments.
9. MR. WEARNE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all persons employed under Government on the 6th day of December, 1871, whether appointed by the Executive Council or not, and that such Return embrace the following particulars, viz :—Place of birth, religious persuasion, date of appointment, on whose recommendation or for what reason appointed, number of promotions and the reason for promotion in each case, number of suspensions and complaints in each case, office and salary to which first appointed, office and salary at present enjoyed, present age in each case.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What are the names of the members of the Board appointed to decide upon the various Tenders submitted for supplying the Government with stores, clothing, stationery, ship chandlery, blankets, &c.?
 - (2.) Do the various Tenderers submit, for the inspection of such Board, samples of the qualities of clothing, blankets, and stores, as well as the price of each description of goods they are prepared to supply the Government?
2. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) How many Civil Engineers are at present employed by the Government in connection with the construction and management, in all its branches, of the Railways in New South Wales?
 - (2.) What are the names of the persons so employed, and the amount of their respective salaries and allowances?

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER.

Question :—

1. MR. WEBB to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What was the estimated quantity of earthwork in No. 9 Section on the Great Western Railway?
 - (2.) How much had the Contractor removed up to the 30th November, 1871?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
2. Permissive Liquor Bill; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2.); adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Commons Regulation Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER.

Question :—

1. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What amount of freight was chargeable, during the months of August, September, and October, 1870, for the conveyance of all kinds of goods, including every description of pastoral and agricultural products and live stock, forwarded from the Scone and Muswellbrook Railway Stations, respectively?
 - (2.) What amount of freight was chargeable, during the months of August, September, and October, 1871, for the conveyance of all kinds of goods, including every description of pastoral and agricultural products and live stock, forwarded from the Scone and Muswellbrook Railway Stations, respectively?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced.
2. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.
3. MR. WEBB to move,—
 - (1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
 - (2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

4. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.
5. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.
6. MR. JENNINGS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government, before proceeding to collect Customs Duties on the Murray, should endeavour to effect an arrangement with the Government of Victoria to provide for the taking of an account by both Colonies, on the basis of existing tariffs of all imports and exports across or by way of the Murray to or from South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales, and that such account should be taken for a term of twelve months from the expiration of the present Treaty.
 - (2.) That the balance ascertained by the account so taken to be due to New South Wales by Victoria, and South Australia, shall be deemed to be the amount that this Colony is justly entitled to be paid.
 - (3.) That an agreement should be entered into with the beforenamed Colonies for such further period as may be deemed expedient, on the understanding that a sum not less than the aforesaid ascertained balance be paid to this Colony yearly, from 2nd February proximo, the date of expiry of the present agreement.
 - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
 - "(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - "(2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - "(3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions:—
 - "1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
 - "2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
 - "3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 - "4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 - "5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 - "6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
 - "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor."

 THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

 FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria, No. 20.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Justices of the Peace Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

 TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. R. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Papers and Documents in relation to the application made to the Council of Education for grant of a certificate, under the Act, to the Roman Catholic Denominational School at Grenfell.
2. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows:—
 1. That in future no Marriage shall be valid without registration by an official Registrar appointed by the Government, paid by fixed salary, and not by fees, and for whose fitness the Government shall be held responsible.
 2. That such Registration shall take place only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
 3. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, shall precede registration.
 4. That in any case where inquiry may appear necessary, the Registrar shall be empowered to insist on the production of additional evidence, to summon and examine witnesses, and to postpone a Marriage with a view to such inquiry.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 2. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
 3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Court House, Grenfell :—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the general unsuitableness of the Court House recently erected at Grenfell?

(2.) Has the Minister for Works yet considered the Petition of the Bench of Magistrates at Grenfell, wherein they recommend that the contemplated repairs and alterations in the Court House and Post Office at that town should not be made, but that the new Court House should be used as a Post Office, and a new Court House be built?

(3.) Will the Minister state what he contemplates doing in reference to the matters referred to in the Questions just asked?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; and asked for a report from the Colonial Architect on the subject.

(3.) An officer is now on his way to Grenfell to inspect and report on the state of the Court House and other buildings. When the report shall have been received, steps will be at once taken in the matter.

Mr. Hoskins withdrew Question No. 2.

- (2.) Pasturage Reserve, Waratah :—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it true that the Waratah Coal Company has made application to the Department of Lands to be allowed to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, sixty acres of land, more or less, known as the Pasturage Reserve, in the immediate locality of the Public School, Hanbury, and within the Municipal boundaries of the recently incorporated Borough of Waratah?

(2.) Is it true that this Company has set up a claim to this land in fee simple, as compensation, or in lieu of some other land to which the said Waratah Company presumed itself to have been entitled?

(3.) If so, has such claim been entertained by the Government?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Waratah Coal Company have applied for this land, not as compensation, or in lieu of other land, but in virtue of improvements, (under the 8th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act) which improvements are of a very expensive character.

(3.) Yes; to the extent of about 40 acres, excluding the valuable land adjoining the School of Arts and the boundary line of the Village of Hanbury.

(3.)

(3.) Waratah Coal Company:—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Has the Secretary for Lands received any communications from any person or persons, directing his attention to the fact that the Waratah Coal Company had failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the Lands Occupation Act, on certain lands taken up by the said Company in the immediate vicinity of the New Lambton Colliery, and of their having made none of the stipulated improvements thereon?

(2.) If so, did the person or persons in question demand that the said lands should be put up to public auction, in accordance with the provisions of the Lands Occupation Act?

(3.) Has the Secretary for Lands complied with this demand?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No; for the following reasons:—Portion of the land referred to, under lease to the Waratah Coal Company, was inadvertently sold to Mr. Thomas Adam, whose claim to the land, having been disputed by the Waratah Coal Company, was not settled until the 11th November, 1870, up to which time the Company were unable to proceed with the erection of the necessary improvements. They were therefore allowed an extension of three years from that date to make the improvement.

(4.) Post Office at Yalbright:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Has the Postmaster General refused to sanction the establishment of a Post Office at Yalbright, in the Taralga district?

(2.) Is the Postmaster General aware that there is no Post Office between Taralga and the Abercrombie Ranges, *via* Yalbright, a distance of twenty-six miles, and that the inhabitants of those Ranges have to post at and receive their correspondence from Taralga; whereas, if an office were to be established at Yalbright, the distance would be shortened by about twelve miles?

(3.) Has the Postmaster General instructed the Postal Inspector of the Southern District to visit Yalbright and surrounding localities, for the purpose of ascertaining officially the necessity of establishing an office there; and if not, does the Postmaster General intend to cause such visit to be made, and when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) On the ground that three separate applications for Post Offices in this locality have been received, which respectively advocated the establishment of a Post Office at Jerrong, Currawela Creek, and Yalbright; the majority of the official reports obtained upon these applications showed that the number of persons to be benefited would not justify the expense of the Post Office, and the postal line thereto. One of these applications has not been finally disposed of, and if the residents in the locality will agree amongst themselves as to a suitable site for a Post Office, the Postmaster General will take the matter again into consideration.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No; the services of the Postal Inspector are not available at present for such inspection.

(5.) Court of Final Appeal:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—
Is it the intention of the Government to open communications with the different Colonies with the view to the establishment of a properly organized Court of final appeal within the Colonies?

Sir James Martin answered,—The Government intend shortly to communicate with the Governments of the neighbouring Colonies in reference to this matter.

(6.) Tenders for Surveys:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—
Has the Minister for Lands received a Petition praying that the Government should in future call for tenders for surveys; if so, what action does he intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Wilson answered,—A letter or Petition was received, signed John Roche Ardell, praying "that tenders be called for all surveys that may require to be made in the public service." The receipt of the Petition has been acknowledged, and it is not intended to take further action in the matter.

(7.) Loans Account:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) What is the total amount of appropriations unexpended, for services provided for by loan under the Loan Act, 35 Vic. No. 5?

(2.) What is the amount in cash remaining for the purposes specified in the Act 35 Vic. No. 5?

Mr. Lord answered,—This question will be answered in my Financial Statement this evening.

(8.) Loans Account:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) What is the total amount of the appropriations for services provided for by loans, as authorized by the Loan Acts, 17 Vic. No. 34 to 34 Vic. No. 2, not written off but remaining as liabilities for the several purposes specified?

(2.) What is the total amount of cash in the possession of the Treasurer, and applicable to the payment of the above appropriations?

Mr. Lord answered,—My answer to the Honorable Member's question No. 8 will also apply to this.

2. PAPERS:—

(1.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Return to an Address in reference to "Political Position of Fiji," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Stewart, on 24th November, 1871.
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Return to an Order, in reference to "Road from Phœnix Park through Wallalong and Bowthorne Estates—Punt at Wallalong," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Eckford, on behalf of Mr. Dodds, on 28th March, 1871.

(2.) Return to an Order, in reference to "Bridge over Crookhaven River, at Mayfield," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Garrett, on 14th February, 1871.

3. BATHURST GAS COMPANY'S BILL (*hereafter to be styled Bathurst Gas Bill*):—Mr. Samuel, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 29th November, 1871, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Samuel then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*), stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 19th December.
Question put and passed.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL ("*Formal*" *Order of the Day*.)—on motion of Sir James Martin, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir James Martin then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to Friendly Societies*."
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Sir James Martin moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly, having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to Friendly Societies*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th December, 1871. Speaker.
Question put and passed.
5. JOHN CROSS ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 5th December, from John Cross, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited).
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Byrnes having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited)*,"—read a first time.
7. LODER'S ESTATE BILL ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Executors of the Will of James Mein Loder, deceased, to sell a certain Sheep Station or Run called "North Quirindi" or "Currindi Creek," being part of the estate of the said James Mein Loder, and to invest the money to arise from such sale for the benefit of the parties interested in the said Station under the said Will.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Hart having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Executors of the Will of James Mein Loder deceased to sell a certain Sheep Station or Run called 'North Quirindi' or 'Currindi Creek' being part of the estate of the said James Mein Loder and to invest the money to arise from such sale for the benefit of the parties interested in the said Station under the said Will*,"—read a first time.
8. BANKRUPTCY LAW AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
Question put and passed.
9. ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL, GREENFELL ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th November, from the Roman Catholics at Greenfell, respecting the refusal of the Council of Education to grant a Certificate to the Catholic School in that town, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. SUPPLY:—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor's Message No. 1, with the accompanying Estimates, be referred thereto.
Question put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be now received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1872, a sum not exceeding £1,784 6s. 8d. to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule (B) to Schedule (No. 1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vict., cap. 54.
Resolution on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time, and agreed to.

11. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
12. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, (after Debate) until Wednesday, 3rd January, 1872.
13. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 4 postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until to-morrow.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at two minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS, AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. **MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—
(1.) What are the names of the members of the Board appointed to decide upon the various Tenders submitted for supplying the Government with stores, clothing, stationery, ship chandlery, blankets, &c.?
(2.) Do the various Tenderers submit, for the inspection of such Board, samples of the qualities of clothing, blankets, and stores, as well as the price of each description of goods they are prepared to supply the Government?
2. **MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—
(1.) How many Civil Engineers are at present employed by the Government in connection with the construction and management, in all its branches, of the Railways in New South Wales?
(2.) What are the names of the persons so employed, and the amount of their respective salaries and allowances?
3. **MR. NOWLAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide larger and better ventilated accommodation for imported cattle placed in Quarantine?
4. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—
(1.) What is the contract time for the completion of the Telegraph line between Narrabri and Bourke?
(2.) What progress has been made towards the completion of the above line?
(3.) If it be found that the contract time for the erection of the above line has nearly expired, and that a large proportion of the work remains unfinished, will the Government take steps against the Contractor or his sureties to insure the completion of the contract within the specified time?
5. **MR. LEE to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**,—
(1.) Have any complaints been received by him, in reference to the conduct of the Police Magistrate at Narrabri?
(2.) If so, by whom were such made, and the nature thereof?
(3.) Has the matter been dealt with by the Attorney General?
6. **MR. MORRICE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—
(1.) For what purpose have the Government placed all those toll-gates on the Southern Road from Sydney to Goulburn, and exacting tolls?
(2.) Is it to compel the inhabitants of the South Country to comply with the exorbitant charges laid on by the Railway Commissioner in the transit of goods by rail?
(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to put in repair that portion of the road, and keep it so?
(4.) Are the Government aware that nearly all the Bridges and Culverts on that Road, particularly that at Paddy's River, are very much out of repair, and in a most dangerous state?
(5.) Will the tolls taken at these gates pay for building new toll houses, gates, and salary of an officer at each gate?
7. **MR. MACLEAY to ask THE PREMIER**,—Is it the intention of the Government to collect duties along the Murray frontier, from and after the 1st day of February next, in the event of the Victorian Government declining to accede to any terms more favorable to New South Wales than those offered by the Victorian Delegates in the Intercolonial Conference, on the 29th day of September?
8. **MR. DRIVER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—
(1.) When was Senior-constable Tant allowed to resign or retire from the Police Force?
(2.) Why was he allowed to retire, and how long had he been in the service?

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
3. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); to be further considered in Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FARNELL to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for Despatch of Business, during the remainder of the present Session, at Three o'clock, p.m.
2. MR. LEE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence that may have taken place, together with any plans in reference thereto, between E. C. Close, Esquire, Wollombi, and the Government, with regard to the alleged encroachment upon Mr. Close's property, made by the Government Surveyor, Mr. Bidon, in altering the boundary lines of that property, which have existed since 1825.
3. MR. BYRNES to move,—
 - (1.) That the Bill to Incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited), be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Allen, Mr. Terry, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.
4. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
 - (2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz:—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
 - (3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz:—The Public School, Hanbury; the School of Arts, Hanbury; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton; the Public School, Lambton; the School of Arts, Lambton; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.
5. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the name, occupation, and residence of all persons appointed Magistrates of the Territory since the 1st January last, together with the names of the parties, if any, recommending such appointments.
6. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return showing the appointments to, and promotions in, the Civil Service, since the 1st January last, specifying the names of the persons appointed or promoted, the office, salary, and date of appointment; also a copy of the Correspondence and Minute of the Cabinet dealing with each case.
 - (2.) A similar Return relating to minor appointments, which by law is vested in Heads of Departments.
7. MR. WEARNE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all persons employed under Government on the 6th day of December, 1871, whether appointed by the Executive Council or not, and that such Return embrace the following particulars, viz:—Place of birth, religious persuasion, date of appointment, on whose recommendation or for what reason appointed, number of promotions and the reason for promotion in each case, number of suspensions and complaints in each case, office and salary to which first appointed, office and salary at present enjoyed, present age in each case.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. WEBB to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What was the estimated quantity of earthwork in No. 9 Section on the Great Western Railway?
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GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
2. Permissive Liquor Bill; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2.); adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Commons Regulation Bill; second reading.
10. Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSEER *to move*,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) What amount of freight was chargeable, during the months of August, September, and October, 1870, for the conveyance of all kinds of goods, including every description of pastoral and agricultural products and live stock, forwarded from the Scone and Muswellbrook Railway Stations, respectively?
 (2.) What amount of freight was chargeable, during the months of August, September, and October, 1871, for the conveyance of all kinds of goods, including every description of pastoral and agricultural products and live stock, forwarded from the Scone and Muswellbrook Railway Stations, respectively?
2. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether Government has provided, or intends to provide, any means by which a reform in the procedure of the Equity Court may be effected as speedily as possible?
3. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) What money has been expended on the Public School building at Cleveland Paddocks, specifying the amount expended on the ornamentation of the building?
 (2.) What money was expended on the Public School building at each of the following places, that is to say:—
 At Binda, in the years 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870.
 At Carrawa, in the years 1868, 1869, 1870.
 At Gledswood, in the years 1868, 1869, 1870.
 At Mundooran, in the years 1869, 1870.
 At Crudine, in the year 1870.
 At Croom Park, in the year 1870.

And what salaries were awarded to the teachers of these schools respectively, during each of these years?

(3.) What books are used in the Public Schools to teach Grammar, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography, and History?

(4.) What are the questions which have from time to time been proposed to teachers at their annual examination, according to the 37th of the Regulations made under the Public Schools Act?

(5.) What are the questions which have been from time to time proposed to teachers who are desirous of being promoted, according to the 38th of the Regulations made under the Public Schools Act?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced.
2. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.
3. MR. WEBB to move,—
 - (1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
 - (2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.
5. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.
6. MR. JENNINGS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government, before proceeding to collect Customs Duties on the Murray, should endeavour to effect an arrangement with the Government of Victoria to provide for the taking of an account by both Colonies, on the basis of existing tariffs of all imports and exports across or by way of the Murray to or from South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales, and that such account should be taken for a term of twelve months from the expiration of the present Treaty.
 - (2.) That the balance ascertained by the account so taken to be due to New South Wales by Victoria, and South Australia, shall be deemed to be the amount that this Colony is justly entitled to be paid.
 - (3.) That an agreement should be entered into with the beforenamed Colonies for such further period as may be deemed expedient, on the understanding that a sum not less than the aforesaid ascertained balance be paid to this Colony yearly, from 2nd February proximo, the date of expiry of the present agreement.
 - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
 - "(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - "(2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - "(3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions :—
 - "1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
 - "2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
 - "3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 - "4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 - "5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 - "6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
 - "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor."

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria, No. 20.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Justices of the Peace Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. R. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Papers and Documents in relation to the application made to the Council of Education for grant of a certificate, under the Act, to the Roman Catholic Denominational School at Grenfell.
2. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows:—
 1. That in future no Marriage shall be valid without registration by an official Registrar appointed by the Government, paid by fixed salary, and not by fees, and for whose fitness the Government shall be held responsible.
 2. That such Registration shall take place only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
 3. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, shall precede registration.
 4. That in any case where inquiry may appear necessary, the Registrar shall be empowered to insist on the production of additional evidence, to summon and examine witnesses, and to postpone a Marriage with a view to such inquiry.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
5. MR. MORRICE to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, circumstances have come to light in reference to the case of Dr. Beer, tried and convicted, and sentenced to ten years penal servitude, for administering belladonna to a woman, with the intention of procuring abortion, which circumstances, had they been known at the time of his trial, would have proved his innocence of the charge beyond all doubt.
 - (2.) That the testimony of such an authority as Sir Benjamin Brodie, clearly asserting his conviction of Dr. Beer's innocence of the said charge, should weigh with this House in recommending that everything should be now done by the proper authorities to reinstate Dr. Beer in the honorable position he occupied before the institution of the criminal proceedings referred to.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to Her Majesty the Queen.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Bathurst Gas Bill (hitherto styled Bathurst Gas Company's Bill) (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1872.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Treasury Stores Tender Board :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What are the names of the members of the Board appointed to decide upon the various Tenders submitted for supplying the Government with stores, clothing, stationery, ship chandlery, blankets, &c.?

(2.) Do the various Tenderers submit, for the inspection of such Board, samples of the qualities of clothing, blankets, and stores, as well as the price of each description of goods they are prepared to supply the Government?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) The names of the officers constituting the Treasury Stores Tender Board, are as follows :—

Henry Lane, Esq., Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

H. Maclean, Esq., Sheriff.

F. Hixson, Esq., Superintendent of Pilots, &c.

E. Fosbery, Esq., Secretary and Superintendent of Police Department.

H. Lumsdaine, Esq., Chief Inspector of Distilleries, &c.

L. J. Brennand, Esq., Clerk of Stores.

And in cases where they are severally more particularly interested, the Water Police Magistrate, the Superintendents of the Hospital for the Insane at Gladesville, and the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta, and Military Officers, are requested to give their attendance.

(2.) The Tenderers do not submit, for the inspection of the Board, samples of the qualities of clothing, blankets, and stores they are prepared to supply to the Government. The course pursued is as follows, viz. :—The Government decide upon a sample, which is sealed and placed in the room for samples at the Government Stores. The Tenderers then tender according to Government sample.

(2.) Civil Engineers employed on Railways of the Colony :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) How many Civil Engineers are at present employed by the Government in connection with the construction and management, in all its branches, of the Railways in New South Wales?

(2.) What are the names of the persons so employed, and the amount of their respective salaries and allowances?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Seven, and six Surveyors.

(2.) Engineer-in-Chief, Mr. Whitton, £1,388, and 4s. a day for horse forage.

Construction	{ Mr. Wade, £475	do.	do.
	{ Mr. Firth, £475	do.	do.
	{ Mr. Mackenzie, £475	do.	do.

Maintenance of Way and Works { Mr. Mason, £648.
Mr. Bewick, £380.

Inspecting Engineer of Rolling Stock, &c., Mr. Thomas, £509.

Surveyors :—Messrs. Mann, Cowdery, Jamieson, Kennedy, Melrose, and Tillett, each £300 a year, and £200 a year equipment allowance.

(3.)

- (3.) Imported Cattle placed in Quarantine:—Mr. Nowlan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide larger and better ventilated accommodation for imported cattle placed in Quarantine?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Instructions have been given to provide increased accommodation for imported cattle at the Quarantine Ground. Every attention is paid to the subject of ventilation, and as far as the present building can be improved, by way of increasing the ventilation, it will be done.

- (4.) Telegraph between Narrabri and Bourke:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) What is the contract time for the completion of the Telegraph line between Narrabri and Bourke?

(2.) What progress has been made towards the completion of the above line?

(3.) If it be found that the contract time for the erection of the above line has nearly expired, and that a large proportion of the work remains unfinished, will the Government take steps against the Contractor or his sureties to insure the completion of the contract within the specified time?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Seven months from the 6th September.

(2.) Twenty-seven miles of line completed, and thirty-seven miles partially completed.

(3.) The contract time is not nearly expired. Should the work not be completed within the contract time, the Government will take such steps under the circumstances as may be deemed necessary.

- (5.) Police Magistrate, Narrabri:—Mr. Lee asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Have any complaints been received by him, in reference to the conduct of the Police Magistrate at Narrabri?

(2.) If so, by whom were such made, and the nature thereof?

(3.) Has the matter been dealt with by the Attorney General?

Sir James Martin answered,—

(1.) Yes, two complaints.

(2.) One by Mr. Reuben, and the other by the Rev. Mr. Davis.* The first was a complaint of the irregular manner in which the Police Magistrate attended to his duties. The other was a complaint of the non-payment over of £2 10s. received for clergyman's stipend.

(3.) In both cases the Police Magistrate was called on to explain, and his explanation was considered sufficient.

- (6.) Toll-gates on Southern Road:—Mr. Morrice asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) For what purpose have the Government placed all those toll-gates on the Southern Road from Sydney to Goulburn, and exacting tolls?

(2.) Is it to compel the inhabitants of the South Country to comply with the exorbitant charges laid on by the Railway Commissioner in the transit of goods by rail?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to put in repair that portion of the road, and keep it so?

(4.) Are the Government aware that nearly all the Bridges and Culverts on that Road, particularly that at Paddy's River, are very much out of repair, and in a most dangerous state?

(5.) Will the tolls taken at these gates pay for building new toll houses, gates, and salary of an officer at each gate?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) To obtain Revenue to keep up road.

(2.) Reply to No. 1 is an answer to No. 2.

(3.) As far as the Tolls will admit.

(4.) The Government are not aware that any Culverts are dangerous for ordinary light traffic. The old Bridge at Paddy's River is not safe for heavy traffic, and the Government are not disposed to put a sum of money on the Estimates to replace it.

(5.) It is anticipated they will. The expenditure for huts and gates to meet the case has been of the most inexpensive character.

- (7.) Border Duties:—Mr. Macleay asked the Premier, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—Is it the intention of the Government to collect duties along the Murray frontier, from and after the 1st day of February next, in the event of the Victorian Government declining to accede to any terms more favorable to New South Wales than those offered by the Victorian Delegates in the Intercolonial Conference, on the 29th day of September?

Sir James Martin answered,—This Government is most anxious to make a new agreement with the Colonies of Victoria and South Australia in reference to the question of the Border Duties. In the event of no such agreement being made before the 1st February next, the Government will be compelled to take the necessary steps to collect the duties imposed by law on goods imported into this Colony across or by way of the river Murray.

- (8.) Senior-constable Tant:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Driver, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) When was Senior-constable Tant allowed to resign or retire from the Police Force?

(2.) Why was he allowed to retire, and how long had he been in the service?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Senior-constable Thomas Tant was reported to the Inspector General of Police as unfit for further service in the Police Force on the 29th November, 1870. The Police Medical Board found that he suffered from disease of the brain. From June, 1870, to January, 1871, he was incapable of performing any duty, yet he received during that period four months full pay and four months half pay.

(2.) For the reason above he was allowed to retire. He joined the Force on the 13th January, 1855.

2. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Windeyer presented a Petition from the Trustees of the various Cemeteries at the Necropolis, Haslem's Creek, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
- (2.) Mr. S. Brown presented a Petition from the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Church of England for the Diocese of Sydney,—to the same effect.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. Lord laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

- (1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales, for the year 1872.
- (2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1871.
Ordered to be printed.

4. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Terry moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. ALLEGED ENCROACHMENT ON MR. CLOSE'S PROPERTY ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Lee moved pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence that may have taken place, together with any plans in reference thereto, between E. C. Close, Esquire, Wollombi, and the Government, with regard to the alleged encroachment upon Mr. Close's property, made by the Government Surveyor, Mr. Bidon, in altering the boundary lines of that property, which have existed since 1825.

Question put and passed.

6. PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) That the Bill to Incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited), be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Allen, Mr. Terry, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

7. DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, as follows:—

No. 1, by Mr. Lord, until Wednesday next.

No. 2, by Mr. Windeyer, to follow after Order No. 3.

9. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL (No. 1):—On the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at fifteen minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. WEBB *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What was the estimated quantity of earthwork in No. 9 Section on the Great Western Railway?
 - (2.) How much had the Contractor removed up to the 30th November, 1871?
2. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What amount was chargeable as freight during the months of August, September, and October, 1870, for the conveyance of sleepers, permanent way materials, and stores, forwarded from the various Stations on the Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways, to the Contractors for Nos. 7 and 8 Contract, Great Western Railway?
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 - (1.) Has a Petition been received by him, from certain inhabitants of Wallsend, praying that the same may be proclaimed a Municipality, within certain boundaries set forth therein?
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 - (3.) Has the Government taken any steps to ascertain the validity or otherwise of the allegations made by the counter Petitioners, having reference to the unfairness of the original boundary lines?
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4. MR. DODDS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether he has received several communications from certain inhabitants of Cessnock, Bishopsbridge, and neighbourhood, dated respectively the 20th and 23rd May, 1871, regarding the dissolution of the Maitland District Council; and if so, will he lay them upon the Table of this House?
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6. MR. NOWLAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide for the application of the principle of self registration of electors in the new Bill to provide for the Amendment of the Electoral Law about to be introduced by them?
7. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What steps have been taken for having the Loan for £374,000 quoted in the official list of the London Stock Exchange; what are the conditions to which the Treasurer has conformed; will he lay the Correspondence on the Table of this House?
8. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Out of what fund and from what moneys was the actual cash deficiency of £269,377 7s. 3d., stated by the Colonial Treasurer in his Financial Statement to have existed on the 31st October last, paid?
9. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What was the rate of Exchange paid by the Government on the £350,000 remitted to England to meet the engagements falling due on the 31st December, 1871, and 1st January, 1872?
 - (2.) From what fund and from what moneys was this amount of £350,000 obtained?
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 - (1.) Has compensation been made by the Government, under Clause S of the Imported Stock Act of 1871, for the destruction (on the 15th April last) of a valuable cow imported per ship "Winefred," and supposed to have been affected by vesicular aptha, or foot and mouth disease?
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GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
2. Permissive Liquor Bill ; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2.) ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
7. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.) ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
9. Commons Regulation Bill ; second reading.
10. Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
11. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.
2. MR. S. BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 7th December, from the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney, relative to the Cemeteries Regulation Bill, be printed.
3. MR. WINDEYER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th December, from the Trustees of the various Cemeteries at the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek, relative to the Cemeteries Regulation Bill, be printed.
4. MR. HART to move,—
 - (1.) That Loder's Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Bell, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Moses, Mr. Windeyer, and the Mover.
5. MR. FARNELL to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for Despatch of Business during the remainder of the present Session, at Three o'clock, p.m.
6. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
 - (2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz :—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively ?
 - (3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz :—The Public School, Hanbury ; the School of Arts, Hanbury ; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury ; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury ?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton ; the Public School, Lambton ; the School of Arts, Lambton ; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton ?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively ?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.
7. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the name, occupation, and residence of all persons appointed Magistrates of the Territory since the 1st January last, together with the names of the parties, if any, recommending such appointments.
8. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return showing the appointments to, and promotions in, the Civil Service, since the 1st January last, specifying the names of the persons appointed or promoted, the office, salary, and date of appointment ; also a copy of the Correspondence and Minute of the Cabinet dealing with each case.
 - (2.) A similar Return relating to minor appointments, which by law are vested in Heads of Departments.
9. MR. WEARNE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all persons employed under Government on the 6th day of December, 1871, whether appointed by the Executive Council or not, and that such Return embrace the following particulars, viz :—Place of birth, religious persuasion, date of appointment, on whose recommendation or for what reason appointed, number of promotions and the reason for promotion in each case, number of suspensions and complaints in each case, office and salary to which first appointed, office and salary at present enjoyed, present age in each case.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What amount of freight was chargeable, during the months of August, September, and October, 1870, for the conveyance of all kinds of goods, including every description of pastoral and agricultural products and live stock, forwarded from the Scone and Muswellbrook Railway Stations, respectively?
 - (2.) What amount of freight was chargeable, during the months of August, September, and October, 1871, for the conveyance of all kinds of goods, including every description of pastoral and agricultural products and live stock, forwarded from the Scone and Muswellbrook Railway Stations, respectively?
2. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether Government has provided, or intends to provide, any means by which a reform in the procedure of the Equity Court may be effected as speedily as possible?
3. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) What money has been expended on the Public School building at Cleveland Paddocks, specifying the amount expended on the ornamentation of the building?
 - (2.) What money was expended on the Public School building at each of the following places, that is to say :—
 - At Binda, in the years 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870.
 - At Carrawa, in the years 1868, 1869, 1870.
 - At Gledswood, in the years 1868, 1869, 1870.
 - At Mundooran, in the years 1869, 1870.
 - At Crudine, in the year 1870.
 - At Croom Park, in the year 1870.

And what salaries were awarded to the teachers of these schools respectively, during each of these years?

 - (3.) What books are used in the Public Schools to teach Grammar, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography, and History?
 - (4.) What are the questions which have from time to time been proposed to teachers at their annual examination, according to the 37th of the Regulations made under the Public Schools Act?
 - (5.) What are the questions which have been from time to time proposed to teachers who are desirous of being promoted, according to the 38th of the Regulations made under the Public Schools Act?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MACLEAY *to move*, That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced.
2. MR. BAWDEN *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.
3. MR. WEBB *to move*,—
 - (1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
 - (2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. SAMUEL *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.
5. MR. BROOKES *to move*, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.
6. MR. JENNINGS *to move*,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government, before proceeding to collect Customs Duties on the Murray, should endeavour to effect an arrangement with the Government of Victoria to provide for the taking of an account by both Colonies, on the basis of existing tariffs of all imports and exports across or by way of the Murray to or from South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales, and that such account should be taken for a term of twelve months from the expiration of the present Treaty.
 - (2.) That the balance ascertained by the account so taken to be due to New South Wales by Victoria, and South Australia, shall be deemed to be the amount that this Colony is justly entitled to be paid.
 - (3.) That an agreement should be entered into with the beforenamed Colonies for such further period as may be deemed expedient, on the understanding that a sum not less than the aforesaid ascertained balance be paid to this Colony yearly, from 2nd February proximo, the date of expiry of the present agreement.
 - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Internal Communication ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
 - “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - “ (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - “ (3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions :—
 - “ 1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
 - “ 2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
 - “ 3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 - “ 4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 - “ 5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 - “ 6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
 - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1) ; to be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, “ That this Bill be now read a second time.”

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria, No. 20.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Justices of the Peace Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. R. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Papers and Documents in relation to the application made to the Council of Education for grant of a certificate, under the Act, to the Roman Catholic Denominational School at Grenfell.
2. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows :—
 1. That in future no Marriage shall be valid without registration by an official Registrar appointed by the Government, paid by fixed salary, and not by fees, and for whose fitness the Government shall be held responsible.
 2. That such Registration shall take place only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
 3. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, shall precede registration.
 4. That in any case where inquiry may appear necessary, the Registrar shall be empowered to insist on the production of additional evidence, to summon and examine witnesses, and to postpone a Marriage with a view to such inquiry.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

3. Mr. MACLEAY to move,—
 (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. Mr. LUCAS to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
5. Mr. MORRICE to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, circumstances have come to light in reference to the case of Dr. Beer, tried and convicted, and sentenced to ten years penal servitude, for administering belladonna to a woman, with the intention of procuring abortion, which circumstances, had they been known at the time of his trial, would have proved his innocence of the charge beyond all doubt.
 (2.) That the testimony of such an authority as Sir Benjamin Brodie, clearly asserting his conviction of Dr. Beer's innocence of the said charge, should weigh with this House in recommending that everything should be now done by the proper authorities to reinstate Dr. Beer in the honorable position he occupied before the institution of the criminal proceedings referred to.
 (3.) That the above Resolutions be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to Her Majesty the Queen.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Bathurst Gas Bill (hitherto styled Bathurst Gas Company's Bill) (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1872.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Great Western Railway—No. 9 Section :—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What was the estimated quantity of earthwork in No. 9 Section on the Great Western Railway ?

(2.) How much had the Contractor removed up to the 30th November, 1871 ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) 109,137 cubic yards.

(2.) 16,537 cubic yards to date of last measurement, namely, 14th November.

- (2.) Freight chargeable to Railway Contractors :—Mr. Macleay, on behalf of Mr. Hoskins, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What amount was chargeable as freight during the months of August, September, and October, 1870, for the conveyance of sleepers, permanent way materials, and stores, forwarded from the various Stations on the Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways, to the Contractors for Nos. 7 and 8 Contract, Great Western Railway ?

(2.) What amount was chargeable as freight during the months of August, September, and October, 1871, for the conveyance of sleepers, permanent way materials, and stores, forwarded from the various Stations on the Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways, to the Contractors for Nos. 7 and 8 Contract, Great Western Railway ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The information asked for will be found in a Return which I will presently lay upon the Table of the House.

- (3.) Wallsend :—Mr. Brookes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has a Petition been received by him, from certain inhabitants of Wallsend, praying that the same may be proclaimed a Municipality, within certain boundaries set forth therein ?

(2.) Has a counter Petition been received, praying that the boundaries proposed in the former should be amended ?

(3.) Has the Government taken any steps to ascertain the validity or otherwise of the allegations made by the counter Petitioners, having reference to the unfairness of the original boundary lines ?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim the Wallsend Municipality in accordance with the proposed amended boundaries or otherwise ; and if so, when ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes ; signed by 188 persons, and duly notified in the *Government Gazette*.

(2.) Yes ; signed by 258 persons, and notified in the *Gazette* of to-day.

(3.) No ; the original Petition fails by the force of a greater number of counter Petitioners.

(4.) No ; proceedings *de novo* will be required.

(4.)

(4.) Maitland District Council:—Mr. Dodds asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether he has received several communications from certain inhabitants of Cessnock, Bishopsbridge, and neighbourhood, dated respectively the 20th and 23rd May, 1871, regarding the dissolution of the Maitland District Council; and if so, will he lay them upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Yes. I will lay copies of them upon the Table in a day or two.

(5.) Mrs. Mary Fogg:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Do the Government intend to carry into effect the Resolution of this House adopting the Report of the Select Committee on the claims of Mrs. Mary Fogg; and if so, when, and how?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Yes.

(6.) Amendment of the Electoral Law:—Mr. Nowlan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide for the application of the principle of self registration of electors in the new Bill to provide for the Amendment of the Electoral Law about to be introduced by them?

Mr. Robertson answered,—No.

(7.) Quotation in Official List of London Stock Exchange of New South Wales Loan:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—What steps have been taken for having the Loan for £374,000 quoted in the official list of the London Stock Exchange; what are the conditions to which the Treasurer has conformed; will he lay the Correspondence upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lord answered,—With the permission of the House I will read a copy of the Letter addressed from the Treasury to the General Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, on this subject:—

“The Treasury, New South Wales,
“Sydney, 2 November, 1871.

“Sir,

“I have the honor, by direction of the Colonial Treasurer, to request that you will “instruct your London Office to take such steps as may be necessary to the quotation in the Official “List of the Committee of the Stock Exchange of the Loan of £374,000, lately negotiated by this “Government in the Colony, by public tender;—in order that holders who may desire to dispose “of the bonds in London may be enabled to do so without inconvenience.

“I gather from a letter addressed to your Managing Director by the Secretary of the Stock “Exchange, and from clause 125th of the Regulations of the Stock Exchange (year 1870) that the “following documents and information are required in such cases by the Committee:—

“The Act authorizing the Loan.

“The amount and conditions of the Loan.

“The numbers and denominations of Bonds issued.

“The due date and redemption features, if any, attached to the Bonds.

“The circumstances under which disposed of; and

“Certificate of the amount allotted to the Public.

“In compliance with these requirements, I beg to hand you, enclosed herewith,—

“ (1.) Copy of the Act authorizing the Loan before mentioned.

“ (2.) Copies of *Government Gazettes* containing the notices inviting tenders.

“ (3.) Copy of Bond, shewing date of issue, due date, number, description, and total “amount of issue; and

“ (4.) The Colonial Treasurer’s Certificates of the amount allotted to the Public, includ- “ing the time, place, and circumstances under which the whole Loan was disposed of.

“I do not apprehend that any difficulty will be made as to non-verification of the debentures of the above Loan that may from time to time be forwarded to London, as your Branch “there, acting as the Financial Agent of the Government, will, I presume, be prepared, on notifi- “cation from this Office, to place upon them any indorsement, or stamp, that may be required by “the Committee of the Stock Exchange.

“I am desired to state, in conclusion, that the Treasurer will be glad to hear the result of “the application to the Stock Exchange at the earliest possible date.

“I have the honor to be,

“Sir,

“Your obedient servant,

“HENRY LANE.”

“The General Manager,
“Bank of New South Wales.

8. Finance—Cash Deficiency:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—Out of what fund and from what moneys was the actual cash deficiency of £269,377 7s. 3d., stated by the Colonial Treasurer in his Financial Statement to have existed on the 31st October last, paid?

Mr. Lord answered,—Out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and out of moneys at the credit of the Public Account.

(9.) Rate of Exchange on Moneys remitted to England:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) What was the rate of Exchange paid by the Government on the £350,000 remitted to England to meet the engagements falling due on the 31st December, 1871, and 1st January, 1872?

(2.) From what fund and from what moneys was this amount of £350,000 obtained?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) One per cent.

(2.) Out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and out of moneys at the credit of the Public Account.

(10.)

(10.) The Chief Justice :—Mr. Brookes asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—Has any Correspondence taken place with the Government, to the effect that His Honor Sir Alfred Stephen is about to retire from the Bench, and that Sir James Martin is likely to be his successor ; and if so, will there be any objection to lay upon the Table of this House any Correspondence that may have passed, or any Minutes or Memoranda that may be in possession of the Government, relative to the matter ?

Sir James Martin answered,—Sir Alfred Stephen has not informed the Government that he is about to retire from the Bench, and the question as to who is to be his successor has consequently not arisen. Sir Alfred has written to His Excellency to the effect that he would like to retire from office, if he could obtain a pension equal to his salary, and has requested the Government to recommend to Parliament the granting of such a pension, without which he states he cannot retire. The Government have stated, in reply to His Honor's application, that they are unable to comply with his request. There will be no objection to place the Correspondence upon the Table if the House desire it.

(11.) Station Master, Mount Victoria :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—

(1.) What are the duties of the Station Master at Mount Victoria ?

(2.) Is it true that the Station Master at Mount Victoria travels in the capacity of Inspector between Mount Victoria and Rydal ?

(3.) Is there not a regularly appointed Inspector to perform this duty ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) To be in attendance upon the arrival and departure of trains ; to issue tickets to passengers ; to keep the books of the Station, and to control and instruct the porters ; to arrange for the delivery and despatch of goods, &c. ; in short to perform all the duties appertaining to the office of a Station Master.

(2.) Yes, occasionally, to inspect Stations.

(3.) There is not a regularly appointed Inspector for this duty. Mr. Higgs, however, travels as Train Inspector between Parramatta Junction and Rydal, and instructs guards, pointsmen, and gate-keepers.

(12.) Borough of Ashfield :—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim a Municipality in the Borough of Ashfield in accordance with the prayer and Petition signed by 200 residents ; and if so, when will such proclamation take place ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Executive authority for the incorporation was confirmed only yesterday. So soon as the technical description can be prepared the proclamation incorporating Ashfield will be issued.

(13.) Destruction of a Cow under provisions of Imported Stock Act :—Mr. Nowlan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 13,—

(1.) Has compensation been made by the Government, under Clause 8 of the Imported Stock Act of 1871, for the destruction (on the 15th April last) of a valuable cow imported per ship "Winefred," and supposed to have been affected by vesicular aptha, or foot and mouth disease ?

(2.) What balance was at the credit of the Cattle Diseases Fund on the 1st of July, 1871 ?

(3.) Will the Government place a sum on the Estimates as compensation for destruction of the cow above referred to, should it not have already been paid ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) No ; because the Crown Law Officers have advised that compensation could not be paid to Mr. White under the Section referred to.

(2.) The balance at the credit of the Cattle Diseases Fund on 1st July last, was £2,165 5s. 8d.

(3.) It is not the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Estimates for this purpose.

2. PAPERS :—

(1.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table a Return showing the amount chargeable as Freight, during the months of August, September, and October, 1870 and 1871, for the conveyance of Sleepers, Stores, and Permanent Way Materials, from all Stations, to the Contractors for No. 7 and No. 8 Contracts, Great Western Railway.
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

(1.) Further correspondence respecting a Book published by Captain Palmer, R.N., late Commander on the Australian Station of H.M.S. "Rosario," entitled "Kidnapping in the South Seas."

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Robertson, that the Papers now laid upon the Table of this House, on the subject of Captain Palmer's Book, be printed with the Paper ordered by this House on the 22nd November to be printed ; and that the documents be arranged in the following order :—Papers marked A to stand first ; Papers marked B to stand next ; and the Paper ordered to be printed on the 22nd November, before alluded to, to follow.

(2.) Return to an Order in reference to "Orphan Schools," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Farnell, on 16th May, 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Lord laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, in reference to "Mails *via* Suez,"—*being in substitution for a Paper bearing the same title laid upon the Table on 23rd November, 1871.*

Ordered to be printed.

3. LICENSING OF PUBLIC HOUSES :—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, relative to the present system of licensing Public Houses ; and praying that a Bill may be introduced for amending the system.
Petition received.

4. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL ("Formal" Motions) :—

(1.) Mr. S. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 7th December, from the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney, relative to the Cemeteries Regulation Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th December, from the Trustees of the various Cemeteries at the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek, relative to the Cemeteries Regulation Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

5. LODER'S ESTATE BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) That Loder's Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Bell, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Moses, Mr. Windeyer, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Legal Practitioners Relief Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 5th January, 1872.

7. PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL :—Mr. Wearne moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Dillon moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the word "now," with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."

Debate continued.

Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Original Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Baker.
Mr. Greville,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Jennings,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Tunke,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Farnell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman having again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after midnight,—

SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1871, A.M.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 12th January, 1872.

8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Official Salaries Reduction Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 5th January, 1872.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Lord, at Two minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What amount of freight was chargeable, during the months of August, September, and October, 1870, for the conveyance of all kinds of goods, including every description of pastoral and agricultural products and live stock, forwarded from the Scone and Muswellbrook Railway Stations, respectively ?
 - (2.) What amount of freight was chargeable, during the months of August, September, and October, 1871, for the conveyance of all kinds of goods, including every description of pastoral and agricultural products and live stock, forwarded from the Scone and Muswellbrook Railway Stations, respectively ?
2. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether Government has provided, or intends to provide, any means by which a reform in the procedure of the Equity Court may be effected as speedily as possible ?
3. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) What money has been expended on the Public School building at Cleveland Paddocks, specifying the amount expended on the ornamentation of the building ?
 - (2.) What money was expended on the Public School building at each of the following places, that is to say :—
 - At Binda, in the years 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870.
 - At Carrawa, in the years 1868, 1869, 1870.
 - At Gledswood, in the years 1868, 1869, 1870.
 - At Mundooran, in the years 1869, 1870.
 - At Crudine, in the year 1870.
 - At Croom Park, in the year 1870.
 And what salaries were awarded to the teachers of these schools respectively, during each of these years ?
 - (3.) What books are used in the Public Schools to teach Grammar, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography, and History ?
 - (4.) What are the questions which have from time to time been proposed to teachers at their annual examination, according to the 37th of the Regulations made under the Public Schools Act ?
 - (5.) What are the questions which have been from time to time proposed to teachers who are desirous of being promoted, according to the 38th of the Regulations made under the Public Schools Act ?
4. MR. MACLEAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What number of bales of Wool were carried on the Railway from Goulburn to Sydney, between the 1st day of October, 1870, and the 1st day of April, 1871 ?
 - (2.) What number of bales of Wool were so carried during the months of October and November of the present year, and what number during the same months of the previous year ?
5. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What amount has been expended on the New Post Office, including the purchase of land, and how much remains of the several sums voted for that building ?
6. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) How have the proceeds of the Debentures for £450,000, known as the Tailings Loan, and the proceeds of the Loan for £407,000 for Public Works, been disposed of ?
 - (2.) How much has been used for the purposes provided for under the authority of the several Acts of Parliament by which the said money was authorized to be borrowed, and how much has otherwise been expended for purposes not authorized under Loan Acts ?
7. MR. WEBB *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What was the gross amount of money actually expended by the Government on account of Nos. 7 and 8 Sections of the Great Western Railway, up to 1st January, 1871 ?
 - (2.) What was the gross amount of money actually expended by the Government on account of Nos. 7 and 8 Sections of the Great Western Railway, up to 30th September, 1871 ?
 - (3.) Will the Government open any portion of the extension of the Great Western Railway beyond Rydal, for goods traffic, before the line is completed to Kelso ; if so, to what point, and when ?
 - (4.) Is it the intention of Government to take steps to insure the completion of the work on No. 9 section within the contract time ?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MACLEAY *to move*, That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced.
2. MR. BAWDEN *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.

3. **MR. WEBB** to move,—
- (1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
 - (2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. **MR. SAMUEL** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.
5. **MR. BROOKES** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.
6. **MR. JENNINGS** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government, before proceeding to collect Customs Duties on the Murray, should endeavour to effect an arrangement with the Government of Victoria to provide for the taking of an account by both Colonies, on the basis of existing tariffs of all imports and exports across or by way of the Murray to or from South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales, and that such account should be taken for a term of twelve months from the expiration of the present Treaty.
 - (2.) That the balance ascertained by the account so taken to be due to New South Wales by Victoria, and South Australia, shall be deemed to be the amount that this Colony is justly entitled to be paid.
 - (3.) That an agreement should be entered into with the beforenamed Colonies for such further period as may be deemed expedient, on the understanding that a sum not less than the aforesaid ascertained balance be paid to this Colony yearly, from 2nd February proximo, the date of expiry of the present agreement.
 - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
7. **MR. DODDS** to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th December, from the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, relative to an amendment of the Law respecting the Licensing of Public Houses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to diminish the evils arising therefrom, be printed.
8. **MR. DODDS** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence with the Department of Lands, or the Colonial Secretary, referring to the survey and sale of the Church and School Lands in the Parishes of Middlehope, Butterwick, and Wolfigham, together with all the plans which may have been prepared of these lands since they were declared lands belonging to the Church and School Estate, together with a statement of prices realized at public auction of these lands at the Police Office, Maitland, on the 30th October last.
9. **MR. W. FORSTER** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.
10. **MR. FARNELL** to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for Despatch of Business during the remainder of the present Session, at Three o'clock, p.m.
11. **MR. BROOKES** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
 - (2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz :—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
 - (3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz :—The Public School, Hanbury; the School of Arts, Hanbury; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton; the Public School, Lambton; the School of Arts, Lambton; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.
12. **MR. HART** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the name, occupation, and residence of all persons appointed Magistrates of the Territory since the 1st January last, together with the names of the parties, if any, recommending such appointments.

13. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A Return showing the appointments to, and promotions in, the Civil Service, since the 1st January last, specifying the names of the persons appointed or promoted, the office, salary, and date of appointment; also a copy of the Correspondence and Minute of the Cabinet dealing with each case.
 (2.) A similar Return relating to minor appointments, which by law are vested in Heads of Departments.
14. MR. WEARNE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all persons employed under Government on the 6th day of December, 1871, whether appointed by the Executive Council or not, and that such Return embrace the following particulars, viz.:—Place of birth, religious persuasion, date of appointment, on whose recommendation or for what reason appointed, number of promotions and the reason for promotion in each case, number of suspensions and complaints in each case, office and salary to which first appointed, office and salary at present enjoyed, present age in each case.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
 “(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 “(2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines, should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 “(3.) That such railways should, in the first instance, be carried in the following directions:—
 “1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
 “2. From Goulburn to Yass, Wagga Wagga, and Albury, with branch to Gundagai.
 “3. From Bathurst to Orange, Wellington, and Dubbo, with branch to Carcoar.
 “4. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
 “5. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, Armidale, and Tenterfield.
 “6. From Moama to Deniliquin.
 “(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
2. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2.); adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”
3. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Commons Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
9. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize a supplementary grant of Land to the Municipal Council of Sydney, for the site of the Town Hall, and to enlarge the statutory time prescribed for the completion thereof.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide in their new Electoral Bill for increased representation for the Electorate of Braidwood, which contains 2,895 electors?
2. MR. BAKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Considering that the Report of the Gold Fields Inquiry Commission is now in the hands of the Government, will the Secretary for Lands state if it is the intention of the Government to introduce a new Gold Fields Bill during the present Session?

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (by way of amendment on the motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on the “Married Women’s Property Bill, No. 1),—
 That all the words after “That” be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words—
 “The Bill be recommitted with a view to the reconsideration of clause 6.”

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
 2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
 3. Married Women’s Property Bill (No. 1); to be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria, No. 20.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Justices of the Peace Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. R. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Papers and Documents in relation to the application made to the Council of Education for grant of a certificate, under the Act, to the Roman Catholic Denominational School at Grenfell.
2. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows:—
 1. That in future no Marriage shall be valid without registration by an official Registrar appointed by the Government, paid by fixed salary, and not by fees, and for whose fitness the Government shall be held responsible.
 2. That such Registration shall take place only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
 3. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, shall precede registration.
 4. That in any case where inquiry may appear necessary, the Registrar shall be empowered to insist on the production of additional evidence, to summon and examine witnesses, and to postpone a Marriage with a view to such inquiry.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
5. MR. MORRICE to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, circumstances have come to light in reference to the case of Dr. Beer, tried and convicted, and sentenced to ten years penal servitude, for administering belladonna to a woman, with the intention of procuring abortion, which circumstances, had they been known at the time of his trial, would have proved his innocence of the charge beyond all doubt.
 - (2.) That the testimony of such an authority as Sir Benjamin Brodie, clearly asserting his conviction of Dr. Beer's innocence of the said charge, should weigh with this House in recommending that everything should be now done by the proper authorities to reinstate Dr. Beer in the honorable position he occupied before the institution of the criminal proceedings referred to.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to Her Majesty the Queen.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Bathurst Gas Bill (hitherto styled Bathurst Gas Company's Bill) (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 2. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
 3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1872.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 5 JANUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
 2. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Goods Traffic—Scone and Muswellbrook Railway Stations :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What amount of freight was chargeable, during the months of August, September, and October, 1870, for the conveyance of all kinds of goods, including every description of pastoral and agricultural products and live stock, forwarded from the Scone and Muswellbrook Railway Stations, respectively ?

(2.) What amount of freight was chargeable, during the months of August, September, and October, 1871, for the conveyance of all kinds of goods, including every description of pastoral and agricultural products and live stock, forwarded from the Scone and Muswellbrook Railway Stations, respectively ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The information asked for will be found in the Return which I will presently lay upon the Table.

- (2.) Reform in procedure of Equity Court :—Mr. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether Government has provided, or intends to provide, any means by which a reform in the procedure of the Equity Court may be effected as speedily as possible ?

Sir James Martin answered,—The question of a reform of the procedure of the Equity Court is one which the Law Commission, now sitting, will, I believe, shortly take into consideration.

- (3.) Public Schools :—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) What money has been expended on the Public School building at Cleveland Paddocks, specifying the amount expended on the ornamentation of the building ?

(2.) What money was expended on the Public School building at each of the following places, that is to say :—

At Binda, in the years 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870.

At Carrawa, in the years 1868, 1869, 1870.

At Gledswood, in the years 1868, 1869, 1870.

At Mundooran, in the years 1869, 1870.

At Crudine, in the year 1870.

At Croom Park, in the year 1870.

And what salaries were awarded to the teachers of these schools respectively, during each of these years ?

(3.) What books are used in the Public Schools to teach Grammar, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography, and History ?

(4.) What are the questions which have from time to time been proposed to teachers at their annual examination, according to the 37th of the Regulations made under the Public Schools Act ?

(5.) What are the questions which have been from time to time proposed to teachers who are desirous of being promoted, according to the 38th of the Regulations made under the Public Schools Act ?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—I really think these Questions are not such as would be put in the House of Commons, or such as are contemplated under our practice. If I were to answer the Questions of my Honorable Friend I should have to read nearly all the Papers I now hold in my hand; and if I attempted to do so, before I had accomplished my task, the House would be counted out; I shall, therefore, presently merely lay them upon the Table, leaving the Honorable Member to do as he likes with them, either to read them or to move that they be printed.

(4.) Wool carried by Railway from Goulburn to Sydney:—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) What number of bales of Wool were carried on the Railway from Goulburn to Sydney, between the 1st day of October, 1870, and the 1st day of April, 1871?

(2.) What number of bales of Wool were so carried during the months of October and November of the present year, and what number during the same months of the previous year?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) 17,370.		October, 1871	412 Bales
(2.) October, 1870	192 Bales.	November, 1871	4,492 „
November, 1870	2,114 „		
		Total	4,904 Bales
Total	2,306 Bales.		

Mr. Lucas not asking Question No. 5, it dropped.

(5.) Loans Account:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) How have the proceeds of the Debentures for £450,000, known as the Tailings Loan, and the proceeds of the Loan for £407,000 for Public Works, been disposed of?

(2.) How much has been used for the purposes provided for under the authority of the several Acts of Parliament by which the said money was authorized to be borrowed, and how much has otherwise been expended for purposes not authorized under Loan Acts?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) They have been credited in the usual manner to the Loans Account.

(2.) £394,622 14s. 4d. has, up to the 30th November last, been expended for the purposes provided for by the several Acts of Parliament under which the money was raised, and £452,316 7s. 2d. has been temporarily used to meet payments on account of Services of 1870 and previous years, in excess of cash available, pending the negotiation of the Treasury Bills authorized for the purpose, and towards making remittances to London this year for Services of 1872, in anticipation of that year's revenue.

(6.) Great Western Railway:—Mr. Stewart, on behalf of Mr. Webb, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) What was the gross amount of money actually expended by the Government on account of Nos. 7 and 8 Sections of the Great Western Railway, up to 1st January, 1871?

(2.) What was the gross amount of money actually expended by the Government on account of Nos. 7 and 8 Sections of the Great Western Railway, up to 30th September, 1871?

(3.) Will the Government open any portion of the extension of the Great Western Railway beyond Rydal, for goods traffic, before the line is completed to Kelso; if so, to what point, and when?

(4.) Is it the intention of Government to take steps to insure the completion of the work on No. 9 Section within the contract time?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

	£	s.	d.
(1.) Contract No. 7	178,322	16	10
Contract No. 8	29,954	10	5
Total value of work executed	208,777	7	3
(2.) Contract No. 7	229,108	0	5
Contract No. 8	104,184	1	10
Total value of work executed	333,292	2	3

(3.) No. No provision has been made to meet the requirements of a goods traffic between Rydal and Kelso until the line is opened to the latter place.

(4.) The Government are fully alive to the desirability of this contract being completed at an early day. On the 6th November last a letter was written to the Contractor forwarding him a copy of Mr. Whitton's report on the slow progress he was making, and urging him to greater expedition. Steps will at once be taken to insure the completion of the work at the proper time, if possible.

2. PAPERS:—

(1.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table a Comparative Statement, showing the amount of Freight chargeable, during the months of August, September, and October, 1870 and 1871, for the conveyance of all kinds of goods, including every description of Pastoral and Agricultural Products and Live Stock, forwarded from the Scone and Muswellbrook Railway Stations, respectively.
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vict. No. 1, during the period from 13th June to 5th December, 1871.

(2.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Vict. No. 1, during the period, from the 16th June, to 5th December, 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table Papers relating to Public Schools.

3. **VACANT SEAT** :—The Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Matthew Henry Stephen, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee. Whereupon Sir James Martin moved, That the Seat of Matthew Henry Stephen, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee, hath become, and is now vacant by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Matthew Henry Stephen.
Question put and passed.
4. **MOTION WITHDRAWN** :—*Mr. Smith*, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Bawden, No. 2.
5. **LICENSING OF PUBLIC HOUSES** (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—That the Petition presented by him on the 8th December, from the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, relative to an amendment of the Law respecting the Licensing of Public Houses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to diminish the evils arising therefrom, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. **CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS** (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence with the Department of Lands, or the Colonial Secretary, referring to the survey and sale of the Church and School Lands in the Parishes of Middlehope, Butterwick, and Wolflingham, together with all the plans which may have been prepared of these lands since they were declared lands belonging to the Church and School Estate, together with a statement of prices realized at public auction of these lands at the Police Office, Maitland, on the 30th October last.
Question put and passed.
7. **TOWN HALL SITE BILL** (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—
(1.) Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize a supplementary grant of Land to the Municipal Council of Sydney, for the site of the Town Hall, and to enlarge the statutory time prescribed for the completion thereof.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Sir James Martin having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorize a Supplementary Grant of Land to the Municipal Council of Sydney for the Site of the Town Hall and to enlarge the statutory time prescribed for the completion thereof*”—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
8. **RAILWAY RATES** :—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced.
Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Terry, adjourned until Friday, 22nd December.
9. **MOTIONS WITHDRAWN** :—The undermentioned Motions withdrawn as follows :—
No. 9, by Mr. W. Forster.
No. 3, by *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Webb.
No. 4, by Mr. Samuel.
No. 5, by *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Brookes.
No. 6, by Mr. Jennings.
No. 10, by Mr. Farnell.
No. 11, by *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Brookes.
10. **MOTIONS DROPPED** :—
(1.) Mr. Hart not making the Motions standing in his name, Nos. 12 and 13, they dropped.
(2.) Mr. Wearne not making the Motion standing in his name, No. 14, it dropped.
11. **PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT** :—Captain Onslow presented a Petition from the Rev. Robert King, Rural Dean of Liverpool, representing that the Council of Education have threatened to close the Certified Church of England School at Liverpool, because of the want of certain repairs thereto; and praying for relief in the premises.
Petition received.
12. **INTERNAL COMMUNICATION** :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on this subject discharged, on motion of Mr. Macleay.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Macleay (*with the concurrence of the House*), withdrawn.
13. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, as follows :—
No. 2, by Mr. Farnell, until Friday, 22nd December.
No. 3, by Mr. R. Forster, until Friday, 5th January, 1872.
No. 4, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday next.
No. 5, by Mr. Driver, until Friday, 22nd December.
No. 6, by Mr. Fitzpatrick, until Friday, 22nd December.
No. 7, by Mr. Terry, until Friday, 2nd February, 1872.
No. 8, by Mr. Driver, until Friday, 22nd December.
No. 9, by Mr. Fitzpatrick, until Friday, 22nd December.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide in their new Electoral Bill for increased representation for the Electorate of Braidwood, which contains 2,895 electors?
2. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Considering that the Report of the Gold Fields Inquiry Commission is now in the hands of the Government, will the Secretary for Lands state if it is the intention of the Government to introduce a new Gold Fields Bill during the present Session?
3. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to the Select Committee appointed on October 8th, 1869, to inquire into "various charges made by the Warden of the Maitland District Council against Mr. J. Eckford, M.L.A., respecting the expenditure of the grant for "the repairs of the Cessnock road, for the year 1868; also on the charges made by Mr. Eckford against "the Warden",—
 - (1.) Has the present Government instituted any inquiry into the said charges, or any of them?
 - (2.) If so, what has been the result?
 - (3.) If not, is it the intention of the present Government to institute any such inquiry, or are the charges considered to be abandoned?
4. MR. BUTLER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—How much money has been voted and paid by Government for the repairs of the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo, during the last twenty years?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Has the Government accepted the tenders for the erection of a Court House and Lock-up at Brewarrina?
 - (2.) If so, have the tenders been signed?
 - (3.) Who are the sureties?
 - (4.) How long have the Contractors to complete the work?
 - (5.) Is Government aware that prisoners for the most trivial offences have to be kept in chains in an insecure slab stable with bark roof?
6. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is he aware that Mr. Edward Edwards, a warder in Darlinghurst Gaol, has been missing for four weeks?
 - (2.) Has he any information as to the cause of Mr. Edwards' absence, or has he any reason to suspect foul play?
7. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Has the Government appointed Experts to value fancy goods or jewellery; if not, is it the intention of the Government to appoint such officers?
 - (2.) How is the value of fancy goods and jewellery ascertained at present?
8. MR. DODDS *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether he has received any information as to the death of a person, known by the name of "Rowland Carr," whose body was found about three miles from the "Sand Holes Station," and about eight miles from "Goorah," Gwydir District, under circumstances denoting foul play; will the Attorney General cause the necessary inquiry to be made?
9. MR. LACKEY *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has the contract for the supply of Volunteer Uniform Clothing for the present year expired; if so, when?
 - (2.) Has the contractor had permission to continue the supply of clothing until the end of the year; if so, on whose authority?
 - (3.) Have any previous contractors for Volunteer Clothing had an extension of time beyond the termination of their contract; if so, on whose authority?
 - (4.) When do the Government intend calling for tenders for Volunteer Clothing, and will all such tenders in futuro be called by the Volunteer authorities, or by the Treasury?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to move*, (*by way of amendment on the motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on the "Married Women's Property Bill; No. 1,"*—
That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words—
"The Bill be recommitted with a view to the reconsideration of clause 6."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); to be further considered in Committee.
4. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

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GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. JENNINGS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government, before proceeding to collect Customs Duties on the Murray, should endeavour to effect an arrangement with the Government of Victoria to provide for the taking of an account by both Colonies, on the basis of existing tariffs of all imports and exports across or by way of the Murray to or from South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales, and that such account should be taken for a term of twelve months from the expiration of the present Treaty.
 - (2.) That the balance ascertained by the account so taken to be due to New South Wales by Victoria, and South Australia, shall be deemed to be the amount that this Colony is justly entitled to be paid.
 - (3.) That an agreement should be entered into with the beforenamed Colonies for such further period as may be deemed expedient, on the understanding that a sum not less than the aforesaid ascertained balance be paid to this Colony yearly, from 2nd February proximo, the date of expiry of the present agreement.
 - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. FARNELL to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for Despatch of Business during the remainder of the present Session, at Three o'clock, p.m.
3. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th December, from the Revd. Robert King, complaining of the operation of the 23rd clause of the Public Schools Act of 1866, be printed.

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Town Hall Site Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

Question :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is it true that the Ranger of the Domain prevents children from playing cricket and other games in the Domain ?
 - (2.) Has he any authority for such interference ?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria, No. 20.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Justices of the Peace Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Correspondence relating to the retirement of his Honor the Chief Justice ?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday 22nd December, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. R. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Papers and Documents in relation to the application made to the Council of Education for grant of a certificate, under the Act, to the Roman Catholic Denominational School at Grenfell.
2. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows :—
 1. That in future no Marriage shall be valid without registration by an official Registrar appointed by the Government, paid by fixed salary, and not by fees, and for whose fitness the Government shall be held responsible.
 2. That such Registration shall take place only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
 3. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, shall precede registration.
 4. That in any case where inquiry may appear necessary, the Registrar shall be empowered to insist on the production of additional evidence, to summon and examine witnesses, and to postpone a Marriage with a view to such inquiry.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

3. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
 (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
5. MR. MORRICE to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, circumstances have come to light in reference to the case of Dr. Beer, tried and convicted, and sentenced to ten years penal servitude, for administering belladonna to a woman, with the intention of procuring abortion, which circumstances, had they been known at the time of his trial, would have proved his innocence of the charge beyond all doubt.
 (2.) That the testimony of such an authority as Sir Benjamin Brodie, clearly asserting his conviction of Dr. Beer's innocence of the said charge, should weigh with this House in recommending that everything should be now done by the proper authorities to reinstate Dr. Beer in the honorable position he occupied before the institution of the criminal proceedings referred to.
 (3.) That the above Resolutions be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to Her Majesty the Queen.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.
- ORDER OF THE DAY:—
1. Bathurst Gas Bill (hitherto styled Bathurst Gas Company's Bill) (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Railway Rates; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay, "That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced."
5. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2.); adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
7. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
9. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 2 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1872.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading

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FRIDAY, 5 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
2. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 9 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WEBB to move,—
 - (1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
 - (2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.
3. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
 - (2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz :—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
 - (3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz :—The Public School, Hanbury ; the School of Arts, Hanbury ; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury ; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton ; the Public School, Lambton ; the School of Arts, Lambton ; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.

TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Electorate of Braidwood:—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, on behalf of *Mr. Greville*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide in their new Electoral Bill for increased representation for the Electorate of Braidwood, which contains 2,895 electors?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I think it extremely improbable that, with only 2,895 electors, an additional Member will be given. However, the matter has not been determined in the Cabinet.

- (2.) Gold Fields Bill:—*Mr. Baker* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Considering that the Report of the Gold Fields Inquiry Commission is now in the hands of the Government, will the Secretary for Lands state if it is the intention of the Government to introduce a new Gold Fields Bill during the present Session?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Considering the length of the Report of the Gold Fields Inquiry Commission, and the importance and magnitude of the suggestions contained therein, and also the necessity of well considering the report and recommendations of the Commission sent to the Western District, it is impossible for the Government to fix the time when a new Gold Fields Bill will be introduced, but there will be no unnecessary delay, and the suggested improvement in the Regulations shall not be neglected.

- (3.) Grant for Repairs of Cessnock Road:—*Mr. W. Forster*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—With reference to the Select Committee appointed on October 8th, 1869, to inquire into “various charges made by the Warden of the Maitland District Council against *Mr. J. Eckford, M.L.A.*, respecting the expenditure of the grant for the repairs of the Cessnock Road, for the year 1868; also on the charges made by *Mr. Eckford* against the Warden”,—

(1.) Has the present Government instituted any inquiry into the said charges, or any of them?

(2.) If so, what has been the result?

(3.) If not, is it the intention of the present Government to institute any such inquiry, or are the charges considered to be abandoned?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The matter was allowed to drop by the late Government, the Honorable Member being the Secretary for Lands, and has not been reopened by the present, as their attention has not been called to the subject, the Committee not having reported.

- (4.) Lake George Road:—*Mr. Butler* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—How much money has been voted and paid by Government for the repairs of the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo, during the last twenty years?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The amount spent on this road has been very trifling and chiefly by Trustees; it is impossible to ascertain the amount at once. I will, however, answer the Question of the Honorable Member as soon as the information can be obtained.

(5.) Court House and Lock-up at Brewarrina:—*Mr. Church*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

- (1.) Has the Government accepted the tenders for the erection of a Court House and Lock-up at Brewarrina?
- (2.) If so, have the tenders been signed?
- (3.) Who are the sureties?
- (4.) How long have the Contractors to complete the work?
- (5.) Is Government aware that prisoners for the most trivial offences have to be kept in chains in an insecure slab stable with bark roof?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) Yes, on the 6th October last.
- (2.) The bond was forwarded to the Police Magistrate at Fort Bourke by the Crown Solicitor, with a request that he would see it duly executed. It has not yet been returned.
- (3.) Henry Colliss and Joseph Beeker, both of Bourke.
- (4.) Eight months from date of signing bond.
- (5.) The Magistrates of Fort Bourke have drawn the attention of the Government to the inadequacy of the accommodation, and on their representation and that of the Member for the district, the Cabinet approved of a Lock-up being built at Brewarrina.

(6.) Mr. Edward Edwards, Warder in Darlinghurst Gaol:—*Mr. Church*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Mr. Edward Edwards, a warder in Darlinghurst Gaol, has been missing for four weeks?
- (2.) Has he any information as to the cause of Mr. Edwards' absence, or has he any reason to suspect foul play?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Warder Edwards, of Darlinghurst Gaol, was allowed leave of absence on account of ill-health. He proceeded, on the 16th November, to Sutton Forest, and left the Station for a place in the vicinity. He has not since been seen, although the country has been searched by police and large numbers of other persons. The Sheriff communicated the circumstances to the Inspector General of Police. It has been suggested that there has been foul play, but the idea seems to have no reliable foundation. Senior Sergeant Healy reported to the Inspector General of Police that, it having been deemed probable that Edwards got into a swamp, search was made by the police and several other persons. That has been continued, but he has not yet been discovered. I have no reason to suspect foul play.

(7.) Valuation of Fancy Goods and Jewellery:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

- (1.) Has the Government appointed Experts to value fancy goods or jewellery; if not, is it the intention of the Government to appoint such officers?
- (2.) How is the value of fancy goods and jewellery ascertained at present?

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) No; but such is the intention.
- (2.) When any doubt arises the Collector sends for some respectable jeweller (*Mr. Hardy* or *Mr. MacDonnell*), whose opinions have been found very useful in checking the declared value.

(8.) Rowland Carr:—*Mr. Dodds* asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—Whether he has received any information as to the death of a person, known by the name of "Rowland Carr," whose body was found about three miles from the "Sand Holes Station," and about eight miles from "Goorah," Gwydir District, under circumstances denoting foul play; will the Attorney General cause the necessary inquiry to be made?

Sir James Martin answered,—No information has reached me as to the death of Rowland Carr, under circumstances denoting foul play. I have received a communication respecting the death of a person whose name is not mentioned, but who, I believe, was the person to whom the Honorable Member refers. It was stated in such communication that there were no marks of violence on the body. Inquiry is being made by the police into the circumstances.

(9.) Volunteer Clothing:—*Mr. Lackey* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

- (1.) Has the contract for the supply of Volunteer Uniform Clothing for the present year expired; if so, when?
- (2.) Has the contractor had permission to continue the supply of clothing until the end of the year; if so, on whose authority?
- (3.) Have any previous contractors for Volunteer Clothing had an extension of time beyond the termination of their contract; if so, on whose authority?
- (4.) When do the Government intend calling for tenders for Volunteer Clothing, and will all such tenders in future be called by the Volunteer authorities, or by the Treasury?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the contract for the supply of clothing for the Volunteer Rifles for the present year expired on the 25th of September last, that for the supply of the Artillery expires on the 31st December, 1872.
- (2.) The contractor has had permission to continue the supply of clothing to the end of the year, on the authority of the Government.
- (3.) Yes; the Colonial Secretary.
- (4.) Immediately, to commence from the beginning of the year. By the Treasury.

2. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL:—*Mr. Butler* presented a Petition from the Most Reverend John Bede Polding, Roman Catholic Archbishop, against the passing of this Bill. Petition received.

3. **IMPORT ENTRIES REGULATION BILL**:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law regulating the time allowed for Entering Imported Goods,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th December, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

4. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—The Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Alexander Dodds, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

"LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

"By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of New South Wales.

"Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me; as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1858, I do hereby appoint

"Alexander Dodds, Esquire,

"being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the room of Matthew Henry Stephen, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly was declared vacant on the 12th December, 1871, by reason of his resignation thereof.

"Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,

"Sydney, this thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

"W. M. ARNOLD,
"Speaker."

5. **PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT** ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th December, from the Revd. Robert King, complaining of the operation of the 23rd clause of the Public Schools Act of 1866, be printed. Question put and passed.
6. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Sir James Martin (*with the concurrence of the House*), to follow after the first Notice of Motion on the Paper for to-day.

BORDER DUTIES:—Mr. Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) "That," in the opinion of this House, the Government, before proceeding to collect Customs Duties on the Murray, should endeavour to effect an arrangement with the Government of Victoria to provide for the taking of an account by both Colonies, on the basis of existing tariffs, of all imports and exports across or by way of the Murray to or from South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales, and that such account should be taken for a term of twelve months from the expiration of the present Treaty.

(2.) That the balance ascertained by the account so taken to be due to New South Wales by Victoria, and South Australia, shall be deemed to be the amount that this Colony is justly entitled to be paid.

(3.) That an agreement should be entered into with the beforenamed Colonies for such further period as may be deemed expedient, on the understanding that a sum not less than the aforesaid ascertained balance be paid to this Colony yearly, from 2nd February proximo, the date of expiry of the present agreement.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Lord moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the first word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words:—

"This House is of opinion,—

"(1.) That it is very desirable to avoid, if possible, the actual collection of duties on goods passing across or by way of the Murray into this Colony from Victoria, and into Victoria from this Colony.

"(2.) That the Government of New South Wales would be justified in abstaining from collecting duties on the Murray if, before the first of February next, the Government of Victoria binds itself to pay for the twelve months commencing from that date, the sum of £60,000 on the terms and conditions of the existing agreement, and such further sum quarterly as on taking an account on the basis of the existing tariffs may be found at the end of each quarter to be due to this Colony.

"(3.) That the Government of New South Wales ought, in conjunction with the Government of Victoria, to take immediate steps for obtaining the above information.

"(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Brookes,	
Mr. Leary,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Butler.
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Speer,	
Mr. Sutherland,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Noes, 20.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Ryan,	
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Levy.

Question,—

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

Question then,—That this House is of opinion,—

(1.) That it is very desirable to avoid, if possible, the actual collection of duties on goods passing across or by way of the Murray into this Colony from Victoria, and into Victoria from this Colony.

(2.) That the Government of New South Wales would be justified in abstaining from collecting duties on the Murray, if before the 1st of February next, the Government of Victoria binds itself to pay for the twelve months, commencing from that date, the sum of £60,000 on the terms and conditions of the existing agreement, and such further sum quarterly as on taking an account on the basis of the existing tariffs may be found at the end of each quarter to be due to this Colony.

(3.) That the Government of New South Wales ought, in conjunction with the Government of Victoria, to take immediate steps for obtaining the above information.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What amount has been expended on the New Post Office, including the purchase of land, and how much remains of the several sums voted for that building?
2. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—The actual cash balances in the Treasury and Bank of New South Wales, Sydney and London, on Monday, the 11th December, 1871, to the credit of the following accounts, namely :—
 - (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund;
 - (2.) Loans Account;
 - (3.) Loan Fund, 35 Vic. No. 5;
 - (4.) Trust Funds, including Lodgments and Suspense Fund?
3. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Referring to the Ways and Means, pages 22 and 23, for 1872, wherein a "Balance at the credit of the Loans Account on 31st October, 1871," appears, amounting to "£514,388 2s. 6d";—Will the Treasurer inform the House in which Bank or other place of deposit is the above sum in cash to be found?
4. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What is the intention of the Government in reference to the application of the proceeds of the Tailings Loan of £450,000?
 - (2.) Will the Treasurer lay upon the Table of this House a list of such Public Works as the Government intend to construct, specifying the sums intended to be applied to defray the cost of each work out of the said loan of £450,000?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to move*, (*by way of amendment on the motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on the "Married Women's Property Bill, No. 1"*),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words—"The Bill be recommitted with a view to the reconsideration of clause 6."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to move*, That this House, at its rising on Friday, the 22nd instant, adjourn till Tuesday, the 2nd January next.
2. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to move*, That the name of Mr. Allen be added to the Library Committee.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Town Hall Site Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 13th December, from the Most Reverend John Bede Polding, Roman Catholic Archbishop, relative to the Cemeteries Regulation Bill, be printed.
2. MR. DODDS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House (as a supplementary Return to the Order made by this House on the 12th instant), a statement of the names of all the purchasers at the sale of the Church and School Lands referred to in the said Order, and held at the Police Office, Maitland, on the 30th day of October, 1871.
3. MR. FARNELL to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for Despatch of Business during the remainder of the present Session, at Three o'clock, p.m.

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) Is it true that the Ranger of the Domain prevents children from playing cricket and other games in the Domain?
(2.) Has he any authority for such interference?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Did he, in the month of June last, receive memorials and resolutions, passed at a public meeting held at Maitland, representing four electorates, against the Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; and if so, will he be pleased to lay copies of the Papers upon the Table of this House?
3. MR. BAKER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—
(1.) Is a Police Magistrate permitted by the Government to carry on business as an agent in collecting rents?
(2.) Has Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate at Moruya, been complained of for so doing, and is it within the knowledge of the Government that he is still carrying on this business?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871; 34 Victoria, No. 20.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Justices of the Peace Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Correspondence relating to the retirement of his Honor the Chief Justice.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday 22nd December, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. R. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Papers and Documents in relation to the application made to the Council of Education for grant of a certificate, under the Act, to the Roman Catholic Denominational School at Grenfell.
2. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
(1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows :—
 1. That in future no Marriage shall be valid without registration by an official Registrar appointed by the Government, paid by fixed salary, and not by fees, and for whose fitness the Government shall be held responsible.
 2. That such Registration shall take place only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
 3. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, shall precede registration.
 4. That in any case where inquiry may appear necessary, the Registrar shall be empowered to insist on the production of additional evidence, to summon and examine witnesses, and to postpone a Marriage with a view to such inquiry.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

3. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
 - (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
5. MR. MORRICE to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, circumstances have come to light in reference to the case of Dr. Beer, tried and convicted, and sentenced to ten years penal servitude, for administering belladonna to a woman, with the intention of procuring abortion, which circumstances, had they been known at the time of his trial, would have proved his innocence of the charge beyond all doubt.
 - (2.) That the testimony of such an authority as Sir Benjamin Brodie, clearly asserting his conviction of Dr. Beer's innocence of the said charge, should weigh with this House in recommending that everything should be now done by the proper authorities to reinstate Dr. Beer in the honorable position he occupied before the institution of the criminal proceedings referred to.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to Her Majesty the Queen.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Bathurst Gas Bill (hitherto styled Bathurst Gas Company's Bill) (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER.

Question:—

1. MR. FRASER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—The number of Free Selectors who have taken up land in the Colony up to the 1st December, 1871, and of that number how many have availed themselves of their grazing rights?

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Railway Rates; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay, "That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced."
5. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2.); adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
7. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
9. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 2 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1872.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Land Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 5 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
2. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 9 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WEBB to move,—
 - (1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
 - (2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.
3. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
 - (2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz:—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
 - (3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz:—The Public School, Hanbury ; the School of Arts, Hanbury ; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury ; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton ; the Public School, Lambton ; the School of Arts, Lambton ; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.

TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The New Post Office:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—What amount has been expended on the New Post Office, including the purchase of land, and how much remains of the several sums voted for that building?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Amount expended on the New Post Office, including the purchase of land	£78,008	12	8
Cost of temporary building in Wynyard Square	3,498	14	6
Total	£81,507	7	2
Amount voted for the New Post Office	82,000	0	0
Amount remaining at the present time	£	492	12 8

(2.) Treasury and Bank Balances:—Mr. Samuel, on behalf of Mr. Farnell, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—The actual cash balances in the Treasury and Bank of New South Wales, Sydney and London, on Monday, the 11th December, 1871, to the credit of the following accounts, namely:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund;
- (2.) Loans Account;
- (3.) Loan Fund, 35 Vic. No. 5;
- (4.) Trust Funds, including Lodgments and Suspense Fund?

Mr. Lord answered,—In replying to the Honorable Member's question I must depart slightly from his arrangement, in order that the information may be furnished in an intelligible form. I will therefore give first the Credit Balances, as per Treasury Books, on 11th December instant, which were as follows:—

Loans Account	£492,321	1	4
Loan Fund, 35 Vic. No. 5	199,758	7	8
Trust Fund	251,514	7	10
Total Credit Balances	£943,593	16	10

From which has to be deducted—

Debtor Balance on the Consolidated Fund, as per Treasury Books, on same date	603,867	12	11
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Leaving a net Credit Balance of 339,726 3 11

which was distributed in the following manner:—

In Bank of New South Wales, London	£46,200	5	6
In Bank of New South Wales, Sydney—			
To Credit of Public Account	42,267	10	9
To Credit of Loan Fund, 35 Vic. No. 5	199,758	7	8

Making the Total Cash Balances in Bank	£288,226	3	11
Debentures and other Securities in Treasury Chest	51,500	0	0

In all £339,726 3 11
As

As it however appears from these and other questions of Honorable Members that it is desirable to obtain some further information respecting the Treasury and Bank Balances than given in my Financial Statement, I will, with the permission of the House, read in connection with the question of the Hon. Member—

A STATEMENT showing (1) the Overdraft on the Consolidated Revenue Fund on 30th November last, (2) the Funds from which the money was temporarily borrowed, (3) the Payments which caused the Overdraft, and (4) the means of recoupment.

1. Overdraft on the Consolidated Revenue Fund on the 30th November, 1871... £606,615 17 4

2. The Funds from which the money for this Overdraft was temporarily borrowed were—

The Old Loans Account	...	...	...	£452,316	7	2
The Trust Fund Account	...	...	...	154,299	10	2
				£606,615	17	4

3. And the Payments which caused it were as follows:—

Remittance to pay Interest due in January, 1872...	£231,245	14	11
Payments in 1871 on account of 1870 and previous years Services, in excess of funds	276,693	0	4
Advances to Trust Fund to be repaid	20,542	11	2
Payments to 30th November on account of Services of 1871, in excess of Revenue collected to that date, arising from a Remittance of £100,000 to pay off Debentures due 31st December, 1871...	78,134	10	11

606,615 17 4

4. The sources from which funds are obtainable to recoup the Loans and Trust Fund Accounts are these:—

From the Revenue of this Year yet to be collected...	£78,134	10	11
From the Revenue of 1872	231,245	14	11
From the Trust Fund...	20,542	11	2
From proceeds of the £334,600 Treasury Bills authorized by the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1871	276,693	0	4

The Treasury, New South Wales,
14th December, 1871. £606,615 17 4

(3.) Loans Account:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Referring to the Ways and Means, pages 22 and 23, for 1872, wherein a “Balance at the credit of the Loans Account on 31st October, 1871,” appears, amounting to “£514,388 2s. 6d.”—Will the Treasurer inform the House in which Bank or other place of deposit is the above sum in cash to be found?

Mr. Lord answered,—The Honorable Member’s Question will be found answered in the Statement showing the Treasury Balances and their distribution, on 30th November last (being a later date), laid upon the Table, in reply to the Questions of the Honorable Member for Parramatta.

(4.) Tailings Loan:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) What is the intention of the Government in reference to the application of the proceeds of the Tailings Loan of £450,000?

(2.) Will the Treasurer lay upon the Table of this House a list of such Public Works as the Government intend to construct, specifying the sums intended to be applied to defray the cost of each work out of the said loan of £450,000?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) It is intended to apply them in the manner stated in the Loans Account attached to the Ways and Means Estimates for 1872, page 22.

(2.) The list has already been laid upon the Table of the House, and will be found amongst the Ways and Means Papers referred to, marked Statement B, page 25.

2. PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY’S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Byrnes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 7th December, 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Byrnes then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 19th December.

Question put and passed.

3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (“*Formal*” Motion):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (Government Business), That the name of Mr. Allen be added to the Library Committee.
Question put and passed.

4. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Butler moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (General Business), That the Petition presented by him on 13th December, from the Most Reverend John Bede Polding, Roman Catholic Archbishop, relative to the Cemeteries Regulation Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

5. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (General Business), That there be laid upon the Table of this House (as a supplementary Return to the Order made by this House on the 12th instant), a Statement of the names of all the purchasers at the sale of the Church and School Lands referred to in the said Order, and held at the Police Office Maitland, on the 30th day of October, 1871.
Question put and passed.
6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (Government Business), That this House, at its rising on Friday, the 22nd instant, adjourn till Tuesday, the "second" January next.
Mr. Jennings moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the word "second," with a view to inserting in place thereof the word "twenty-third."
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hoskins,	Captain Onslow.
Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Lucas,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Tunke,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Allen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Jennings.
Mr. Bell,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then put,—That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Church,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Campbell,
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Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lucas,
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Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Moses,	
Captain Onslow,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Farnell,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Main Question,—That this House at its rising on Friday, the 22nd instant, adjourn till Tuesday, the twenty-third January next,—put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, as follows:—
No. 1, by Mr. Wilson, to follow after Order No. 4.
No. 2, by Sir James Martin, to follow after Order No. 1, as postponed.
8. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at six minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) Is it true that the Ranger of the Domain prevents children from playing cricket and other games in the Domain?
(2.) Has he any authority for such interference?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Did he, in the month of June last, receive memorials and resolutions, passed at a public meeting held at Maitland, representing four electorates, against the Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; and if so, will he be pleased to lay copies of the Papers upon the Table of this House?
3. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
(1.) Is a Police Magistrate permitted by the Government to carry on business as an agent in collecting rents?
(2.) Has Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate at Moruya, been complained of for so doing, and is it within the knowledge of the Government that he is still carrying on this business?
4. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) What is the cause of the delay in the payment of Drawbacks on Goods exported during the month of October?
(2.) If the delay is in the Custom House, will the Government take steps to prevent a recurrence of such delay?
(3.) When will the Drawbacks be paid?
5. MR. JENNINGS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—In reference to the proposed Bridge over the Murray, between Moama and Echuca, for the erection of which money has been borrowed by authority of this House,—Is it the intention of Government to take measures, in concert with the Government of Victoria, to decide on a site for the Bridge, so that no further delay may take place in proceeding with this very necessary work?
6. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to the Road in the Southern District between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land; also to the motion for a Select Committee to inquire and report upon the propriety of the Government erecting a Bridge over the Southern Line of Railway on the said road, placed upon the Paper by the present Honorable Secretary for Lands, on April 13, 1870,—
(1.) Have the present Government made any such inquiry into the matter as was intended by the said motion?
(2.) If so, what has been the result?
(3.) If not, is it the intention of the present Government to make such inquiry?
7. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) Is a Shipping Master entitled by the rules of the Civil Service to carry on the business of a shipowner, and be actually engaged in charter parties during the period of holding the appointment of Shipping Master at any port in the Colony of New South Wales?
(2.) Has the Shipping Master at the Port of Newcastle obtained special permission from the Government, allowing him to carry on such business?
(3.) Is it within the knowledge of the Government that the Shipping Master of the said port has, for years past, been carrying on the business of a shipowner?
(4.) Now that the attention of the Government has been called to the subject, is it their intention to institute further inquiry into the matter, with a view of placing that officer on the same footing, in this respect, as the other Civil Servants of the Crown?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to move*, (*by way of amendment on the motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on the "Married Women's Property Bill, No. 1"*),—
That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words—
"The Bill be recommitted with a view to the reconsideration of clause 6."

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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 2. That such Registration shall take place only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
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Question :—

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
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FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 2. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
 3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
 4. Railway Rates ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay, "That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced."
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WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1872.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 5 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 12 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Permissive Liquor Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1872.

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New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) The Domain :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
 (1.) Is it true that the Ranger of the Domain prevents children from playing cricket and other games in the Domain?
 (2.) Has he any authority for such interference?

Mr. Wilson answered,—A portion of the Domain is set apart for the game of cricket, and the Ranger is authorized not to allow this game to be played in other parts.

- (2.) Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Did he, in the month of June last, receive memorials and resolutions, passed at a public meeting held at Maitland, representing four electorates, against the Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; and if so, will he be pleased to lay copies of the Papers upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lord answered,—Yes; copies will be laid upon the Table.

Mr. Baker withdrew Question No. 3.

- (3.) Customs Drawbacks :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
 (1.) What is the cause of the delay in the payment of Drawbacks on Goods exported during the month of October?
 (2.) If the delay is in the Custom House, will the Government take steps to prevent a recurrence of such delay?
 (3.) When will the Drawbacks be paid?

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) The enormous increase in their number—many of the claims being for trifling sums, some as low as 2s. or 3s.
 (2.) It is considered necessary, as a measure of precaution, that there should be an interval of time between the shipment or alleged shipment of goods and payment of Drawback.
 (3.) By the end of the present month.

- (4.) Proposed Bridge over the Murray between Moama and Echuca :—Mr. Jennings asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—In reference to the proposed Bridge over the Murray, between Moama and Echuca, for the erection of which money has been borrowed by authority of this House,—Is it the intention of Government to take measures, in concert with the Government of Victoria, to decide on a site for the Bridge, so that no further delay may take place in proceeding with this very necessary work?

Sir James Martin answered,—The Government hope shortly to be in a position to take the measures to which the Honorable Member refers.

(5.) Road in Southern District between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's Land:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—With reference to the Road in the Southern District between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land; also to the motion for a Select Committee to inquire and report upon the propriety of the Government erecting a Bridge over the Southern Line of Railway on the said road, placed upon the Paper by the present Honorable Secretary for Lands, on April 13, 1870,—

(1.) Have the present Government made any such inquiry into the matter as was intended by the said motion?

(2.) If so, what has been the result?

(3.) If not, is it the intention of the present Government to make such inquiry?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The present Government have inquired into this matter, and determined not to erect the Bridge.

(6.) Shipping Master, Newcastle.—Mr. Brookes asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Is a Shipping Master entitled by the rules of the Civil Service to carry on the business of a shipowner, and be actually engaged in charter parties during the period of holding the appointment of Shipping Master at any port in the Colony of New South Wales?

(2.) Has the Shipping Master at the Port of Newcastle obtained special permission from the Government, allowing him to carry on such business?

(3.) Is it within the knowledge of the Government that the Shipping Master of the said port has, for years past, been carrying on the business of a shipowner?

(4.) Now that the attention of the Government has been called to the subject, is it their intention to institute further inquiry into the matter, with a view of placing that officer on the same footing, in this respect, as the other Civil Servants of the Crown?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) No.

(4.) Inquiry shall at once be made.

2. PAPERS:—

(1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the Report of the Commissioners to the Western District, relating to the Gulgong and Tambaroora Gold Fields.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Lord laid upon the Table Papers respecting the Dissolution of the Maitland District Council.

Ordered to be printed.

3. The Chief Justice (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Correspondence relating to the retirement of his Honor the Chief Justice.

Question put and passed.

4. Immigration (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That this House will, on Friday, 22nd December, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

5. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Church,
Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Moses,

Tellers.

Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Farnell.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Windcayer,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Baker,	Tellers.
Mr. Speer,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Clarke,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL (No. 2):—Mr. R. Forster proceeding to move the second reading of this Bill,—

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum of Members present,—

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lord, Sir James Martin, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Windcayer,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes after six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. FARNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Honorable Member for Braidwood was requested to meet the Minister for Lands at his office, for the purpose of taking his advice as to the revision of the list for the insertion of Government Advertisements in the Provincial Journals of New South Wales?
 - (2.) Whether a letter was received by the Under Secretary for Lands, bearing date July 31st, 1871, signed respectively by John Byron and Arthur Cubitt, requesting permission to take part in the said revision?
 - (3.) If any reply to the aforementioned letter was sent either to Mr. Byron or Mr. Cubitt?
 - (4.) Will the Secretary for Lands lay upon the Table of this House the revised list, as altered by the Honorable Member for Braidwood in his own handwriting?
2. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Does the contract time for the completion of Narrabri and Fort Bourke line of Telegraph date from 6th September, 1871, when the conditions upon which the line was tendered for specify that the work must be completed within seven months from the acceptance of tender, which acceptance of tender was dated 10th August, and gazetted 11th August, 1871?
 - (2.) Has this line been commenced and carried on according to the conditions under which the contract was taken; that is to say, was it commenced simultaneously at Narrabri and Fort Bourke, and has not less than five miles been completed in each section weekly?
 - (3.) At what rate per mile was the contract taken—What value of work has been certified for by the Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs—What is the distance completed—What amount has been paid to contractor on account of work completed—What distance is it from Bourke to the nearest works on the line?
 - (4.) Will the Government take the steps necessary to enforce the immediate erection of the line from the Bourke end at a rate that will be equivalent to an average of five miles per week from acceptance of tender?

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

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TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Government Advertisements in Country Newspapers:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Whether the Honorable Member for Braidwood was requested to meet the Minister for Lands at his office, for the purpose of taking his advice as to the revision of the list for the insertion of Government Advertisements in the Provincial Journals of New South Wales?

(2.) Whether a letter was received by the Under Secretary for Lands, bearing date July 31st, 1871, signed respectively by John Byron and Arthur Cubitt, requesting permission to take part in the said revision?

(3.) If any reply to the aforementioned letter was sent either to Mr. Byron or Mr. Cubitt?

(4.) Will the Secretary for Lands lay upon the Table of this House the revised list, as altered by the Honorable Member for Braidwood in his own handwriting?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member for Braidwood was requested to see the Minister for Lands concerning Government Advertisements.

(2.) A letter was received from Arthur Cubitt and John Byron, dated 31st July, 1871.

(3.) A verbal answer was given to both Mr. Cubitt and Mr. Byron.

(4.) I am not aware of any such list.

- (2.) Telegraph between Narrabri and Bourke:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Does the contract time for the completion of Narrabri and Fort Bourke line of Telegraph date from 6th September, 1871, when the conditions upon which the line was tendered for specify that the work must be completed within seven months from the acceptance of tender, which acceptance of tender was dated 10th August, and gazetted 11th August, 1871?

(2.) Has this line been commenced and carried on according to the conditions under which the contract was taken; that is to say, was it commenced simultaneously at Narrabri and Fort Bourke, and has not less than five miles been completed in each section weekly?

(3.) At what rate per mile was the contract taken—What value of work has been certified for by the Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs—What is the distance completed—What amount has been paid to contractor on account of work completed—What distance is it from Bourke to the nearest works on the line?

(4.) Will the Government take the steps necessary to enforce the immediate erection of the line from the Bourke end at a rate that will be equivalent to an average of five miles per week from acceptance of tender?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) There was some delay in signing the Bond, which was not completed until the 6th September, and the contractor could not commence work until the Bond was signed.

(2.)

- (2.) The line was commenced on two sections simultaneously, viz., Narrabri and Walgett, as it was found impracticable to commence at Fort Bourke, but, in consequence of the difficulty the contractor experienced in procuring material in the Colony, less than five miles has been completed weekly.
- (3.) Price per mile, £28 15s.; value of work certified, £360 5s.; amount paid to contractor for work completed, £495 16s. 6d.; distance completed, 27 miles; distance from Bourke to Narrabri works, about 123 miles.
- (4.) The work will be pushed on as speedily as possible, but in consequence of the unexpected difficulty referred to, in not being able to procure material, it is not expected that the line will be finished within the specified time.
2. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**:—Mr. W. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2.
3. **PAPERS**:—
- (1.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Address, in reference to "The Chief Justice," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Stewart, on 15th December, 1871.
- (2.) A Return showing the Distribution of the Police Force on 1st November, 1871.
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table a Sketch showing the position of Gulgong, the declared Leads of Gold, and alienated Land.
Ordered to be printed, and appended to the Report relating to the Gulgong and Tambaroora Gold Fields.
4. **CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL**:—Mr. Hill presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Randwick, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
5. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL**:—Mr. Watson presented a Petition from the Reverend Canon Vidal, and other members of the Church of England, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
6. **LODER'S ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Hoskins presented a Petition from Sarah J. Loder, widow, praying to be heard by Counsel against this Bill.
Petition received.
7. **ASSENT TO BILLS**:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker:—
- (1.) Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill:—
- BELMORE, *Message No. 2.*
Governor.
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 18th December, 1871.
- (2.) Import Entries Regulation Bill:—
- BELMORE, *Message No. 3.*
Governor.
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law regulating the time allowed for Entering Imported Goods,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 18th December, 1871.
8. **ROMAN CATHOLIC DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL, GRENFELL**, (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. R. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Papers and Documents in relation to the application made to the Council of Education for grant of a certificate, under the Act, to the Roman Catholic Denominational School at Grenfell.
Question put and passed.
9. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**:—Mr. Farnell withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 7.
10. **INTERNAL COMMUNICATION**:—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) "That" this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
- (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
- (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
- Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Contingent Notice No. 1, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the first word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words:—
"This House is of opinion that a Railway, including Rolling Stock, costing not more than £6,000 a mile, should be constructed, with all possible celerity, from Goulburn to the Murrumbidgee River, near Wagga Wagga."
Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. Lackey,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Butler,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Speer,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put,—

And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers for the Noes, no Division could be had, and the Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the affirmative.

11. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Mr. Morrice withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 5.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at Twenty-four minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. FRASER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—The number of Free Selectors who have taken up land in the Colony up to the 1st December, 1871, and of that number how many have availed themselves of their grazing rights?
2. MR. WEARNE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What are the duties of Captain Hopkins, Brigade Adjutant, Volunteer Artillery, and what pay and emoluments are attached to the appointment?
3. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—At what date were the proceeds of the Debentures, known as the Tailings Loan, and amounting to £439,787 7s. 11d., carried to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund?

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to move*, (*by way of amendment on the motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on the "Married Women's Property Bill, No. 1"*),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words—"The Bill be recommitted with a view to the reconsideration of clause 6."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Impounding Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Town Hall Site Bill; second reading.
5. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

GENERAL

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. HILL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th December, from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Randwick, relative to the Cemeteries Regulation Bill, be printed.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 - (1.) That during the Christmas recess something should be done to improve the comfort of this House.
 - (2.) That the former arrangement of the Chamber, by which Members could perform any writing they required to do without leaving it, was greatly more convenient, and ought to be returned to.
 - (3.) That the absence of Cross Benches is felt by many Members as a very awkward arrangement, and that therefore this convenience should be restored with as little delay as possible.
3. MR. WATSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th December, from the Rev. Canon Vidal, Incumbent of Christ Church, and others, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
4. MR. WATSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, or Papers, which have passed between the Postmaster General and any other person or persons, with reference to the removal of the Post and Telegraph Offices at Burrowa, and the appointment of Postmaster at same place.
5. MR. HOSKINS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th December, from Sarah J. Loder, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon, Loder's Estate Bill.
6. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
7. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Bathurst Gas Bill (hitherto styled Bathurst Gas Company's Bill) (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill, (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria, No. 20.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Justices of the Peace Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
9. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2); second reading.

THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER.

Question:—

1. MR. DRIVER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to a paragraph which recently appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, alleging that certain persons had been garrotted and robbed in this City?
 - (2.) Has any inquiry been made by the Detective Police with reference to such paragraph; and if so, has any report been made thereon to the Inspector General of Police?
 - (3.) Does such report verify the statements made in such paragraph; and if not, what is the nature of such report?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. TUNES to move, That there be added to the Return, ordered by this House on the 18th April last, referring to Sewerage and Water Supply, a Statement showing the situation and approximate area and value, on the 1st January last, of all landed property, either within or without the city, which has been granted, or otherwise handed over by the Government, to the Municipal Council of Sydney; also the terms on which, and the purposes for which, such lands are held by the Corporation.
2. MR. TUNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the whole amount of money paid from the Colonial Treasury for, and in support of, the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, from the 1st January, 1844, to 31st December, 1870, such Return to particularize the following, viz.:—
 - (1.) The cost of buildings and repairs.
 - (2.) The amount paid for officers and servants separately.
 - (3.) The value of supplies and clothing. The accounts of each School to be annual and separate.
3. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of introducing a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend an Act to provide for the preservation of Imported Game and during the breeding season of Native Game."
4. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of introducing a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Sewerage Act of 1853."

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Railway Rates ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay, "That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced."
5. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2.) ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.) ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
7. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
9. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
10. Immigration Bill :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.

TUESDAY, 2 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1872.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move (*as an amendment on the motion that the Crown Lands Bill be now read a second time*),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the following words,—

"in the opinion of this House any Land Bill offered for its consideration should aim at obviating the evil of bringing the two great interests of the country, namely, the pastoral and the agricultural, in direct collision. That, with a view to this object, provision should be made in the Bill now before Parliament, for the setting apart, in every district, agricultural areas in such blocks as to meet, to the fullest extent, the demands of the people, leaving both the agricultural and the pastoral interests to flourish without trenching upon each other, and free from the injury under which the country has so long suffered of a ruinous and fatal collision of interests so important."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 5 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
2. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 9 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WEBB to move,—
 - (1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
 - (2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

2. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.
3. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
 - (2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz :—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
 - (3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz :—The Public School, Hanbury; the School of Arts, Hanbury; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton; the Public School, Lambton; the School of Arts, Lambton; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.

FRIDAY, 12 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Permissive Liquor Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Free Selectors:—Mr. Fraser asked the Secretary for Lands pursuant to Notice No. 1,—The number of Free Selectors who have taken up land in the Colony up to the 1st December, 1871, and of that number how many have availed themselves of their grazing rights?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The Honorable Member's Question will be answered by a Return which is now in course of preparation, but which I shall not be able to lay before the House until after the Christmas holidays.

- (2.) Captain Hopkins, Volunteer Artillery:—Mr. S. Brown, on behalf of Mr. Wearne, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice, No. 2,—What are the duties of Captain Hopkins, Brigade Adjutant, Volunteer Artillery, and what pay and emoluments are attached to the appointment?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Captain Hopkins has charge of the Correspondence, Returns, &c., of the Volunteer Artillery Brigade; lectures on Artillery subjects; and, until very lately, has had exclusive charge of recruit drill. He attends such parades as may be desired by the Major Commanding Volunteer Artillery. His pay is £300 per annum, with quarters, allowance in lieu of rations, fuel, and light (worth 1s. 4½d. per diem), and also forage allowance for one horse (worth 3s. 6d. per diem.)

- (3.) Tailings Loan:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—At what date were the proceeds of the Debentures, known as the Tailings Loan, and amounting to £439,737 7s. 11d., carried to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund?

Mr. Lord answered,—The Debentures were sold in October, 1870, and applied, in accordance with Mr. Samuel's instructions, towards meeting interest on Debentures falling due on 1st January last, and to pay off Debentures to the amount of £200,000, which matured on the 31st December, 1870; but, in consequence of unavoidable delay in the adjustment of the London Accounts, the proceeds were not carried to account in the Treasury Books until October last. The amount was then credited to the Loans Account, and not to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

2. CROWN LANDS BILL:—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from John Hawdon, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Moruya, praying that the Crown Lands Bill, now before the Legislative Assembly, may be amended in regard to the price of frontage lands for free selection.
Petition received.

3. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Hill moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th December, from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Randwick, relative to the Cemeteries Regulation Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

4. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3 That the Petition presented by him on the 19th December, from the Rev. Canon Vidal, Incumbent of Christ Church, and others, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed. Question put and passed.
5. **POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES, BURROWA** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, or Papers, which have passed between the Postmaster General and any other person or persons, with reference to the removal of the Post and Telegraph Offices at Burrowa, and the appointment of Postmaster at same place. Question put and passed.
6. **LODER'S ESTATE BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Hoskins moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th December, from Sarah J. Loder, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon Loder's Estate Bill. Question put and passed.
7. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—Maturity of Warrant Reported:—**
 (1.) The Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing Alexander Dodds, Esquire, a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, to fill a vacancy in the said Committee, laid upon the Table on the 13th December, 1871, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the dispatch of Business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to the said Member to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.
 (2.) Whereupon Alexander Dodds, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the said Committee.
8. **WAYS AND MEANS:—**The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
9. **BLACKWATTLE BAY LAND RECLAMATION BILL:—**The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the reclamation of Land in Blackwattle Bay,*"—with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 20th December, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,
 President.

BLACKWATTLE BAY LAND RECLAMATION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 20th December, 1871.

Page 2, clause 1, line 5. After "aforesaid" insert "Provided that a portion not being less than a fourth part of the entire area so reclaimed shall be set apart and dedicated in perpetuity for a Park or place for public recreation"

" " " After "Provided" insert "also"

Page 3. Schedule. Omit Schedule insert the following new Schedule:—

"That part of Blackwattle Bay lying to the south of the embankment on which the Pymont Bridge Company's Road crosses the Bay commencing at the eastern end of said embankment where it meets the original high-water mark and bounded thence on the east south and west by the original high-water mark of the Bay to the western side of the aforesaid embankment and thence by the embankment to the point of commencement."

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, That the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at six minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
 Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to any statements recently made, alleging that certain persons had been garrotted and robbed in this City?
 - (2.) Has any inquiry been made by the Detective Police with reference to such statements; and if so, has any report been made thereon to the Inspector General of Police?
 - (3.) Does such report verify the statements made; and if not, what is the nature of such report?
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to his Question, numbered 5, on the Business Paper of Friday, December 15, relative to the Road in the Southern Districts between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land, and the Answers thereto by the Honorable Secretary for Lands,—
 - (1.) Was Mr. Garrett, or any other person, deputed by the Government to inquire into the matter?
 - (2.) If so, what was the nature of any recommendation made, or opinion given, by the person so deputed?
 - (3.) Were the materials for erecting the bridge prepared?
 - (4.) What would have been the probable cost of erecting the bridge in addition to the materials?
 - (5.) To what use will these materials be now put?
 - (6.) Is the road available for public use without the bridge?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to move*, (*by way of amendment on the motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on the "Married Women's Property Bill, No. 1)"*,—
That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words—
"The Bill be recommitted with a view to the reconsideration of clause 6."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Impounding Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Town Hall Site Bill; second reading.
6. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); to be further considered in Committee.
7. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. TUNKS *to move*, That there be added to the Return, ordered by this House on the 18th April last, referring to Sewerage and Water Supply, a Statement showing the situation and approximate area and value, on the 1st January last, of all landed property, either within or without the city, which has been granted, or otherwise handed over by the Government, to the Municipal Council of Sydney; also the terms on which, and the purposes for which, such lands are held by the Corporation.
2. MR. TUNKS *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the whole amount of money paid from the Colonial Treasury for, and in support of, the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, from the 1st January, 1844, to 31st December, 1870, such Return to particularize the following, viz. :—
 - (1.) The cost of buildings and repairs.
 - (2.) The amount paid for officers and servants separately.
 - (3.) The value of supplies and clothing. The accounts of each School to be annual and separate.
3. MR. DRIVER *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of introducing a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend an Act to provide for the preservation of Imported Game and during the breeding season of Native Game."
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6. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*,—
 - (1.) That during the Christmas recess something should be done to improve the comfort of this House.
 - (2.) That the former arrangement of the Chamber, by which Members could perform any writing they required to do without leaving it, was greatly more convenient, and ought to be returned to.
 - (3.) That the absence of Cross Benches is felt by many Members as a very awkward arrangement, and that therefore this convenience should be restored with as little delay as possible.

7. **MR. LUCAS** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
8. **MR. SAMUEL** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Bathurst Gas Bill (hitherto styled Bathurst Gas Company's Bill) (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill, (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria, No. 20.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Justices of the Peace Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
9. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2); second reading.

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Railway Rates; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay, "That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced."
5. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2.); adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
7. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
9. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
10. Immigration Bill:—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. **MR. FARNELL** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between Francis White, Esq., of Edenglassie, and the Government, respecting the destruction of a Cow imported by him per ship "Winifred," and supposed to have been affected with the foot and mouth disease.
2. **MR. LACKEY** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence which has passed between Messrs. Charles J. Byrnes and Co., of Parramatta, and the Government, since October last, relative to the supply of Uniform Clothing to the Volunteer Force.

TUESDAY, 2 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. W. FORSTER** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1872.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move (as an amendment on the motion that the Crown Lands Bill be now read a second time),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the following words,—
"in the opinion of this House any Land Bill offered for its consideration should aim at obviating the evil of bringing the two great interests of the country, namely, the pastoral and the agricultural, in direct collision. That, with a view to this object, provision should be made in the Bill now before Parliament, for the setting apart, in every district, agricultural areas in such blocks as to meet, to the fullest extent, the demands of the people, leaving both the agricultural and the pastoral interests to flourish without trenching upon each other, and free from the injury under which the country has so long suffered of a ruinous and fatal collision of interests so important."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 5 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
2. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 9 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. WEBB to move,—
(1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
(2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.
3. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
(2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz :—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
(3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz :—The Public School, Hanbury ; the School of Arts, Hanbury ; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury ; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
(4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton ; the Public School, Lambton ; the School of Arts, Lambton ; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton?
(5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
(6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
(7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.

FRIDAY, 12 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Permissive Liquor Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Alleged Garroting:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
 (1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to any statements recently made, alleging that certain persons had been garroted and robbed in this City?
 (2.) Has any inquiry been made by the Detective Police with reference to such statements; and if so, has any report been made thereon to the Inspector General of Police?
 (3.) Does such report verify the statements made; and if not, what is the nature of such report?

Sir James Martin answered,—

- (1.) My attention has been called to it by the Notice of this Question.
 (2.) The cases referred to in the paragraph in the *Sydney Morning Herald* have been the subject of inquiry and report by the Detective Police.
 (3.) The report confirms the statement that the gentleman connected with the *Herald* was assaulted and robbed, but neither in that instance nor the others reported to the Police were the offences of the class usually known as garrote robberies. The Chinaman alluded to in the *Herald* was robbed of a cheque for twenty-six pounds, and the supposed offenders were arrested but could not be identified.

Mr. W. Forster withdrew Question No. 2.

2. JOHN PAUL:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from John Paul, of Camperdown, dealer, representing that on the 20th day of November, 1871, he was sentenced to two months imprisonment in Darlinghurst Gaol, on a charge of having in his possession certain copper supposed to have been stolen, and remained in the said gaol until the 8th day of December following, on which day he was released by order of His Excellency the Governor; that in consequence of the said conviction he has been put to great expense; and praying for inquiry into his case.
 And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—
 Petition received.
3. MAITLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL DISSOLUTION BILL:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from the Commissioners of the Maitland District Council, against the passing of this Bill.
 Petition received.
4. COHEN'S ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Hart presented a Petition from Priscilla Cohen, of Sydney, widow, and Lewis Solomon, of Albury, storckeeper, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Michael Cohen, deceased, to sell certain land in Clarence-street, Sydney, and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds of the sale thereof,—
 And Mr. Hart having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing notices for four consecutive weeks, in the months of October and November 1871, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—
 Petition received.

5. SEWERAGE AND WATER SUPPLY ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. Tunks*, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That there be added to the Return, ordered by this House on the 18th April last, referring to Sewerage and Water Supply, a Statement showing the situation and approximate area and value, on the 1st January last, of all landed property, either within or without the city, which has been granted, or otherwise handed over by the Government, to the Municipal Council of Sydney; also the terms on which, and the purposes for which, such lands are held by the Corporation.
Question put and passed.
6. ORPHAN SCHOOLS ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. Tunks*, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the whole amount of money paid from the Colonial Treasury for, and in support of, the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, from the 1st January, 1844, to 31st December, 1870, such Return to particularize the following, viz. :—
(1.) The cost of buildings and repairs.
(2.) The amount paid for officers and servants separately.
(3.) The value of supplies and clothing. The accounts of each School to be annual and separate.
Question put and passed.
7. GAME PRESERVATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Hart*, on behalf of *Mr. Driver*, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of introducing a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend an Act to provide for the preservation of Imported Game and during the breeding season of Native Game."
Question put and passed.
8. SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Driver* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of introducing a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Sewerage Act of 1853."
Question put and passed.
9. CROWN LANDS BILL ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Clarke* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th December, from *John Hawdon*, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at *Moruya*, on the 13th instant, relative to amendment of the proposed Land Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of *Mr. Lord* the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, (*with the concurrence of the House*) That the said Resolution be now received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1872 there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £1,784 6s. 8d. to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule (B) to Schedule (No. 1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Vict. cap. 54.
Resolution then, on motion of *Mr. Lord*, read a second time, and agreed to.
The House adjourned, on motion of *Sir James Martin*, at twenty-four minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to his Question, numbered 5, on the Business Paper of Friday, December 15, relative to the Road in the Southern Districts between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land, and the Answers thereto by the Honorable Secretary for Lands,—
 - (1.) Was Mr. Garrett, or any other person, deputed by the Government to inquire into the matter?
 - (2.) If so, what was the nature of any recommendation made, or opinion given, by the person so deputed?
 - (3.) Were the materials for erecting the bridge prepared?
 - (4.) What would have been the probable cost of erecting the bridge in addition to the materials?
 - (5.) To what use will these materials be now put?
 - (6.) Is the road available for public use without the bridge?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is it true that some young gentlemen who attempted to play cricket in the Domain on Tuesday last were prevented, on the ground that the land was set apart for the University?
 - (2.) If this statement is true, where is the place in the Domain where children may play the game of cricket or other games?
3. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to place any sum upon the Estimates to reimburse Mr. James Rodd the amount of his losses in the case *Hassall v. Rodd*?
4. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Do the Government intend to make arrangements that will enable South Australian Merchants, and others, to send goods in bond past Wentworth for Wagga Wagga?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to move*, (*by way of amendment on the motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on the "Married Women's Property Bill, No. 1"*),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words—"The Bill be recommitted with a view to the reconsideration of clause 6."

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Railway Rates ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay, "That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced."
5. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2.) ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1.) ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
7. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
9. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
10. Immigration Bill :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
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12. Sewerage Act Amendment Bill :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Sewerage Act of 1853."
13. Bathurst Gas Bill (hitherto styled Bathurst Gas Company's Bill) (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
14. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill, (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
15. Stamp Duties Act :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria, No. 20.
16. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
17. District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
18. Justices of the Peace Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
19. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
20. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
21. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.

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3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 21st December, from John Paul, be printed.
4. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on 21st December, from the Commissioners of the Maitland District Council, against the passing of the Bill for the dissolution of the Council, be printed.
5. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Reports from the Detective Police, referred to in the reply of the Attorney General, relative to certain alleged cases of garroting.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 - (1.) That during the Christmas recess something should be done to improve the comfort of this House.
 - (2.) That the former arrangement of the Chamber, by which Members could perform any writing they required to do without leaving it, was greatly more convenient, and ought to be returned to.
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 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
8. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Impounding Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Town Hall Site Bill; second reading.
5. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, 2 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1872.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move (as an amendment on the motion that the *Crown Lands Bill* be now read a second time),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the following words,—
"in the opinion of this House any Land Bill offered for its consideration should aim at obviating the evil of bringing the two great interests of the country, namely, the pastoral and the agricultural, in direct collision. That, with a view to this object, provision should be made in the Bill now before Parliament, for the setting apart, in every district, agricultural areas in such blocks as to meet, to the fullest extent, the demands of the people, leaving both the agricultural and the pastoral interests to flourish without trenching upon each other, and free from the injury under which the country has so long suffered of a ruinous and fatal collision of interests so important."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 5 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
2. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 9 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. WEBB to move,—
(1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
(2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.
3. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
(2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz :—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
(3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz :—The Public School, Hanbury ; the School of Arts, Hanbury ; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury ; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
(4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton ; the Public School, Lambton ; the School of Arts, Lambton ; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton ?
(5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
(6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
(7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.

FRIDAY, 12 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Permissive Liquor Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS :—

Mr. W. Forster withdrew Question No. 1.

- (1.) The Domain :—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
 (1.) Is it true that some young gentlemen who attempted to play cricket in the Domain on Tuesday last were prevented, on the ground that the land was set apart for the University?
 (2.) If this statement is true, where is the place in the Domain where children may play the game of cricket, or other games?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

- (1.) I believe some young gentlemen were prevented playing cricket in the Domain on Tuesday last, not by an officer of the Government, but by a person appointed by the Trustees of the Domain.
 (2.) The Honorable Gentleman may easily recognize the cricket ground by seeing the game played upon it by many persons on any afternoon.

- (2.) *Mr. James Rodd* :—*Mr. Watson*, on behalf of *Mr. Greville*, asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to place any sum upon the Estimates to reimburse *Mr. James Rodd* the amount of his losses in the case *Hassall v. Rodd*?

Mr. Robertson answered,—This matter is under the consideration of the Government, but has not yet been determined upon.

- (3.) Goods sent in bond to Wagga Wagga :—*Mr. Watson*, on behalf of *Mr. Greville*, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Do the Government intend to make arrangements that will enable South Australian Merchants, and others, to send goods in bond past Wentworth for Wagga Wagga?

Mr. Lord answered,—Yes. There is nothing in the existing arrangement with Victoria to prevent this being done.

2. PAPERS :—*Mr. Robertson* laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting Telegraphic Communication with Europe.
 (2.) Return to an Address in reference to the proposed retirement of the Chief Justice,—*being in substitution for a Paper on the same subject; laid upon the Table on 19th December last.*
 Ordered to be printed.

3. DESTRUCTION OF AN IMPORTED COW (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—*Mr. Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between *Francis White, Esq.*, of Edinglassie, and the Government, respecting the destruction of a Cow imported by him per ship “*Winifred*,” and supposed to have been affected with the foot and mouth disease.
 Question put and passed.

4. VOLUNTEER CLOTHING ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence which has passed between Messrs. Charles J. Byrnes and Co., of Parramatta, and the Government, since October last, relative to the supply of Uniform Clothing to the Volunteer Force.
Question put and passed.
 5. JOHN PAUL ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on 21st December, from John Paul, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 6. MAITLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL DISSOLUTION BILL ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on 21st December, from the Commissioners of the Maitland District Council, against the passing of the Bill for the dissolution of the Council, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 7. ALLEGED GARROTING ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Reports from the Detective Police, referred to in the reply of the Attorney General, relative to certain alleged cases of garroting.
Question put and passed.
 8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, until Friday 2nd February, 1872.
 9. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL:—On the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment,—on motion of Mr. Buchanan (*with the concurrence of the House*), that Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 23rd January, 1872.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at half-past Six o'clock, until *Tuesday the 23rd day of January next.*

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY, 1872.

Questions:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to his Question, numbered 5, on the Business Paper of Friday, December 15, relative to the Road in the Southern Districts between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land, and the Answers thereto by the Honorable Secretary for Lands,—
 - (1.) Was Mr. Garrett, or any other person, deputed by the Government to inquire into the matter?
 - (2.) If so, what was the nature of any recommendation made, or opinion given, by the person so deputed?
 - (3.) Were the materials for erecting the bridge prepared?
 - (4.) What would have been the probable cost of erecting the bridge in addition to the materials?
 - (5.) To what use will these materials be now put?
 - (6.) Is the road available for public use without the bridge?
2. MR. DODDS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What amount of freight was chargeable from 1st January, 1870, to 31st December, 1871, for the conveyance of all kinds of merchandise, including every description of agricultural and pastoral products, live stock, timber, and other materials, forwarded from the East and West Maitland Railway Stations, respectively; distinguishing also the quantities, together with the amount of freight chargeable thereon, forwarded from each Station separately?

Contingent

Contingent Notices of Motions :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (*by way of amendment on the motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on the "Married Women's Property Bill, No. 1"*),—
That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words—
"The Bill be recommitted with a view to the reconsideration of clause 6."
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move (*as an amendment on the motion that the Crown Lands Bill be now read a second time*),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the following words,—
"in the opinion of this House any Land Bill offered for its consideration should aim at obviating the evil of bringing the two great interests of the country, namely, the pastoral and the agricultural, in direct collision. That, with a view to this object, provision should be made in the Bill now before Parliament, for the setting apart, in every district, agricultural areas in such blocks as to meet, to the fullest extent, the demands of the people, leaving both the agricultural and the pastoral interests to flourish without trenching upon each other, and free from the injury under which the country has so long suffered of a ruinous and fatal collision of interests so important."

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.
2. MR. FARNELL to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for Despatch of Business, during the remainder of the present Session, at Three o'clock, p.m.
3. MR. HART to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the will of Mr. Michael Cohen, deceased, to sell certain land in Clarence-street, Sydney, and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds of the sale thereof.
4. MR. ALLEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to grant a limited Copyright in Telegrams.
5. MR. FLOOD to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the best means of improving the Circular Quay.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hill, Mr. Speer, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Alexander, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and the Mover.
6. MR. GREVILLE to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence that may have taken place between Mr. James Rodd, J.P., and the Government, relating to losses sustained by that gentleman in the case of *Hassall v. Rodd*, tried before the Supreme Court in June, 1869.
7. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
(1.) That during the Christmas recess something should be done to improve the comfort of this House.
(2.) That the former arrangement of the Chamber, by which Members could perform any writing they required to do without leaving it, was greatly more convenient, and ought to be returned to.
(3.) That the absence of Cross Benches is felt by many Members as a very awkward arrangement, and that therefore this convenience should be restored with as little delay as possible.
8. MR. LUCAS to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
9. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.
10. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.
11. MR. WEBB to move,—
(1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
(2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
12. MR. BROOKS to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.

13. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
 - (2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz:—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
 - (3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz:—The Public School, Hanbury; the School of Arts, Hanbury; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England; Lambton; the Public School, Lambton; the School of Arts, Lambton; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.
14. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; third reading.
2. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Railway Rates; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay, "That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced."
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
8. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
9. Immigration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
10. Game Preservation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill intituled "An Act to amend an Act to provide for the preservation of Imported Game and during the breeding season of Native Game."
11. Sewerage Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Sewerage Act of 1853."
12. Bathurst Gas Bill (hitherto styled Bathurst Gas Company's Bill) (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
13. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill, (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
14. Stamp Duties Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria No. 20.
15. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
16. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
17. Justices of the Peace Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
18. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
19. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
20. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2); second reading.
21. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
22. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
23. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
24. Permissive Liquor Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Impounding Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Town Hall Site Bill; second reading.
5. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
8. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows :—
 1. That in future no Marriage shall be valid without registration by an official Registrar appointed by the Government, paid by fixed salary, and not by fees, and for whose fitness the Government shall be held responsible.
 2. That such Registration shall take place only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
 3. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, shall precede registration.
 4. That in any case where inquiry may appear necessary, the Registrar shall be empowered to insist on the production of additional evidence, to summon and examine witnesses, and to postpone a Marriage with a view to such inquiry.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the presence of ten Members of it, exclusive of the Speaker, shall form a Quorum.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolution.
4. MR. MORRICE to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, circumstances have come to light in reference to the case of Dr. Beer, tried and convicted, and sentenced to ten years penal servitude, for administering belladonna to a woman, with the intention of procuring abortion, which circumstances, had they been known at the time of his trial, would have proved his innocence of the charge beyond all doubt.
 - (2.) That the testimony of such an authority as Sir Benjamin Brodie, clearly asserting his conviction of Dr. Beer's innocence of the said charge, should weigh with this House in recommending that everything should be now done by the proper authorities to reinstate Dr. Beer in the honorable position he occupied before the institution of the criminal proceedings referred to.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to Her Majesty the Queen.

FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 1872.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Commons Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY, 1872.

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

VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message, No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, for the month of January, in the year 1872, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1871.

*Government House,
Sydney, 23rd January, 1872.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

2. RETURN OF WRIT :—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 13th December, 1871, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Mudgee, in the room of Matthew Henry Stephen, Esquire, resigned, had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of Henry Parkes, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Road in Southern District between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's Land :—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—With reference to his Question, numbered 5, on the Business Paper of Friday, December 15, relative to the Road in the Southern Districts between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land, and the Answers thereto by the Honorable Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was Mr. Garrett, or any other person, deputed by the Government to inquire into the matter?

(2.) If so, what was the nature of any recommendation made, or opinion given, by the person so deputed?

(3.) Were the materials for erecting the bridge prepared?

(4.) What would have been the probable cost of erecting the bridge in addition to the materials?

(5.) To what use will these materials be now put?

(6.) Is the road available for public use without the bridge?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1 and 2.) No.

(3.) Yes, for the most part.

(4.) About £100.

(5.) They remain there for the purpose.

(6.) No.

(2.)

(2.) Maitland Railway Stations :—Mr. Dodds asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What amount of freight was chargeable from 1st January, 1870, to 31st December, 1871, for the conveyance of all kinds of merchandise, including every description of agricultural and pastoral products, live stock, timber, and other materials, forwarded from the East and West Maitland Railway Stations, respectively; distinguishing also the quantities, together with the amount of freight chargeable thereon, forwarded from each Station separately?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—From East Maitland for 1870, 3,660 tons, realising £1,712 1s. 5d. for merchandise, and for live stock, £129 3s. 2d.; for 1871, 3,251 tons, realising £2,255 19s. 5d. for merchandise, and for live stock, £81 15s. 1d. From West Maitland for 1870, 5,498 tons, realising £4,436 18s. 5d. for merchandise, and £90 16s. 7d. for live stock; and in 1871 from the same Station, 5,869 tons, realising £5,038 5s. 7d. for merchandise, and £89 12s. 1d. for live stock.

4. PAPERS :—

(1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply, or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1, during the period from 5th December, 1871, to 19th January, 1872.

(2.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1, during the same period.

(3.) Report of the Commissioner in charge of the Southern Gold District, on the Southern Gold Fields, for the year 1871.

(4.) Return to an Order in reference to "Crown Land dedicated to Public or Charitable Purposes," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Tunks, on 8th November, 1870.

(5.) Return showing the number of Conditional Purchasers, also the number of Conditional Purchasers who have become Leaseholders by virtue of such purchases, from the 1st January, 1862, to the 31st December, 1871.

(6.) Return to an Order in reference to "Land Statistics," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Bawden, on 7th December, 1870.

(7.) Return to an Order in reference to "Destruction of an Imported Cow," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Farnell, on 22nd December, 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

(1.) Despatch notifying the appointment of the Successor to His Excellency the Governor, the Earl of Belmore.

(2.) Despatch relative to the retention at Sydney of the Books belonging to the late Garrison Library.

(3.) Despatch conveying thanks for the services of the Crown Law Officers *in re* "Daphne."

(4.) Report from the Astronomer of the result of the Solar Eclipse Expedition.

(5.) By-laws of the Borough of Bathurst.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table Return to an Address in reference to "Gold Fields Commission," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, on 21st November, 1871.

5. MEMBER SWORN :—Henry Parkes, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.

6. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The undermentioned Petitions against the passing of this Bill were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) From certain Free Selectors, Farmers, Storekeepers, Miners, and other residents of the Town and District of Molong, in Public Meeting assembled. By Mr. Buchanan.
Petition received.

(2.) From certain Free Selectors, Farmers, and others, residing in the District of Queanbeyan and a portion of the District of Braidwood. By Mr. Greville.
Petition received.

(3.) From certain Graziers, Agriculturists, Storekeepers, and other residents of Taralga. By Mr. Butler.
Petition received.

(4.) From certain Miners and others at Grenfell. By Mr. Watson.
Petition received.

(5.) From certain Residents of Burrowa. By Mr. Watson.
Petition received.

(6.) From certain Residents of Inverell and surrounding district, in Public Meeting assembled. By Mr. Fraser.
Petition received.

7. MOTIONS WITHDRAWN :—

(1.) Mr. W. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1.

(2.) Mr. Samuel withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 9.

8. DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PATERSON :—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from Mr. George Townshend, senior, of Trevallyn, in the District of Paterson, praying that the District Council of Paterson may be dissolved.
Petition received.

9. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Greville moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

10. COHEN'S ESTATE BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Michael Cohen, deceased, to sell certain land in Clarence-street, Sydney, and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds of the sale thereof.
Question put and passed.

11. TELEGRAMS COPYRIGHT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, for leave to bring in a Bill to grant a limited Copyright in Telegrams.
Question put and passed.
12. CIRCULAR QUAY (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the best means of improving the Circular Quay.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hill, Mr. Speer, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Alexander, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
13. MR. JAMES RODD (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence that may have taken place between Mr. James Rodd, J.P., and the Government, relating to losses sustained by that gentleman in the case of *Hassall v. Rodd*, tried before the Supreme Court in June, 1869.
Question put and passed.
14. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—William Henry Suttor, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
15. TELEGRAMS COPYRIGHT BILL:—Mr. Allen having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to grant a limited Copyright in Telegrams*,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 2nd February.
16. HOUR OF MEETING (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for Dispatch of Business, during the remainder of the present Session, at Three o'clock, p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Fraser,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Sutherland,

Tellers.

Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Hart.

Noes, 32.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Church,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. King,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Speer,	Tellers.
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.

And so it passed in the negative.

17. MOTIONS WITHDRAWN:—The undermentioned Motions were withdrawn, as follows:—
No. 7, by Mr. Buchanan.
No. 8, by Mr. Lucas.
No. 10, by Mr. W. Forster.
No. 11, by Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. Webb.
Nos. 12 and 13, by Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. Brookes.
No. 14, by Mr. Byrnes, on behalf of Mr. Bawden.
18. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL,—on motion of Mr. Buchanan, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales*."
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd January, 1872.
Question put and passed. Speaker.
19. FUTURE GOVERNORS SALARIES REDUCTION BILL:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
20. RAILWAY RATES:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Macleay, "That this House is of opinion that the rates now charged on the Government Railways for the carriage of goods are in many instances excessive, and ought to be reduced,"—having been read,—
Debate resumed. Question

Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Butler,	
Mr. Dillon,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Church,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Eckford,	

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Macleay.

Noes, 25.

Sir James Martin,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. Ryan,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Speer,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Greville,	

Mr. Bell,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Warden,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Dodds,

Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

21. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION BILL (No. 2):—Debate ensued on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That" this Bill be now read a second time."

Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words,—

"This Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and that such Committee have power to send for persons and papers.

"That such Committee consist of Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Wilson, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Speer, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, and the Mover."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. W. Suttor,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Hill,	
Captain Onslow,	
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Piddington,	

Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Ryan,
Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Church,

Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Farnell.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Speer,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Sutherland,

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Driver.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Chairman reported the Bill with Amendments.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Tunks, that the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 2nd February.

22. POSTPONEMENTS :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, as follows :—
Nos. 5 and 6, by Mr. Driver, until Friday, 2nd February.
No. 7, by Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next.
No. 8, by Mr. Driver, until Friday, 2nd February.
No. 9, by Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Friday, 9th February.
23. GAME PRESERVATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend an Act to provide for the preservation of Imported Game and during the breeding season of Native Game,"—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Driver the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend an Act to provide for the preservation of Imported Game and during the breeding season of Native Game."
On motion of Mr. Driver that Report was adopted.
24. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day No. 11 postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday, 2nd February.
25. BATHURST GAS BILL,—on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 9th February.
26. PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL,—on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 9th February.
27. POSTPONEMENTS :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, as follows :—
No. 14, by Mr. Stewart, until Tuesday next.
Nos. 15 to 20 inclusive, by Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 9th February.
Nos. 21 and 22, by Mr. Stewart, until Tuesday next.
No. 23 by Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 9th February.

28. **PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL**.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read, Mr. Wilson moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, the "16th" February.

Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the word "16th" with a view to inserting in place thereof the word "9th."

Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the word proposed to be inserted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That this Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, the 9th February,—put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY.

Questions :—

1. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**,—
(1.) What action has the Government taken, or does it intend to take, in reference to the land at Carters Barracks, on which the house of the Shepherd is being built?
(2.) What action has the Government taken, or does it intend to take, in reference to the land at Darlinghurst, as to which Questions were put some time ago, and Answers given that the matter was under the consideration of the Government?
2. **MR. MACLEAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—With reference to the following Resolutions adopted by this House on 19th December last,—
" (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
" (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
" (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—
(1.) What plan of Railway extension does the Government intend to propose in obedience to the above Resolutions?
(2.) When will such plan be submitted for the consideration of the Legislature?
3. **MR. FARNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—The names of all persons, other than Members of Parliament or Civil Servants, who have been permitted to travel by Railway, free of charge, during the last twelve months, and the circumstances that have led to the concession of this privilege to such persons?
4. **MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—Have the Government arrived at any decision in reference to the application of Mr. Stephen Scholey for his losses, as Warden of the Maitland District Council, in the case *Eckford v. Scholey*; if so, what is the nature of the decision?

Contingent Notices of Motions :—

1. **MR. W. FORSTER to move**, (*by way of amendment on the motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on the "Married Women's Property Bill, No. 1"*),—
That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words—
"The Bill be recommitted with a view to the reconsideration of clause 6."
2. **MR. BUCHANAN to move** (*as an amendment on the motion that the Crown Lands Bill be now read a second time*),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the following words,—
"in the opinion of this House any Land Bill offered for its consideration should aim at obviating the evil of bringing the two great interests of the country, namely, the pastoral and the agricultural, in direct collision. That, with a view to this object, provision should be made in the Bill now before Parliament, for the setting apart, in every district, agricultural areas in such blocks as to meet, to the fullest extent, the demands of the people, leaving both the agricultural and the pastoral interests to flourish without trenching upon each other, and free from the injury under which the country has so long suffered of a ruinous and fatal collision of interests so important."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. LORD to move**, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1872, passing through all its stages in one day.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Impounding Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Town Hall Site Bill; second reading.
5. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
8. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from Free Selectors and others, of Molong, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
2. MR. GREVILLE to move, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from certain Free Selectors and others, of Queanbeyan and Braidwood, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
3. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from certain Graziers, Agriculturists, Storekeepers, and other residents of the District of Taralga, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
4. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Correspondence between the Governments of this Colony and of Victoria, relative to the collection of Customs Duties upon the Murray River Border, is of opinion,—
 - (1.) That the terms offered by the Government of Victoria were reasonable, and ought to have been accepted.
 - (2.) That the collection of Customs Duties by the Government of this Colony upon the Murray River Border is highly inexpedient.
 - (3.) That immediate steps should be taken to obviate any necessity for the collection of such duties.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with the least possible delay.
5. MR. WATSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from Miners and others at Grenfell, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
6. MR. WATSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from Free Selectors and others at Burrowa, against the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
7. MR. FRASER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from certain Inhabitants of Inverell and neighbourhood, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
8. MR. DODDS to move, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from Mr. George Townshend, senior, relative to dissolution of the Paterson District Council, be printed.
9. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, 2nd February, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the making, repairing, and management of the Roads in the Colony.

TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY.

Questions:—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Whether the increased salaries of Judges, authorized by 20 Vic. No. 5, were paid to any of the Judges before the 1st January, 1858?
 - (2.) If so, when, and to which of the Judges?
2. MR. LEARY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.—What was the total amount of arrears of Pensions due up to 31st December 1871, inclusive, to each of the Pensioners under the Civil Service Superannuation Act of 1864?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows:—
 1. That in future no Marriage shall be valid without registration by an official Registrar appointed by the Government, paid by fixed salary, and not by fees, and for whose fitness the Government shall be held responsible.
 2. That such Registration shall take place only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
 3. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, shall precede registration.
 4. That in any case where inquiry may appear necessary, the Registrar shall be empowered to insist on the production of additional evidence, to summon and examine witnesses, and to postpone a Marriage with a view to such inquiry.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the presence of ten Members of it, exclusive of the Speaker, shall form a Quorum.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolution.
4. MR. MORRICE to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, circumstances have come to light in reference to the case of Dr. Beer, tried and convicted, and sentenced to ten years penal servitude, for administering belladonna to a woman, with the intention of procuring abortion, which circumstances, had they been known at the time of his trial, would have proved his innocence of the charge beyond all doubt.
 - (2.) That the testimony of such an authority as Sir Benjamin Brodie, clearly asserting his conviction of Dr. Beer's innocence of the said charge, should weigh with this House in recommending that everything should be now done by the proper authorities to reinstate Dr. Beer in the honorable position he occupied before the institution of the criminal proceedings referred to.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to Her Majesty the Queen.
5. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Correspondence between the Government, the Council of Education, and the Rev. Mr. Palmer, relating to application for certificate to a Denominational School at Petersham.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.
7. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 - (1.) That during the Christmas recess something should be done to improve the comfort of this House.
 - (2.) That the former arrangement of the Chamber, by which Members could perform any writing they required to do without leaving it, was greatly more convenient, and ought to be returned to.
 - (3.) That the absence of Cross Benches is felt by many Members as a very awkward arrangement, and that therefore this convenience should be restored with as little delay as possible.
8. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
9. MR. WEBB to move,—
 - (1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
 - (2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
10. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.
11. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
 - (2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz:—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
 - (3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz:—The Public School, Hanbury; the School of Arts, Hanbury; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton; the Public School, Lambton; the School of Arts, Lambton; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.
12. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
2. Stamp Duties Act ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria No. 20.
3. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
4. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Commons Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Telegrams Copyright Bill ; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2) ; adoption of Report.
5. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1) ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
7. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
8. Sewerage Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Sewerage Act of 1853."

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Immigration Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
2. Bathurst Gas Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Justices of the Peace Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
9. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
10. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
11. Permissive Liquor Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land at Carters Barracks and Darlinghurst:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) What action has the Government taken, or does it intend to take, in reference to the land at Carters Barracks, on which the house of the Shepherd is being built?
- (2.) What action has the Government taken, or does it intend to take, in reference to the land at Darlinghurst, as to which Questions were put some time ago, and Answers given that the matter was under the consideration of the Government?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

- (1.) The Government have not yet determined what steps it will be necessary to take in reference to the land at Carters Barracks.
- (2.) The Papers in this case have been sent to the Crown Law Officers for advice.
- (2.) Internal Communication:—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—With reference to the following Resolutions adopted by this House on 19th December last,—
- “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
- “ (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
- “ (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor,—

- (1.) What plan of Railway extension does the Government intend to propose in obedience to the above Resolutions?

- (2.) When will such plan be submitted for the consideration of the Legislature?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—I cannot answer the Honorable Gentleman this evening. The subject is under the consideration of the Government, and will be determined at an early day. I hope next week I shall be able to give the Honorable Member a reply to his Question.

- (3.) Free Railway Passes:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—The names of all persons, other than Members of Parliament or Civil Servants, who have been permitted to travel by Railway free of charge, during the last twelve months, and the circumstances that have led to the concession of this privilege to such persons?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—I will to-morrow afternoon lay upon the Table a Return showing what the Honorable Member requires.

- (4.) Mr. Stephen Scholey:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Have the Government arrived at any decision in reference to the application of Mr. Stephen Scholey for his losses, as Warden of the Maitland District Council, in the case *Eckford v. Scholey*; if so, what is the nature of the decision?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government do not consider it a matter requiring action on their part.

2. ROAD BETWEEN NEW ENGLAND AND MANNING RIVER DISTRICTS:—Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Manning River District, alleging that there is a line of communication between the New England District and the Manning River which could be made a good road at small expense; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
3. DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS:—Captain Odslow presented a Petition from the Ruridecanal Chapter of Camden, praying that Denominational Schools may be placed on the same footing as Public Schools in the matter of repairs.
Petition received.
4. ROAD FROM SUTTON FOREST RAILWAY STATION TO TOWNSHIP OF ROBERTSON:—Mr. Morrice presented a Petition from certain Freeholders, Leascholders, and Free Selectors, residing on the roads from Sutton Forest Railway Station, Throsby Park, Burrawang and its vicinity, to the Township of Robertson, praying that the money voted by Parliament for the repairs of these roads may be expended thereon, and not on a proposed deviation known as "Mr. Campbell's Deviation."
Petition received.
5. CROWN LANDS BILL:—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from certain Gold Diggers, Farmers, and other residents of Mogo, in the District of Broulee, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1872, passing through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.
7. CROWN LANDS BILL ("*Formal*" Motions):—
 - (1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from Free Selectors and others, of Molong, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from certain Free Selectors and others, of Queanbeyan and Braidwood, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) Mr. Butler moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from certain Graziers, Agriculturists, Storekeepers, and other residents of the District of Taralga, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (4.) Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from Miners and others at Grenfell, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (5.) Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from Free Selectors and others at Burrowa, against the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (6.) Mr. Fraser moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from certain Inhabitants of Inverell and neighbourhood, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PATERSON ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from Mr. George Townshend, senior, relative to dissolution of the Paterson District Council, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. ROADS BILL, No. 2 ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That this House will, on Friday, 2nd February, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the making, repairing, and management of the Roads in the Colony.
Question put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 1, postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until to-morrow.
11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be now received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(2.) Resolved,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £128,300 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1872, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1871, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1872.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time, and agreed to.
12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, until to-morrow.
13. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—
On motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be now received.

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1872, the sum of £128,300 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1872.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time, and agreed to.

14. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 2), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, towards the Service of the year 1872.

(2.) Mr. Lord having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1872,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day.

15. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 8 postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until to-morrow.

16. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL,—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time.

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Lord, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day, and be placed last on the Business Paper.

17. BORDER DUTIES:—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Correspondence between the Governments of this Colony and of Victoria, relative to the collection of Customs Duties upon the Murray River Border, is of opinion,—

(1.) That the terms offered by the Government of Victoria were reasonable, and ought to have been accepted.

(2.) That the collection of Customs Duties by the Government of this Colony upon the Murray River Border is highly inexpedient.

(3.) That immediate steps should be taken to obviate any necessity for the collection of such duties.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with the least possible delay.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hoskins moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Hoskins,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Terry,

Tellers.

Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Driver.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

18. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL,—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1872.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1872,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th January, 1872.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at nineteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY.

Question :—

1. MR. NOWLAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) Is it a fact that persons have landed on Garden Island, and inspected the cattle represented to be placed in close quarantine there?
(2.) If so, under what circumstances?

Contingent Notices of Motions :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (*by way of amendment on the motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on the "Married Women's Property Bill, No. 1"*),—
That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words—
"The Bill be recommitted with a view to the reconsideration of clause 6."
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move (*as an amendment on the motion that the Crown Lands Bill be now read a second time*),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the following words,—
"in the opinion of this House any Land Bill offered for its consideration should aim at obviating the evil of bringing the two great interests of the country, namely, the pastoral and the agricultural, in direct collision. That, with a view to this object, provision should be made in the Bill now before Parliament, for the setting apart, in every district, agricultural areas in such blocks as to meet, to the fullest extent, the demands of the people, leaving both the agricultural and the pastoral interests to flourish without trenching upon each other, and free from the injury under which the country has so long suffered of a ruinous and fatal collision of interests so important."

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—

SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next, the 30th instant.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Impounding Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Town Hall Site Bill; second reading.
5. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
8. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th January, from certain inhabitants of the Manning River, relative to the opening up of a Road between the New England District and the Manning River, be printed.
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th January, from the Ruridecanal Chapter of Camden, relative to the 23rd clause of the Public Schools Act, be printed.
3. MR. CLARKE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th January, from certain residents of Mogo, in the District of Broulee, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Border Duties :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. W. Forster,—
" (1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Correspondence between the Governments of this Colony and of Victoria, relative to the collection of Customs Duties upon the Murray River Border, is of opinion,—
" (1.) That the terms offered by the Government of Victoria were reasonable, and ought to have been accepted.
" (2.) That the collection of Customs Duties by the Government of this Colony upon the Murray River Border is highly inexpedient.
" (3.) That immediate steps should be taken to obviate any necessity for the collection of such duties.
" (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with the least possible delay."

TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY.

Questions :—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) Whether the increased salaries of Judges, authorized by 20 Vic. No. 5, were paid to any of the Judges before the 1st January, 1858?
(2.) If so, when, and to which of the Judges?
2. MR. LEARY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.—What was the total amount of arrears of Pensions due up to 31st December 1871, inclusive, to each of the Pensioners under the Civil Service Superannuation Act of 1864?

3. **MR. MACLEAY** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—With reference to the following Resolutions adopted by this House on 19th December last,—
- “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.
- “ (2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.
- “ (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor,—
- (1.) What plan of Railway extension does the Government intend to propose in obedience to the above Resolutions?
- (2.) When will such plan be submitted for the consideration of the Legislature?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. **MR. W. FORSTER** to move,—
- (1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows:—
1. That in future no Marriage shall be valid without registration by an official Registrar appointed by the Government, paid by fixed salary, and not by fees, and for whose fitness the Government shall be held responsible.
 2. That such Registration shall take place only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
 3. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, shall precede registration.
 4. That in any case where inquiry may appear necessary, the Registrar shall be empowered to insist on the production of additional evidence, to summon and examine witnesses, and to postpone a Marriage with a view to such inquiry.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the presence of ten Members of it, exclusive of the Speaker, shall form a Quorum.
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- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolution.
4. **MR. MORRICE** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, circumstances have come to light in reference to the case of Dr. Beer, tried and convicted, and sentenced to ten years penal servitude, for administering belladonna to a woman, with the intention of procuring abortion, which circumstances, had they been known at the time of his trial, would have proved his innocence of the charge beyond all doubt.
- (2.) That the testimony of such an authority as Sir Benjamin Brodie, clearly asserting his conviction of Dr. Beer's innocence of the said charge, should weigh with this House in recommending that everything should be now done by the proper authorities to reinstate Dr. Beer in the honorable position he occupied before the institution of the criminal proceedings referred to.
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6. **MR. SAMUEL** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.
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8. **MR. LUCAS** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
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- (2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
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10. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.
11. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
 - (2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz:—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
 - (3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz:—The Public School, Hanbury; the School of Arts, Hanbury; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton; the Public School, Lambton; the School of Arts, Lambton; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.
12. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.
13. MR. MORRICE to move, That the Petition presented by him on 24th January, from certain Freeholders, Leaseholders, and others, residing on the Roads between Sutton Forest Railway Station, Throsby Park, Burrawang, and the Township of Robertson, relative to the repairs of these Roads, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
2. Stamp Duties Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria No. 20.
3. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
4. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Commons Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Telegrams Copyright Bill; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); adoption of Report.
5. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
8. Sewerage Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Sewerage Act of 1853."
9. Roads Bill (No. 2.); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the making, repairing, and management of the Roads in the Colony.

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Immigration Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
 2. Bathurst Gas Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
 3. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
 4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
 5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 6. Justices of the Peace Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
 7. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
 9. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
 10. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 11. Permissive Liquor Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY, 1872.

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

QUESTION:—Cattle in Quarantine on Garden Island:—Mr. Nowlan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that persons have landed on Garden Island, and inspected the cattle represented to be placed in close quarantine there?
 (2.) If so, under what circumstances?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Yes; besides the officers of Government, Mr. Richard Hill, M.L.A., Mr. E. Vickery, his Superintendent, Mr. Hill, and Mr. John Stewart, M.L.A., visited Garden Island, and inspected some of the cattle.

(2.) The circumstances under which they did so were as follows:—When Mr. Hill landed on the Island he did so, I believe, under the impression that, as an Inspector of Sheep, he was entitled to do so, and he so stated to the person in charge (Mr. Yates), who then allowed him to inspect them. Mr. Vickery called at the Lands Office to obtain an order for himself and his Superintendent to see his bulls, which were in quarantine. He was told he could not land, but an order was given him directing Yates to lead the two animals out on the top of the bank, so that he might see them from the boat. It seems, however, that they did land, but did not touch or even approach these cattle, and saw none of the others. Mr. Stewart, at my request, accompanied me to Garden Island to inspect the cattle.

2. PAPERS:—

(1.) Sir James Martin laid upon the Table further Correspondence respecting Steam Postal Communication.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table a Return showing the names of all persons, other than Members of Parliament or Civil Servants, who have been permitted to travel by Railway free of charge during the last twelve months, and the circumstances that have led to the concession of this privilege to such persons.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table a Return of Runs Appraised in 1871; General Abstract of Runs Appraised in 1871; Summary of Runs Appraised in 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ROAD BETWEEN NEW ENGLAND AND MANNING RIVER DISTRICTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Windeyer, on behalf of Mr. Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by Mr. Smith on the 24th January, from certain inhabitants of the Manning River, relative to the opening up of a Road between the New England District and the Manning River, be printed.
 Question put and passed.

4. DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fitzpatrick, on behalf of Captain Onslow, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by Captain Onslow on the 24th January, from the Ruridecanal Chapter of Camden, relative to the 23rd clause of the Public Schools Act, be printed.
 Question put and passed.

5. CROWN LANDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Speer, on behalf of Mr. Clarke, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by Mr. Clarke on the 24th January, from certain residents of Mogo, in the District of Broulee, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
 Question put and passed.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next, the 30th instant.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for this day, and be placed last on the Business Paper.
 Debate continued.
 Motion for adjournment of Debate by leave withdrawn.
 Original Question then put and passed.

7. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. R. Forster moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.

8. NAVIGATION ACT OF 1871:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,
 Governor.

Message No. 5.

In pursuance of the provisions of the 33rd section of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor hereby signifies to the Legislative Assembly that the Bill passed by the Parliament of New South Wales and styled the "Navigation Act of 1871," has been laid before the Queen in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

*Government House,
 Sydney, 25th January, 1872.*

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1872*", returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 25th January, 1872.*

T. A. MURRAY,
 President.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next, on motion of the Members named:—

No. 1, by Mr. Wilson.

Nos. 3 and 4, by Mr. Wilson.

No. 7, by Mr. Lord.

No. 2, by Mr. Lord.

Nos. 5 and 6, by Mr. Windeyer.

No. 8, by Mr. Wilson.

11. BORDER DUTIES:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster,—

"(1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Correspondence between the Governments of this Colony and of Victoria, relative to the collection of Customs Duties upon the Murray River Border, is of opinion,—

"(1.) That the terms offered by the Government of Victoria were reasonable, and ought to have been accepted.

"(2.) That the collection of Customs Duties by the Government of this Colony upon the Murray River Border is highly inexpedient.

"(3.) That immediate steps should be taken to obviate any necessity for the collection of such duties.

"(2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with the least possible delay,"—resumed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Moses,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Leary,	

Noes, 23.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Clarke,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Eckford,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Speer,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

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TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY.

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 - (1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows :—
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14. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That the question involved in the following Resolution be referred to the Standing Orders Committee, namely :—That whereas, in the case of a Petition against the Land Bill from certain residents in the Electoral District of Queanbeyan, presented by Mr. W. Forster on January 23rd, the Honorable the Speaker ruled that the said Petition was inadmissible by reason of its not concluding with a prayer. And whereas in the said Petition a prayer was, or purported to be, expressed by the words "your Petitioners earnestly request," this House is of opinion that these words were equivalent to a prayer, and that consequently the ruling of the Speaker was incorrect.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
2. Stamp Duties Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria No. 20.
3. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
4. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY.

Question :—

1. MR. NOWLAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government immediately to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871, by bringing Pigs and Goats, animals susceptible of being affected with Epizootic Apatha, under its provisions?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to extend the period for the quarantine of healthy animals now on their way from Europe, hitherto fixed at fourteen days?
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to act upon the resolutions passed at the meetings of stock-owners held in Sydney and Singleton (conveyed to the Honorable the Minister for Lands), and issue a proclamation in terms of Section 10 of the Imported Stock Act of 1871, prohibiting for a time the introduction into this Colony of any stock from places beyond the Australian Colonies, except such as may be on the way previous to such proclamation reaching Europe?
 (4.) What is the present state of the health of the imported cattle on Garden Island, and for what length of time is it proposed still to keep them in quarantine; what steps will be taken to ascertain whether they are incapable of communicating the disease?

Contingent

Contingent Notices of Motions :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (*by way of amendment on the motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on the "Married Women's Property Bill, No. 1)"*),—
That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words—
"The Bill be recommitted with a view to the reconsideration of clause 6."
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move (*as an amendment on the motion that the Crown Lands Bill be now read a second time*),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the following words,—
"in the opinion of this House any Land Bill offered for its consideration should aim at obviating the evil of bringing the two great interests of the country, namely, the pastoral and the agricultural, in direct collision. That, with a view to this object, provision should be made in the Bill now before Parliament, for the setting apart, in every district, agricultural areas in such blocks as to meet, to the fullest extent, the demands of the people, leaving both the agricultural and the pastoral interests to flourish without trenching upon each other, and free from the injury under which the country has so long suffered of a ruinous and fatal collision of interests so important."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Impounding Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Town Hall Site Bill; second reading.
5. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
8. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move (*as an amendment on the motion for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the Whole on the "Public Vehicles Regulation Bill No. 2"*),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "the Bill be re-committed for the purpose of reconsidering clauses 8, 9, and 14."

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Commons Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Telegrams Copyright Bill; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); adoption of Report.
5. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
8. Sewerage Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Sewerage Act of 1853."
9. Roads Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the making, repairing, and management of the Roads in the Colony.

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Immigration Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
2. Bathurst Gas Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Justices of the Peace Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
9. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
10. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
11. Permissive Liquor Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY, 1872.

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

MESSAGES :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker :—

- (1.) Vote of Credit :—

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, for the months of February, March, and April, in the year 1872, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1871.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th January, 1872.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

- (2.) Assent to Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill :—

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1872,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th January, 1872.*

2. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. CROWN LANDS BILL :—Mr. Lucas presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Hartley, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Salaries of the Judges:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Whether the increased salaries of Judges, authorized by 20 Vic. No. 5, were paid to any of the Judges before the 1st January, 1858?

(2.) If so, when, and to which of the Judges?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Sir Alfred Stephen, from 1st January, 1857; first payment, 17th February, 1857.

J. N. Dickinson, from 1st January 1857; first payment, 6th November, 1857.

R. Therry, from 1st January, 1857; first payment, 17th February, 1857.

S. F. Milford, from 1st January, 1857; first payment, 17th February, 1857.

(2.) Pensioners under Civil Service Superannuation Act:—Mr. Leary asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What was the total amount of arrears of Pensions due up to 31st December 1871, inclusive, to each of the Pensioners under the Civil Service Superannuation Act of 1864?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I will lay the Paper upon the Table presently.

(3.) Internal Communication:—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—With reference to the following Resolutions adopted by this House on 19th December last,—

“(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of Internal Communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for.

“(2.) That Railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the Country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity, along or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic.

“(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.”—

(1.) What plan of Railway extension does the Government intend to propose in obedience to the above Resolutions?

(2.) When will such plan be submitted for the consideration of the Legislature?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Plans are not yet prepared for any different description of Railway from that at present in existence. The whole matter is under the consideration of the Government.

5. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The undermentioned Petitions, against the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) From certain Inhabitants of Muswellbrook and the surrounding Districts. By Mr. Parkes.
Petition received.

(2.) From certain Inhabitants of Collector and the surrounding Districts. By Mr. Butler.
Petition received.

6. PAPER:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table a Statement showing the total amount of arrears of Pensions, due up to the 31st December, 1871, inclusively, to each of the Pensioners under the Civil Service Superannuation Act of 1864.
Ordered to be printed.

7. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Mr. W. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1.

8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir James Martin stated that in consequence of the decision of the House on Thursday evening last, respecting the collection of Customs Duties on the Murray River Border, the Government had resolved to advise His Excellency the Governor to dissolve the Legislative Assembly, and that His Excellency had been pleased to accept that advice.

Sir James Martin further stated, that as only one month's Supply had been voted for the present year, it had become necessary, with a view to the interests of the Civil Servants, Contractors for Public Works, and others; to ask for a vote of Supply for such a period as would enable the new Parliament to deal regularly with the Estimates for the present year.

Sir James Martin then moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY.

Question :—

1. MR. NOWLAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government immediately to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871, by bringing Pigs and Goats, animals susceptible of being affected with Epizoötic Aptha, under its provisions ?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to extend the period for the quarantine of healthy animals now on their way from Europe, hitherto fixed at fourteen days ?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to act upon the resolutions passed at the meetings of stock-owners held in Sydney and Singleton (conveyed to the Honorable the Minister for Lands), and issue a proclamation in terms of Section 10 of the Imported Stock Act of 1871, prohibiting for a time the introduction into this Colony of any stock from places beyond the Australian Colonies, except such as may be on the way previous to such proclamation reaching Europe ?
 - (4.) What is the present state of the health of the imported cattle on Garden Island, and for what length of time is it proposed still to keep them in quarantine ; what steps will be taken to ascertain whether they are incapable of communicating the disease ?

Contingent Notices of Motions :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (*by way of amendment on the motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on the "Married Women's Property Bill, No. 1"*),—
That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words—
"The Bill be recommitted with a view to the reconsideration of clause 6."
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move (*as an amendment on the motion that the Crown Lands Bill be now read a second time*),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the following words,—
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LORD to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1872, passing through all its stages in one day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Impounding Bill ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Town Hall Site Bill ; second reading.
5. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1) ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.
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GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That the Petition presented by him on 30th January, from certain Inhabitants of Hartley and surrounding districts, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
2. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on 30th January, from certain residents of Muswellbrook, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
3. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 30th January, from certain Inhabitants of Collector and adjoining districts, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the presence of ten Members of it, exclusive of the Speaker, shall form a Quorum.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolution.

6. MR. MORRICE to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, circumstances have come to light in reference to the case of Dr. Beer, tried and convicted, and sentenced to ten years penal servitude, for administering belladonna to a woman, with the intention of procuring abortion, which circumstances, had they been known at the time of his trial, would have proved his innocence of the charge beyond all doubt.
 - (2.) That the testimony of such an authority as Sir Benjamin Brodie, clearly asserting his conviction of Dr. Beer's innocence of the said charge, should weigh with this House in recommending that everything should be now done by the proper authorities to reinstate Dr. Beer in the honorable position he occupied before the institution of the criminal proceedings referred to.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to Her Majesty the Queen.
7. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Correspondence between the Government, the Council of Education, and the Rev. Mr. Palmer, relating to application for certificate to a Denominational School at Petersham.
8. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.
9. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
- (1.) That during the Christmas recess something should be done to improve the comfort of this House.
 - (2.) That the former arrangement of the Chamber, by which Members could perform any writing they required to do without leaving it, was greatly more convenient, and ought to be returned to.
 - (3.) That the absence of Cross Benches is felt by many Members as a very awkward arrangement, and that therefore this convenience should be restored with as little delay as possible.
10. MR. LUCAS to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
11. MR. WEBB to move,—
- (1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
 - (2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
12. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.
13. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
 - (2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz :—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
 - (3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz :—The Public School, Hanbury; the School of Arts, Hanbury; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton; the Public School, Lambton; the School of Arts, Lambton; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.
14. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.
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16. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That the question involved in the following Resolution be referred to the Standing Orders Committee, namely :—That whereas, in the case of a Petition against the Land Bill from certain residents in the Electoral District of Queanbeyan, presented by Mr. W. Forster on January 23rd, the Honorable the Speaker ruled that the said Petition was inadmissible by reason of its not concluding with a prayer. And whereas in the said Petition a prayer was, or purported to be, expressed by the words "your Petitioners earnestly request," this House is of opinion that these words were equivalent to a prayer, and that consequently the ruling of the Speaker was incorrect.

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2. Stamp Duties Act ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria No. 20.
3. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
4. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move (*as an amendment on the motion for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the Whole on the "Public Vehicles Regulation Bill No. 2"*),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "the Bill be re-committed for the purpose of reconsidering clauses 8, 9, and 14."

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Commons Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Telegrams Copyright Bill ; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2) ; adoption of Report.
5. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1) ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
7. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
8. Sewerage Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Sewerage Act of 1853."
9. Roads Bill (No. 2.) ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the making, repairing, and management of the Roads in the Colony.

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Immigration Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
2. Bathurst Gas Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Justices of the Peace Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
9. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
10. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
11. Permissive Liquor Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—

(1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows:—

1. That in future no Marriage shall be valid without registration by an official Registrar appointed by the Government, paid by fixed salary, and not by fees, and for whose fitness the Government shall be held responsible.
2. That such Registration shall take place only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
3. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, shall precede registration.
4. That in any case where inquiry may appear necessary, the Registrar shall be empowered to insist on the production of additional evidence, to summon and examine witnesses, and to postpone a Marriage with a view to such inquiry.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1872.

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

QUESTION:—Imported Stock Act of 1871:—Mr. Nowlan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government immediately to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871, by bringing Pigs and Goats, animals susceptible of being affected with Epizoötic Aptha, under its provisions?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to extend the period for the quarantine of healthy animals now on their way from Europe, hitherto fixed at fourteen days?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to act upon the resolutions passed at the meetings of stockowners held in Sydney and Singleton (conveyed to the Honorable the Minister for Lands), and issue a proclamation in terms of Section 10 of the Imported Stock Act of 1871, prohibiting for a time the introduction into this Colony of any stock from places beyond the Australian Colonies, except such as may be on the way previous to such proclamation reaching Europe?
- (4.) What is the present state of the health of the imported cattle on Garden Island, and for what length of time is it proposed still to keep them in quarantine; what steps will be taken to ascertain whether they are incapable of communicating the disease?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

- (1.) It is not the present intention of the Government to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871, by bringing Pigs and Goats under its provisions.
- (2.) The Government do not think there is any necessity to extend the period of quarantine that is fixed upon healthy animals.
- (3.) The deputation from the meeting of stockholders that waited upon me were informed, and they coincided with me, that I did not think there would be any utility in prohibiting the importation of stock, unless the Governments of Victoria and Queensland adopted the same course. Those Governments have been communicated with upon the subject, but we have not yet received a reply from them.
- (4.) The stock upon Garden Island have been reported healthy and sound, but the Government have not yet determined how long they shall be kept before they will be released from quarantine, but steps will be taken to obtain professional advice upon the subject.

2. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The undermentioned Petitions, against the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) From certain Electors and other Residents of the Liverpool Plains Electorate. By Mr. Wearne. Petition received.
- (2.) From certain Residents in the Electoral District of the Lower Hunter. By Mr. Wisdom. Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Regulation respecting stoppages on account of Fines for Drunkenness in the New South Wales Artillery and Infantry.
 - (2.) By-Laws of the Municipal District of St. Peter's.
 - (3.) By-Laws of the Borough of Newcastle.
 - (4.) Correspondence relative to the presentation of Smooth Bore Ordnance to the Government of this Colony by the Imperial Government.
 - (5.) Correspondence relative to the collection of Customs Duties on the Murray River Border.
- Ordered to be printed.
4. CROWN LANDS BILL ("Formal" Motions):—
- (1.) Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on 30th January, from certain Inhabitants of Hartley and surrounding districts, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 30th January, from certain residents of Muswellbrook, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Butler, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by Mr. Butler on 30th January, from certain Inhabitants of Collector and adjoining districts, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL AT PETERSHAM ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Correspondence between the Government, the Council of Education, and the Rev. Mr. Palmer, relating to application for certificate to a Denominational School at Petersham.
Question put and passed.
6. ROAD FROM SUTTON FOREST RAILWAY STATION TO TOWNSHIP OF ROBERTSON ("Formal" Motion):—*Captain Onslow*, on behalf of Mr. Morrice, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 15, That the Petition presented by Mr. Morrice on 24th January, from certain Freeholders, Leaseholders, and others, residing on the Roads between Sutton Forest Railway Station, Throsby Park, Burrawang, and the Township of Robertson, relative to the repairs of these Roads, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1872, passing through all its stages in one day.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words:—"the following respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Earl of Belmore.

"The Legislative Assembly of New South Wales desire to represent to your Excellency the many inconveniences and dangers to the public interest arising from a dissolution of Parliament in the present position of public affairs.

"That the settled policy of the Government of Sir James Martin, ratified by the passing of the Act 31 Vict. No. 1, which has been in force during the last five years, has been not to collect duties on the importation of goods from Victoria across the River Murray, but to accept a money consideration, in lieu of the duties, of the yearly sum of £60,000.

"That a dissolution of Parliament at the present time cannot fail to prolong the present unhappy differences with Victoria, and to engender a feeling of hostility in the minds of a large portion of our fellow colonists settled upon the Border against the Government of New South Wales, who will feel that they are not under the administration of a Government which regards their interest and well-being, and the probable result of the dispute now subsisting will be the loss to this Colony of a large and valuable district.

"The Legislative Assembly are desirous of entering upon the consideration of the Estimates of Public Expenditure, as well as of the Bill now before them relating to the amendment of the Land Laws, and other important measures, and they feel confident that any further delay in dealing with these measures will be most injurious to the public interests.

"Deeply influenced by these various considerations, and anxious in particular to secure peace and the good-will of our fellow colonists upon the Border, the Legislative Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will not dissolve Parliament at the present critical period.

"That the above Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the Speaker and the House, at such time as it may please His Excellency to appoint."

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1872, A.M.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Sir James Martin,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. E. Brown,	
Mr. Eckford,	
Mr. Brookes,	
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Speer,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Robertson,	

Noes, 38.

Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Ncale,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Piddington,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Lcc,
Mr. King,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. W. Stutter,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Osborne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Jennings.
Mr. Nowlan,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question.—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Main Question then,—That the following respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Earl of Belmore:—

The Legislative Assembly of New South Wales desire to represent to your Excellency the many inconveniences and dangers to the public interest arising from a dissolution of Parliament in the present position of public affairs.

That the settled policy of the Government of Sir James Martin, ratified by the passing of the Act 31 Vict. No. 1, which has been in force during the last five years, has been not to collect duties on the importation of goods from Victoria across the River Murray, but to accept a money consideration, in lieu of the duties, of the yearly sum of £60,000.

That a dissolution of Parliament at the present time cannot fail to prolong the present unhappy differences with Victoria, and to engender a feeling of hostility in the minds of a large portion of our fellow colonists settled upon the Border against the Government of New South Wales, who will feel that they are not under the administration of a Government which regards their interest and well-being, and the probable result of the dispute now subsisting will be the loss to this Colony of a large and valuable district.

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Deeply influenced by these various considerations, and anxious in particular to secure peace and the good-will of our fellow colonists upon the Border, the Legislative Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will not dissolve Parliament at the present critical period.

That the above Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the Speaker and the House, at such time as it may please His Excellency to appoint,—put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-one minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until Four o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY.

Contingent Notices of Motions:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (by way of amendment on the motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on the "Married Women's Property Bill, No. 1"),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words—"The Bill be recommitted with a view to the reconsideration of clause 6."
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move (as an amendment on the motion that the Crown Lands Bill be now read a second time),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the following words,—“in the opinion of this House any Land Bill offered for its consideration should aim at obviating the evil of bringing the two great interests of the country, namely, the pastoral and the agricultural, in direct collision. That, with a view to this object, provision should be made in the Bill now before Parliament, for the setting apart, in every district, agricultural areas in such blocks as to meet, to the fullest extent, the demands of the people, leaving both the agricultural and the pastoral interests to flourish without trenching upon each other, and free from the injury under which the country has so long suffered of a ruinous and fatal collision of interests so important.”

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Impounding Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wilson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Town Hall Site Bill; second reading.
5. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 1); to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ad Eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
8. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WEARNE to move, That the Petition presented by him on 31st January, from certain Electors of the Liverpool Plains Electorate, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
2. MR. WISDOM to move, That the Petition presented by him on 31st January, from certain Residents of the Lower Hunter, relative to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
3. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of passing through all its stages in one day a Bill to suspend the Collection of Customs Duties on the Murray River Border.
4. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to suspend the Collection of Customs Duties upon the Murray River Border.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the presence of ten Members of it, exclusive of the Speaker, shall form a Quorum.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolution.
7. MR. MORRICE to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, circumstances have come to light in reference to the case of Dr. Beer, tried and convicted, and sentenced to ten years penal servitude, for administering belladonna to a woman, with the intention of procuring abortion, which circumstances, had they been known at the time of his trial, would have proved his innocence of the charge beyond all doubt.
 - (2.) That the testimony of such an authority as Sir Benjamin Brodie, clearly asserting his conviction of Dr. Beer's innocence of the said charge, should weigh with this House in recommending that everything should be now done by the proper authorities to reinstate Dr. Beer in the honorable position he occupied before the institution of the criminal proceedings referred to.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to Her Majesty the Queen.
8. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of Expenditure for 1872, the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, or such other amount as may be sufficient for the erection of a suitable Gaol at Orange.
9. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 - (1.) That during the Christmas recess something should be done to improve the comfort of this House.
 - (2.) That the former arrangement of the Chamber, by which Members could perform any writing they required to do without leaving it, was greatly more convenient, and ought to be returned to.
 - (3.) That the absence of Cross Benches is felt by many Members as a very awkward arrangement, and that therefore this convenience should be restored with as little delay as possible.
10. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Railways.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
11. MR. WEBB to move,—
 - (1.) That it is not conducive to the public interest that charitable institutions maintained at the public expense should be of a sectarian character.
 - (2.) That the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta ought not to be supported as sectarian institutions, but that one building ought to be converted into an orphan school for boys, and the other into an orphan school for girls, wherein no religious distinction should be made in the management of the children, due provision being made for their attendance at their respective places of worship.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
12. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up by him on the 16th March, 1871, be now adopted.

13. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of acres of land set apart as a Pasturage Reserve for the inhabitants of the Borough of Newcastle, situate at Waratah, in the County of Northumberland.
 - (2.) What portion (if any) of the said Pasturage Reserve has been subsequently alienated, and by what authority, and whether by mineral lease or otherwise, to any of the following Coal Companies, viz:—Old Lambton or Scottish Australian, New Lambton and Waratah respectively?
 - (3.) What portion, if any, to the following purposes, viz:—The Public School, Hanbury; the School of Arts, Hanbury; for Municipal purposes, Hanbury; and to the members of the Church of England, Hanbury?
 - (4.) What portion (if any) to the members of the Church of England, Lambton; the Public School, Lambton; the School of Arts, Lambton; and for Municipal purposes, Lambton?
 - (5.) What portion (if any) to other Denominations, for Church or School or any other purposes whatever, within the precincts of Hanbury and Lambton, respectively?
 - (6.) The number of acres of the said Pasturage Reserve occupied by persons who have settled upon the same, and known as "Commoners," together with the area in acres still remaining unalienated and unoccupied, if any.
 - (7.) A copy of the Report of the Surveyor General respecting the same, together with any other information in possession of the Government on the subject.
14. MR. BAWDEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission of Civil Engineers for the purpose of examining and inquiring into, and reporting upon, the best and most desirable means of improving the entrances to, and the navigation of, the Clarence, the Richmond, the Tweed, the Macleay, the Manning, and the Bellinger Rivers.
15. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That the question involved in the following Resolution be referred to the Standing Orders Committee, namely:—That whereas, in the case of a Petition against the Land Bill from certain residents in the Electoral District of Queanbeyan, presented by Mr. W. Forster on January 23rd, the Honorable the Speaker ruled that the said Petition was inadmissible by reason of its not concluding with a prayer. And whereas in the said Petition a prayer was, or purported to be, expressed by the words "your Petitioners earnestly request," this House is of opinion that these words were equivalent to a prayer, and that consequently the ruling of the Speaker was incorrect.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
2. Stamp Duties Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of amending the Stamp Duties Act of 1871, 34 Victoria No. 20.
3. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
4. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move (as an amendment on the motion for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the Whole on the "Public Vehicles Regulation Bill No. 2"),—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "the Bill be re-committed for the purpose of reconsidering clauses 8, 9, and 14."

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Commons Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Telegrams Copyright Bill; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 2); adoption of Report.
5. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill (No. 1); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
8. Sewerage Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Sewerage Act of 1853."
9. Roads Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the making, repairing, and management of the Roads in the Colony.

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances under which certain appointments to the office of Police Magistrate have been recently made, namely,—of Mr. Thomas Garrett, Mr. Charles T. Weaver, Mr. G. H. Rowley, and Mr. Florence J. Macarthy.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Sir James Martin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Neale, Mr. Leary, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Immigration Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
2. Bathurst Gas Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
5. District Courts Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Justices of the Peace Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
9. Married Women's Property Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
10. Defamatory Words and Libel Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
11. Permissive Liquor Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that a Bill should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, for the amendment of the Law relating to Marriage, as follows:—
 1. That in future no Marriage shall be valid without registration by an official Registrar appointed by the Government, paid by fixed salary, and not by fees, and for whose fitness the Government shall be held responsible.
 2. That such Registration shall take place only in public places, or in places appointed by the Government for the purpose, and only upon days and at hours when public business is usually transacted.
 3. That publication in some form or other, and for a specified period, shall precede registration.
 4. That in any case where inquiry may appear necessary, the Registrar shall be empowered to insist on the production of additional evidence, to summon and examine witnesses, and to postpone a Marriage with a view to such inquiry.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable
 to wit. } SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, a Member of
 (L.S.) Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council in Ireland, Governor
 BELMORE, and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales, and
 Governor. Vice-Admiral of the same.

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled "*An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty*," and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said Reign, intituled, "*An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty*," it was amongst other things enacted, that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to 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, SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Thursday, the eighth day of February instant, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Throsby Park, this first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and in the thirty-fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,
 JOHN ROBERTSON.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



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Given under my Hand and Seal, at Throsby Park, this third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and in the thirty-fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

JOHN ROBERTSON.

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