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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1894.

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:—The House met at Twelve o'clock, at noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the thirtieth day of July, 1894, of which a copy was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency The Right Honorable Sir ROBERT
“ to wit. } WILLIAM DUFF, a Member of Her Majesty’s Most Honorable Privy
“ (L.S.) } Council, a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of
“ R. W. DUFF, } Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
“ Governor. } of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“ IN pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Governor as aforesaid, by virtue
“ of the Act intituled ‘An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil
“ List to Her Majesty,’ as assented to by Her Majesty under the authority of the Act of the
“ Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the 18th and 19th years of the reign of Her said
“ Majesty, intituled ‘An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature
“ of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to
“ Her Majesty;’—I do hereby proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative
“ Assembly for the Colony of New South Wales, for the despatch of business, shall commence and
“ be holden on Tuesday, the seventh day of August proximo, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the
“ buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney ;
“ and the Members of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively are
“ hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this thirtieth day of
“ July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and in
“ the fifty-eighth year of Her Majesty’s Reign.

“ By His Excellency’s Command,
“ GEORGE R. DIBBS.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a correct List, without any omission, certified by His Excellency the Governor, of the names of the several persons returned to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, together with the respective Writs upon which they were so returned; and further Certificates by His Excellency that, in the case of the Writ for the Electoral District of Yass, the Election of the Member returned for that Electoral District has been duly declared to be valid, notwithstanding the informality specified in a Proclamation issued in the case and published in the Government Gazette; and that in the cases of the Members returned for the Electoral Districts of Sydney—King Division, East Maitland, St. George, The Manning, Singleton, Sherbrooke, Bathurst, and Hartley, in consequence of their Elections having become void by reason of their acceptance of office in a new Administration, Writs have been issued for new Elections in accordance with the provisions of the “Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884.”

Table with 2 columns: Names of Members returned, and Electoral Districts for which returned. Rows include Abbott, Joseph; Affleck, William; Anderson, George; Ashton, James; Newtown—Camperdown Division; Wentworth; Yass; Waterloo; Hay.

Barnes,

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Barnes, John Frederick	Gundagai.
Bavister, Thomas	Ashfield.
Black, George	Sydney—Gipps Division.
Brown, Herbert Harrington	Durham.
Brown, Thomas	Condoublin.
Brunker, James Nixon	East Maitland.
Cameron, Angus	Waverley.
Campbell, Alexander	Kiama.
Campbell, Archibald	Illawarra.
Cann, John Henry	Broken Hill.
Carroll, James George	The Lachlan.
Carruthers, Joseph Hector	St. George.
Chanter, John Moore	Deniliquin.
Chapman, Austin	Braidwood.
Chapman, Henry	Sydney—Fitzroy Division.
Clarke, Francis	The Hastings and The Macleay.
Collins, Charles	Narrabri.
Cook, Joseph	Hartley.
Copeland, Henry	Armidale.
Crick, William Patrick	West Macquarie.
Cruickshank, George Alexander	Inverell.
Cullen, Joseph Francis	Willoughby.
Davis, Thomas Martin	Sydney—Pymont Division.
Dibbs, George Richard	Tamworth.
Dick, William Thomas	Newcastle East.
Donnelly, Denis Cornelius Joseph	Cowra.
Edden, Alfred	Kahibah.
Ellis, James Cole	Newcastle West.
Ewing, Thomas Thomson	Lismore.
Farnell, Frank	Ryde.
Fegan, John Lionel	Wickham.
Ferguson, William John	Sturt.
FitzGerald, Robert George Dundas	Robertson.
Fitzpatrick, Thomas	The Murrumbidgee.
Fowler, Robert	Sydney—Phillip Division.
Gardiner, Albert	Ashburnham.
Garrard, Jacob	Sherbrooke.
Gillies, John	West Maitland.
Gormly, James	Wagga Wagga.
Gould, Albert John	Singleton.
Graham, James	Sydney—Belmore Division.
Greene, George Henry	Grenfell.
Griffith, Arthur Hill	Waratah.
Harris, Matthew	Sydney—Denison Division.
Hassall, Thomas Henry	Moree.
Hawthorne, John Stuart	Leichhardt.
Hayes, James	The Murray.
Haynes, John	Wellington.
Hogan, Patrick	Raleigh.
Hogue, James Alexander	Glebe.
Hollis, Leslie Thomas	Goulburn.
Hughes, William Morris	Sydney—Lang Division.
Jones, Llewellyn Charles Russell	Petersham.
Jones, Robert	Mudgee.
Jones, Travers	Tumut.
Kidd, John	Camden.
Kirkpatrick, John	Gunnedah.
Knox, Adrian	Woollahra.
Law, Sydney James	Balmain South.
Lee, Charles Alfred	Tenterfield.
Lees, Samuel Edward	The Nepean.
Levien, Robert Henry	Quirindi.
Lyne, William John	The Hume.
Macdonald, Hugh	Coonamble.
Mahony, William Henry	Annandale.
Martin, James	Sydney—Bligh Division.
McCourt, William	Bowral.
McFarlane, John	The Clarence.
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor	Redfern.
McLean, Francis Edward	Marrickville.
McMillan, William	Burwood.
Millard, William	Moruya.
Millen, Edward Davis	Bourke.
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle	Manaro.
Molesworth, Edmund William	Newtown—Erskine Division.
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson	Bingara.

Morgan,

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Morgan, James	Dubbo.
Morgan, William	The Hawkesbury.
Morton, Philip Henry	The Shoalhaven.
Newman, Henry William	Orange.
Nicholson, John Barnes	Woronora.
O'Reilly, Dowell Phillip	Parramatta.
O'Sullivan, Edward William	Queanbeyan.
Parkes, Sir Henry, G.C.M.G.	St. Leonards.
Parkes, Varney	Canterbury.
Perry, John	Ballina.
Piddington, William Henry Burgess	Uralla-Walcha.
Price, Richard Atkinson	Gloucester.
Pyers, Robert	The Richmond.
Rawlinson, Thomas	Bega.
Reid, George Houstoun	Sydney—King Division.
Rigg, William	Newtown—St. Peter's Division.
Rose, Thomas	Argyle.
Ross, Andrew	Molong.
Schey, William Francis	Darlington.
See, John	Grafton.
Shipway, William Charles	Paddington.
Slattery, Thomas Michael	Boorowa.
Sleath, Richard	Wilcannia.
Smailes, George Wells	Granville
Smith, Sydney	Bathurst.
Stephen, William	Botany.
Stevenson, Richard	Northumberland.
Storey, David	Randwick.
Thomas, Josiah	Alma.
Thomson, Dugald	Warringah.
Tonkin, James Ebenezer	Macquarie.
Waddell, Thomas	Cobar.
Wall, William Chandos	Rylstone
Watkins, David	Wallsend.
Watson, John Christian	Young.
Whiddon, Samuel Thomas	Sydney—Cook Division.
Wilkinson, John	Albury.
Wilks, William Henry	Balmain North
Willard, John	The Tweed.
Willis, William Nicholas	The Barwon.
Wise, Bernhard Ringrose	Sydney—Flinders Division.
Wood, William Herbert	Eden-Bombala.
Wright, Francis Augustus	Glen Innes.
Young, James Henry	The Manning.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS :—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message, that "The Commissioners request the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber, to hear the Commission for opening Parliament read."

The House went, and the President said :—

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—His Excellency the Governor not deeming it fit to be personally present here this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued, under the Great Seal of the Colony, constituting us Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor in the name and on the part of Her Majesty the Queen, or in the name and on the part of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, as will more fully appear by the Commission itself, which must now be read."

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

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

"To all to whom these presents shall come,

"Greeting :

"WHEREAS, by Proclamation made on the thirtieth day of July last, His Excellency The Right Honorable Sir ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, a Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our said Colony, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled 'An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,' as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the seventh day of August instant: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir John Lackey, K.C.M.G., President of the said Legislative Council, the  
"Honorable

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“Honorable William Henry Suttor, Vice-President of our Executive Council of our said Colony and the Honorable Archibald Hamilton Jacob, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said Sir John Lackey, William Henry Suttor, and Archibald Hamilton Jacob, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said seventh day of August or subsequent day, on our behalf, to do all things necessary to be done in our name or in the name of our Governor of our said Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no delay; commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament that to the said Sir John Lackey, William Henry Suttor, and Archibald Hamilton Jacob, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

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

“Witness our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Sir ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, a Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in our said Colony, this sixth day of August, in the fifty-eighth year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

“ R. W. DUFF.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ G. H. REID.”

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

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

And the House having returned,—

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS:—The Clerk informed the Assembly that he had received, through the office of the Colonial Secretary, a Commission, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, and bearing the Seal of the Territory, authorising Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, Knight, William McMillan, Esquire, and Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly,—which Commission the Clerk read, as follows:—

“By His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“Greeting :

“In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SIR ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, Knight, William McMillan, Esquire, and Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the Legislative Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony of New South Wales, at Government House, Sydney, in the Colony aforesaid, this sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and in the fifty-eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ R. W. DUFF.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ G. H. REID.”

5. MEMBERS SWORN:—Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, William McMillan, Esquire, and Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz.:—Joseph Abbott, Esquire. William Affleck, Esquire. George Anderson, Esquire. James Ashton, Esquire. John Frederick Barnes, Esquire. Thomas Bavister, Esquire. George Black, Esquire. Herbert Harrington Brown, Esquire. Thomas Brown, Esquire. Angus Cameron, Esquire. Alexander Campbell, Esquire. Archibald Campbell, Esquire. John Henry Cann, Esquire. James George Carroll, Esquire. John Moore Chanter, Esquire. Austin Chapman, Esquire. Henry Chapman, Esquire. Francis Clarke, Esquire. Charles Collins, Esquire. Henry Copeland, Esquire. William Patrick Crick, Esquire. George Alexander Cruickshank, Esquire.  
Joseph

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6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER:—Mr. Copeland, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, and moved,—“That Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Parkes.

Debate ensued.

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

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

And thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then Mr. Wise and Sir George Dibbs respectively congratulated the Speaker.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wise informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Governor would receive their Speaker at Government House this day, at Four o'clock,—and moved, That this House do now adjourn until Four o'clock this day.

Question put and passed.

The House met at Four o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

8. PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—The House proceeded to Government House, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—

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

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

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

(1.) Parramatta Street Watering Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intitled “An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to establish and levy a special rate for street watering purposes within certain portions of the Borough of Parramatta, in addition to the rates authorised by the ‘Municipalities Act of 1867’; and for the other purposes herein set forth,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (2.) Tolls on Randwick and Coogee Roads Abolition Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,

Message No. 2.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the 'Randwick and Coogee Road Trust Act, 1854,' the 'Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act of 1868,' the 'Randwick and Coogee Roads Transfer Act of 1869,' and the 'Randwick Toll-gate Removal Act'; to declare the roads referred to in the said Acts to be public roads; and to prevent the collection of tolls thereon,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (3.) Mining on Private Lands Bill (No. 2):—

R. W. DUFF,

Message No. 3.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to legalise Mining on Private Lands, to provide for charging rents in connection therewith, and for the resumption of land or the surrender by way of exchange, and the granting of other lands in lieu thereof for certain purposes; to make better provision for and in connection with mining on Crown lands in certain particulars; to effect such amendments in the Statutes as may be necessary to give this Act full force and effect; and for purposes consequent upon, connected with, or incidental to the aforementioned objects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (4.) Camels and Dromedaries Impounding Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,

Message No. 4.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Impounding Act of 1865,' and the Acts amending the same, and to amend the 'Public Watering Places Act of 1884,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (5.) Johnstone's Bay Storm-water Sewers Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,

Message No. 5.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain Storm-water Sewers discharging into Johnstone's Bay, Port Jackson,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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10. STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had, on the 11th June, 1894, presented to His Excellency the Governor the Standing Orders adopted by this House on the 7th June, 1894, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

11. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

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

"PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, I do hereby appoint—

" Thomas Bavister, Esquire,  
" William Patrick Crick, Esquire,  
" James Gormly, Esquire,  
" James Hayes, Esquire,  
" William McMillan, Esquire,

" Philip Henry Morton, Esquire,  
" Varney Parkes, Esquire,  
" Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire,  
" Francis Augustus Wright, 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 seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
" and ninety-four

" J. P. ABBOTT,  
" Speaker."



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12. NEW ADMINISTRATION—ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wise informed the House that since the dissolution of the last Parliament, His Excellency's advisers had seen fit to tender their resignations to His Excellency, and His Excellency had been pleased to accept them, and also to appoint the under-mentioned gentlemen to the offices mentioned in connection with their respective names:—

- The Honorable George Houstoun Reid, Colonial Treasurer and Collector of Internal Revenue of New South Wales.
- The Honorable James Nixon Brunker, Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Records of New South Wales.
- The Honorable George Bowen Simpson, Q.C., M.L.C., Attorney-General of New South Wales.
- The Honorable Sydney Smith, Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.
- The Honorable Joseph Hector Carruthers, Secretary for Lands.
- The Honorable James Henry Young, Secretary for Public Works.
- The Honorable Albert John Gould, Minister of Justice.
- The Honorable Jacob Garrard, Minister of Public Instruction.
- The Honorable Joseph Cook, Postmaster-General.

He also stated that under the new Electoral Act it was not necessary to have these seats declared to be vacant, for the Governor had power to issue the writs on his own motion.

Mr. Wise then moved, that the House do now adjourn until 12 o'clock at noon, on Tuesday, 28th August instant, when His Excellency would be pleased to declare the reasons for calling Parliament together.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twenty-four minutes before Five o'clock p.m., until Tuesday, 28th August instant, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1894.

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

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

*“ By His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“ *Greeting:*

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorise the Honorable Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, Knight, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, 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 seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and in the fifty-eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ R. W. DUFF.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ JAMES N. BRUNKER.”

2. **WRITS OF ELECTION:**—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received, through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, eight Writs issued by His Excellency the Governor for the election of eight Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral Districts of Sydney—King Division, East Maitland, St. George, The Manning, Singleton, Sherbrooke, Bathurst, and Hartley, whose elections had become void by reason of their acceptance of office in a new Administration; and that such Writs had been returned to His Excellency within the time fixed for their return, with certificates endorsed thereon by the several Returning Officers of the election of the following gentlemen to serve as Members for the Electoral Districts mentioned in connection with their names:—

The Honorable George Houstoun Reid—for Sydney—King Division.  
The Honorable James Nixon Brunker—for East Maitland.  
The Honorable Joseph Hector Carruthers—for St. George.  
The Honorable James Henry Young—for The Manning.  
The Honorable Albert John Gould—for Singleton.  
The Honorable Jacob Garrard—for Sherbrooke.  
The Honorable Sydney Smith—for Bathurst.  
The Honorable Joseph Cook—for Hartley.

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3. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned gentlemen having each taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took their seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named:—

The Honorable George Houstoun Reid—for Sydney—King Division.  
 The Honorable James Nixon Brunker—for East Maitland.  
 The Honorable Joseph Hector Carruthers—for St. George.  
 The Honorable James Henry Young—for The Manning.  
 The Honorable Albert John Gould—for Singleton.  
 The Honorable Jacob Garrard—for Sherbrooke.  
 The Honorable Sydney Smith—for Bathurst.  
 The Honorable Joseph Cook—for Hartley.  
 Dugald Thomson, Esquire—for Warringah.

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

“MR. SPEAKER,—

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

The House went,—and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Reid, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock this day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

5. ELECTION PETITION (*The Tweed*):—Mr. Brunker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from Joseph Bede Kelly, alleging that at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Colony, Petitioner was a candidate for the Electoral District of The Tweed, of which Electorate he was and still is a duly qualified elector; that the Returning Officer declared John Willard to be duly elected; that the said John Willard at the time of his election, although holding an Elector's Right for the Electoral District of Leichhardt, was not entitled, under the provisions of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, to have such right issued to him, he not having resided, or had his principal place of abode in New South Wales for a continuous period of one year, as required by the said Act; that the said John Willard obtained his Elector's Right improperly; and Petitioner claims to be entitled to the said seat, and to be declared to be the Member for the Electoral District of The Tweed, as he submits that all the votes that were given to the said John Willard were thrown away, he not being at the time of the said election eligible to be a candidate for election; and praying that it may be declared that the said John Willard was not a duly qualified candidate, and that Petitioner, having received the largest number of votes polled for duly qualified candidates, may be declared to be the Member entitled to the said seat as Member for the said Electorate of The Tweed.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. ELECTION PETITION (*The Murrumbidgee*):—Mr. Brunker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from Arthur Rae, alleging that at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Colony, Petitioner was one of the candidates duly nominated for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee when a poll was demanded; that the Petitioner was duly qualified to be elected; that the Returning Officer declared Thomas Fitzpatrick to be duly elected, and endorsed his name on the Writ; that the Returning Officer declared publicly that the said Thomas Fitzpatrick had polled seven hundred and eleven votes; that in consequence of many mistakes made in counting the ballot-papers, and of unqualified persons being allowed to record votes, the said Thomas Fitzpatrick did not poll that number of votes; that many of the ballot-papers were declared informal which were not informal, and that such votes should have been counted in favour of Petitioner; that many of the said ballot-papers were not initialled by the Deputy Returning Officers, and were therefore informal; that the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officers were not supplied with proper check rolls, and consequently there were no available means of ascertaining the validity of many of the votes polled; that the Deputy Returning Officer at the polling-booth at Junee Reefs permitted two persons to vote who were not electors for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee, and whose names were not on the Electoral Roll of the said Electoral District, but were in possession of Electoral Rights for the Electoral District of Queanbeyan not transferred for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee, and that the said Deputy Returning Officer did not place the ballot-papers of the said persons in the ballot-box, but laid them aside and forwarded them in a separate parcel to the Returning Officer, reporting all the circumstances to him; and praying that this Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the return of the said Thomas Fitzpatrick as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee may be declared null and void for the reasons aforesaid; that a scrutiny of all Ballot-papers should be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; that for the reasons aforesaid it may be declared that the said Thomas Fitzpatrick was not lawfully elected, and is not such Member; that it may be declared and determined that Petitioner was duly elected at the said election to serve and be a Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District, and is entitled to take his seat accordingly.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. ELECTION PETITION (*Sydney—Fitzroy Division*):—Mr. Brunker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from John McElhone, alleging that at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly, Petitioner was one of the candidates duly nominated for the Electoral District of Sydney—

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Sydney—Fitzroy Division; that the Petitioner was and is duly qualified to be elected; that the Returning Officer declared Henry Chapman to be duly elected, and endorsed his name on the Writ; that the said Henry Chapman directly and indirectly has, at the said election, been guilty of the offence of treating and bribery and other unlawful conduct; and praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the return of the said Henry Chapman as a Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Sydney—Fitzroy Division may be declared null and void for the reasons aforesaid; that it may be declared and determined that the said Henry Chapman has been guilty, at the said election, of the offence of treating and bribery and other unlawful conduct, and that for the reasons aforesaid the said Henry Chapman was not lawfully elected, and is not such Member for the said Electoral District; that it may be declared and determined that the Petitioner was duly elected, and is entitled to take his seat accordingly in the said Assembly; that the said Henry Chapman be ordered and directed to pay Petitioner's costs of and incidental to this Petition, and that such further or other order and determination may be made in the premises as may be just.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

## 8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Bankruptcy Jurisdiction.
- (2.) Despatch respecting Extradition Treaty with Liberia.
- (3.) Despatch respecting Extradition Treaty with Roumania.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations relating to mining leases under the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894.
- (2.) Cancellation and substitution of clause 11 of the Regulations under the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894.
- (3.) Cancellation and substitution of Schedule 10 of the Regulations under the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1894.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 26th April, 1894,—“Government wharf at Hayes-street, Neutral Bay.”

Ordered to be printed.

## 9. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Sydney Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,  
Governor.

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In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Coal-mines and Collieries and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

10. ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:—Mr. Reid presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for confirming the transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council, 1840,*”—which was read a first time *pro forma*.

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

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

The retirement of the late Administration, and the necessity imposed by law for the re-election of my present Advisers, have caused unavoidable delay in assembling you for the despatch of business.

2. Among the many large and important measures awaiting your early attention, sudden and unexpected circumstances, combined with other considerations of the highest importance, have led the Government to the conclusion that the most pressing subject of legislation is an amendment of the Land Laws. A Bill for that purpose will be immediately introduced. The just claims of the Crown tenants will be dealt with in a liberal spirit. But the chief aim of the measure will be to provide greater facilities for agricultural and homestead settlement in accordance with the growing requirements of the population.

3. You will also be invited during the present Session, in obedience to what my Advisers believe to have been the mandate of the constituencies at the recent General Election, to recast the Fiscal policy of the country, in order that the burdens of taxation may be more equitably adjusted. The new duties created by the Customs Tariff of 1891, and many other duties previously in force, will be repealed, taxes on the unimproved value of land, and upon incomes, taking their place. Invidious and oppressive distinctions in favour of one form of Colonial industry at the expense of another will no longer be encouraged, all being placed as soon as practicable upon an equal footing in the eye of the law.

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4. A searching inquiry into the state of the public departments, and the prevailing methods of expenditure, is being instituted, with a view to that economy which should accompany, if it cannot prevent, the imposition of taxes upon the people.

5. Another pressing question, which must be settled, as the foundation of a durable system of public finance, is that of Local Government. Two short measures—one dealing with populous areas, the other with rural and pastoral districts—will be speedily introduced, leaving to a later period the passing of more elaborate and comprehensive measures. The claims of existing municipalities for special consideration will also command the attention they deserve.

6. The Mining on Private Property Act, recently passed, imperatively demands amendment during the present Session.

7. The Coal Mines Regulation Bill, a measure of great importance to those engaged in mining industry, will be introduced this Session, with an earnest determination to make it law.

8. The Act passed during last Parliament, known as the "Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1892," has not fulfilled the high expectations it suggested. In view of the widespread inconvenience, pecuniary loss, and lamentable strife, too often caused by industrial disputes, it is thought that the time has arrived for a fuller recognition of the public interest in such matters. An amending Bill will, therefore, be submitted, embodying the principle of a compulsory investigation of the merits of trade disputes, upon the application of those concerned on either side, whether employers or employed.

9. Bills on the subject of Law Reform,—to regulate Factories and Workshops, with special reference to the employment of Women and Children,—to alter the constitution of the Marine Board, and to amend the Navigation Laws in other respects,—to ensure the Registration within the Colony of Companies holding mining properties therein,—a Medical Bill,—and a Pharmacy Bill, will also be introduced.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

10. You will be invited to alter the date of the commencement of the financial year, and to approve of proposals for certain changes in the system of public accounts, and the form of Estimates of Expenditure. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the six months ending 30th June next will be presented to you without delay, clearing the way for the submission of Estimates for the new financial year from 1st July, 1895, to 30th June, 1896. It is confidently anticipated that, after the present emergencies of legislation have been reduced, Sessions beginning in March or April will be more convenient to Honorable Members, and expedite the conduct of public business.

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

11. No time has been lost in asking the other Australasian Governments to concur in restoring the subject of FEDERAL UNION to a position worthy of its commanding importance. It is to be hoped that this national movement will speedily be placed upon a popular basis.

12. The Government deeply regret that the repeated efforts made by the Imperial Government at the instance of my former Advisers, to obtain redress on behalf of the captain, crew, and owners of the "Costa Rica Packet," belonging to this Colony, and sailing under the British flag, for outrages inflicted upon them by the Authorities of Netherlands-India, have hitherto failed. This Government will continue to urge the necessity for adequate reparation.

13. In advance of legislation, which must be reserved for a later period, the Government have resolved to take prompt action upon a number of questions affecting the development of the Fisheries of the Colony, which are in a most unsatisfactory state.

14. Public works of a clearly reproductive character will be initiated without delay. Proposals for the construction of light railways into agricultural districts will also be considered.

15. In view of the many practical advantages to be derived from the promotion, by every legitimate means, of the various industrial interests of the country, it is proposed to establish a Department of Industry and Labour.

I now leave you to the discharge of your high and honorable duties, and pray that the Giver of all Good may direct your endeavours, to the enduring prosperity of all classes of the community.

Mr. Moore then moved, and Mr. Frank Farnell 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 Dr. Graham, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Fegan, and the Mover. Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

*To His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

We beg to assure your Excellency that the fullest consideration will be given to the various important measures that will be submitted to us.

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

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Mr. Moore then moved, and Dr. Graham 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.

Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand paragraph 4:—"We desire to express our regret that your Excellency's Ministers should, before the meeting of the Legislative Assembly, and before they were sworn in as Members, have publicly stated that they had the power to dissolve this Assembly, as we believe such a statement has not the warrant of your Excellency's sanction."

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

Mr. Reid informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech at Four o'clock To-morrow.

The House adjourned at Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at half-past Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*





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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1894.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—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,—

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—

I thank you for your Address renewing the expression of your loyalty and devotion to the Queen's Person and Throne, and I confidently rely on your wisdom and patriotism in the discharge of your duties.

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2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Imprisonment for non-payment of Gas Bills:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that two citizens of Bathurst have been sentenced to imprisonment for non-payment of their gas bills?

(2.) As these sentences were imposed under the provisions of the Bathurst Municipal Gas Act, will he take steps to at once bring in a Bill to amend the measure referred to in such a manner as to abolish the power of imprisonment?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) I have received the following telegram from the Police Magistrate, Bathurst:—"Two citizens were proceeded against by the Bathurst Municipal Council, under the Municipalities Gas Act, for non-payment of amounts due for gas supplied. They were ordered to pay the amount due and costs, default levy and distress. Distress warrants issued, and were returned *nulla bona*. The parties again appeared before the Court, and arrangements for further time for settlement with the Council agreed upon. They were not imprisoned nor were warrants of imprisonment issued, but they were informed that they would be liable to terms of imprisonment if the money were not paid. I understand that the Council are satisfied and no further action will be taken."

(2.) In view of this telegram there appears to be no reason for any interference on my part.

(2.) Bonuses paid to Officials in the Postal Department:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Black, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that about thirty-five years ago, while the English mails arrived in Sydney by steamer and were usually sorted during the night, a system of rewarding the officials by the distribution of bonuses amounting to £200 or £300 per month was introduced?

(2.) Is it a fact that though the mails now arrive at noon, the bonus custom is still in vogue?

Mr. Cook answered,—For many years past a sum of money has been specially voted by Parliament as payment for overtime work in connection with the sorting of English mails. It is true there is not so much night-work now as formerly, and in view of this fact, the scale of payment was considerably reduced some years since, and the total payments for this service are at present only about £2,400 a year, against about £4,000 when mails frequently arrived during the night. Under present conditions it is necessary, in order to expedite the sorting and delivery of the mails—especially the newspaper and packet portion—for the large staff of the Head Office, including letter-carriers, to work considerably beyond their regular office hours, for which extra attendance they are paid rates varying from 5s. to £1 2s. 3d. per month.

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(3.) Arrest of Shearers' Representative at Tolarno Station:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the shearers' representative at Tolarno Station has been arrested on a charge of riotous behaviour?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Magistrate at Menindie, having remanded the case for eight days, has refused bail on the ground of expense?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—In reply to inquiries I have made, I have received this telegram from the Police Magistrate, at Wilcannia:—"Accused remanded, at Menindie, by honorary Magistrate. Will ascertain particulars early as possible, and wire result. The charges are riot, and I consider "advisable to refuse bail for this offence at present."

(4.) Legality of printing Name and Address of Publisher on Pamphlet:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a man named Andrews was sentenced some weeks ago to three months imprisonment for printing name and place of abode of the publisher of a pamphlet which he wrote on one cover of same pamphlet?

(2.) Is it also a fact that the publishers of Moore's Almanac, Bradshaw's Guide, and Hansard, and other publications are liable under the same law to a similar penalty?

(3.) That being so, is it his intention to proceed against the publishers of these publications?

(4.) If not, will he liberate Andrews?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—

(1.) No; a man named John Arthur Andrews, on 29th June last, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in default of payment of a fine of £20 imposed upon him for dispersing a printed work called "A Handbook of Anarchy," presumably written by him, which did not bear the name and place of abode of the printer upon the first and last leaves, as required by the provisions of sec. 2 of the Act 8 George IV, No. 5.

(2, 3, and 4.) As these Questions would involve a legal opinion, I do not feel called upon to answer same, or see any reason for interfering with the sentence passed upon Andrews.

(5.) Instalments due on Special Areas:—*Mr. Gornly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that many persons who have conditionally purchased lands proclaimed special areas, now find that through the high price placed on such lands, and through the reduced value of stock, wool, and agricultural productions, that the holders are unable to pay the annual instalments as they fall due?

(2.) Does he intend to submit to Parliament some scheme that, if passed into law, will provide that inquiry may be made as to whether an excessive price has been placed on such special areas as are now occupied by resident holders, and that where the inquiry shows that the price has been excessive, relief may be given?

(3.) Will he take into consideration the desirableness of amending the land laws in such a way that the holders of special areas will have the right to apply to convert their holdings into permanent leases, the deposits and instalments made, with interest on the same, to be credited as payment of rent as such rent may fall due?

*Mr. Carruthers* answered,—

(1.) I cannot say that this is the case, but it is a fact that for various reasons adduced by the conditional purchasers of special areas, 216 applications for extensions of time to pay the annual instalments have been granted during the present year.

(2 and 3.) These matters are now receiving earnest consideration.

(6.) Extension of Leases to Pastoral Lessees in the Central Division:—*Mr. Gornly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have the Local Land Boards who held sittings in the Land Board District of Wagga Wagga recommended that no extension of lease be granted to pastoral lessees in the Central Division in certain cases; and, if so, what is the quantity of Crown lands contained in the leases that such recommendations apply to?

(2.) What part of such leases are now classified as reserves; and if the recommendations are carried out what quantity of land will become available for settlement when the present leases of such runs expire?

(3.) Have any of the holders of the leases referred to given notice of appeal against such recommendations; and, if so, to what proportion of such lands do the appeals apply?

(4.) If appeals have been made, when are such appeals likely to be decided?

*Mr. Carruthers* answered,—

(1.) Yes, in seventy-three cases, representing an area of 966,000 acres.

(2.) *a.* Cannot be definitely answered at once, but approximately from one-fourth to one-third are reserves from sale; *b.* Cannot be stated until results of appeals against the Boards recommendations have been dealt with.

(3.) Yes; in forty-three cases, representing about three-fifths of the total area.

(4.) In about a month.

(7.) Office of Agent-General:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government consider the advisability of limiting the period that any person shall hold the office of Agent-General to (say) five years?

*Mr. Brunner* answered,—This matter has not yet engaged the attention of the Government. The Honorable Member can understand that the Government have not yet had time to consider a matter of such great importance.

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- (8.) Report by Chief Inspector of Stock on Colonial Products:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has the Chief Inspector of Stock made a report in connection with his inquiries in England and on the Continent as to the best means of opening up fresh markets for preserved beef and mutton and other colonial products?
  - (2.) If so, will he cause such report to be laid upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) He has not yet prepared his report.
  - (2.) It will be laid upon the Table of the House as soon as possible after it is received.
- (9.) Experimental Farm at Nyngan:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of establishing an experimental irrigation farm near the Bogan River at Nyngan?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The matter will be considered.
- (10.) Locking the Barwon River at Brewarrina:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps (if any) will be taken to carry out the promise of the late Minister with reference to locking the Barwon at Brewarrina?
- Mr. Young answered,—I understand that a survey has been made for a lock and weir at Brewarrina, and plans in connection with that and other works on the River Darling are in course of preparation. As soon as the plans and estimated cost are before me I will consult the Cabinet on the very important question involved; beyond this I can give no further promise at the present time.
- (11.) High-level Bridge over the Namoi at Walgett:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he been notified that the high-level bridge over the Namoi at Walgett is absolutely in a most dangerous condition?
  - (2.) Will he call for a report, with a view to protecting the travelling public from catastrophe should any collapse take place?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Reports have been obtained. Tenders for a new bridge were received on the 5th April, 1893, but one was not accepted owing to there being no money available. Steps were, however, taken to provide a temporary bridge, but work was discontinued under the Minister's instructions, which were given in view of representations by the Members that the expenditure was not required, and that the residents would prefer to wait till a better bridge could be erected.
- (12.) Release of Messrs. Abigail, Howe, Smith and others:—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether, in the cases of the bank directors, Abigail, Howe, Smith, and others, he does not think the law has been vindicated; and, if so, will he recommend their release at once?
- Mr. Gould answered,—These cases are now under consideration, and will be dealt with as soon as practicable.
- (13.) Erection of Bridges over Little River:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When is the erection of the bridges (2) over the Little River, in the districts of Obley and Rocky Ponds, and which was sanctioned by the late Minister for Works, likely to be proceeded with?
  - (2.) Is he aware that several lives have lately been lost in crossing this river for the want of a bridge, and in the interest of settlers and the travelling public will he see that the work is proceeded with without delay?
- Mr. Young answered,—The papers in these matters are at present with the local officer, but I have directed that they be obtained and placed before me, when I will communicate my decision to the Honorable Member.
- (14.) Cost of General Elections:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The total cost or amount of public money expended in conducting the late General Election under the new Electoral or One Man One Vote Act?
  - (2.) The same information in regard to the total amount of expenses incurred at the last General Election under the old Electoral Act of 1880?
- Mr. Brunner answered,—
- (1.) It will be impossible to give the total cost of conducting the late General Election, as all the accounts have not yet been furnished; but the expenditure up to date is about £30,000.
  - (2.) £16,692 18s. 6d.
- (15.) Compensation paid to Mr. Clift for Land resumed at Lavender Bay:—Mr. Ashton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the sum of £40,000 has been paid to Mr. W. J. Clift in connection with the resumption of his land at Lavender Bay?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the same property was valued some three years ago by a well-known firm of valuers at £8,000?
  - (3.) Who was the valuer on the part of the Government in the transaction referred to; by whom was he appointed; and on whose recommendation?
  - (4.) Will the Colonial Treasurer place all papers in connection with this transaction upon the Table of the House?
- Mr. Young answered,—As this is a very complicated case, I prefer to lay all the papers upon the Table, which I will do in the course of a few days.

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(16.) Opinion of ex-Attorney-General on Notices Issued to Central Division Lessees:—Mr. Ashton asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he place upon the Table of this House a copy of the opinion furnished by ex-Attorney-General Barton to the late Minister for Lands, with reference to the notices issued by the latter to Central Division lessees, under the 78th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Yes; if moved for in the usual way.

(17.) Influx of Asiatics:—Mr. Hassall asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the alarming increase of objectionable aliens in New South Wales, is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to prevent them from landing here in future in such numbers as to become a menace and a danger to the welfare and prosperity of our people?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am making inquiries as to the nature and extent of the immigration alluded to, with a view to legislation, if necessary; but the Government cannot act without legislation.

(18.) Inspection of Hoardings:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do hoardings around sites where operations connected with erection or repair of buildings are being carried on come within the list of matters to be inspected by the Inspector of Scaffolding?

(2.) If so, will he call upon that officer to furnish a report showing—(1) When last (previous to its collapse on 26th August) he inspected or examined the hoarding round the site for the new markets in George-street; (2) If he has examined the remaining portion since that date, and, if so, what, in his opinion, was the cause of the failure of such hoarding?

(3.) Will he also state whether this officer (appointed presumably to protect lives and limbs of workmen employed on scaffoldings) has ever been on the scaffolds to the spire of the Church in King-street, opposite Phillip-street, which is undergoing thorough repair?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following Answers have] been supplied by the Inspector of Scaffolding:—

(1 and 2.) No.

(3.) The Inspector of Scaffolding has on several occasions been on the scaffolding referred to, and has caused guard rails, breast high, to be fixed round all the upper scaffoldings.

(19.) Subletting of Government Contracts:—Mr. Bavister asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Can he state whether subletting and piecework, with its usual accompaniment of sweating and bad work, is still being practised on the building contracts in his Department?

(2.) Will he endeavour to prevent continuance of such practices?

Mr. Garrard answered,—I am not aware of any contracts having been sublet. Subletting is not sanctioned by this Department, and never has been.

(20.) Treatment of Refractory Ores:—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have any further steps been taken in regard to the establishment of works for the treatment of refractory ores?

(2.) Has Mr. Taylor, the gentleman engaged by the Department in England, furnished any report on the character of our refractory ores, their quantity, and mode of treatment, and their commercial value?

(3.) If not, will he take immediate steps to have such a report furnished by Mr. Taylor, or some competent officer of the Department, and laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) I hope shortly to be in a position to select a site for the works.

(2.) He has furnished in numerous cases reports upon refractory ores in various parts of the Colony.

(3.) Copies of such reports will be laid upon the Table of the House shortly.

(21.) Pilotage Charges:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill during the present Session to adjust the Pilotage charges of the Colony upon an equitable basis, with the view to facilitate trade and commerce?

Mr. Reid answered,—This matter is included in the Bill of which I have given notice.

(22.) History of New South Wales from the Records:—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Arthur Galton has entered into a contract with the Government to complete the work of annotating the Records of New South Wales and of writing the History of New South Wales from the Records?

(2.) If so, what are the terms and conditions of such contract?

(3.) Had the Government, at the time the said contract was entered into with Mr. Galton, any knowledge of that gentleman's qualifications for the task undertaken?

(4.) On whose recommendation (if any) was Mr. Galton selected for the above work?

(5.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House all papers, correspondence, &c., in connection with the said contract?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Engaged for a period of three years, for a sum of £1,500, payable by quarterly instalments.

(3, 4, and 5.) If the Honorable Member will move for the papers in the usual way there will be no objection to their being laid upon the Table.

### 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Sydney Grammar School for the year 1893.

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

(3.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

29th August, 1894.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Drainage By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, and amended By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts of 1880–1889.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Field of Mars, county of Cumberland, for a Post and Telegraph Office at Parramatta North.
- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, for a depôt for storage of pipes and materials in connection with the water supply and sewerage of the City of Sydney and suburbs.
- (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Ulandra and Boree, county of Clarendon, for the supply of water to the town of Junee.
- (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Boyne, county of St. Vincent, for the deviation of the road from Nelligen to Milton, at Bowe's Hill.
- (6.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of St. John and St. Luke, county of Cumberland, for the widening of road on eastern side of railway station at Fairfield.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Regulation under the Vine Diseases Act of 1893, for the election of members of the Board of any Vine District.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Substitution of new Regulations Nos. 105 and 106 under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (2.) Substitution of new Forms Nos. 43, 44, 55, and 48 under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (3.) Substitution of new Regulation No. 178 under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (4.) Amended Regulation No. 6 under the Labour Settlements Act.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to public purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (6.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (7.) Abstract of sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (8.) Abstract of Crown lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting the appointment of Mr. Arthur Galton to continue the History of New South Wales from the Records.
- (2.) Report of the President of the New South Wales Commission on the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893.
- (3.) Report on the Subsidised Hospitals of New South Wales.
- (4.) Report on Vote for Maintenance of Sick Paupers for the year 1893.
- (5.) By-law of the Borough of Newcastle.
- (6.) By-law of the Borough of Erskineville.
- (7.) By-law of the Borough of Mudgee.
- (8.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle.
- (9.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Grafton.
- (10.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Carrington.
- (11.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Inverell.
- (12.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Port Macquarie.
- (13.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Stockton, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (14.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle, under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act.
- (15.) Cancellation and substitution of Regulations under the Fisheries Act, 1881.
- (16.) Cancellation and substitution of Regulation under the Fisheries Act, 1883.
- (17.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.
- (18.) Regulation under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 Further Amendment Act of 1894.
- (19.) Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 and Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 Further Amendment Act of 1894.
- (20.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Acts of 1893–4.

Ordered to be printed.

29th August, 1894.

4. **NAVIGATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- Message No. 7.*
- R. W. DUFF,  
*Governor.*
- In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to reconstruct the Marine Board, to provide for the cutting of load lines, and to amend the "Navigation Acts of 1871-1881," and other purposes in connection therewith.
- Government House,  
Sydney, 29th August, 1894.*
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
5. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (Formal Motion)**.—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That William McCourt, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session. Question put and passed. Whereupon Mr. McCourt made his acknowledgments to the House.
6. **SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**.—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to the observance of the Sunday. Question put and passed.
7. **AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL (Formal Motion)**.—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "Agreements Validating Act," and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five. Question put and passed.
8. **HOSPITAL ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**.—
- (1.) Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the management of Hospitals. Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Law relating to the management of Hospitals,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 11th September.
9. **MASTERS AND SERVANTS BILL (Formal Motion)**.—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "Masters and Servants Act of 1857," and the "Agreements Validating Act," and to make other provisions in the Laws relating to Masters and Servants, and contracts made out of the Colony of New South Wales for personal service therein, and for other purposes connected therewith. Question put and passed.
10. **EXCHANGE OF LANDS IN THE EASTERN DIVISION (Formal Motion)**.—Mr. Knox moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing what applications (with names of applicants, areas, &c.) were lodged for exchange of lands in the Eastern Division under clause 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 (53 Victoria No. 21). Question put and passed.
11. **DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL (Formal Motion)**.—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish distress for rent, and to abolish preferential payments in certain cases. Question put and passed.
12. **NAVIGATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**.—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to reconstruct the Marine Board; to provide for the cutting of load lines; and to amend the "Navigation Acts of 1871-1881"; and for other purposes in connection therewith. Question put and passed.
13. **PAPER**.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising the transfer of an amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service in connection with the Department of Railways, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly, under directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870. Ordered to be printed.
14. **BUSINESS DAYS (Sessional Order)**.—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at "Three" o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week. Debate ensued. Mr. Stevenson moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "Three" and inserting the word "Two" instead thereof. Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question. Debate continued. Question put,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 75.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Haynes,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Knox,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Hoguo,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hussall,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. McCourt,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Tellers,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Morton,	
Sir George Dibbs,	

Noes, 39.

Dr. Ross,	Tellers,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Hughes,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Willard,	
Mr. Alleck,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Smailes,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Gornly,	
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put and passed.

15. **AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL:**—Mr. Willis presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to repeal the ‘Agreements Validating Act,’ and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five,*”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 11th September.
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18. **DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL:**—Mr. Willis presented a Bill intituled “*A Bill to abolish Distress for Rent, and to abolish preferential payments in certain cases,*”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 11th September.
19. **PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (Sessional Order):**—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.  
(2.) That General Orders of the Day, and General Notices of Motions, shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.  
Question put and passed.
20. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Sessional Order):**—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Sir George Dibbs, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Lee, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Young, Mr. Crick, 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.
21. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (Sessional Order):**—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Lee, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Slattery, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Black, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's resolution of 6th August, 1862.  
Question put and passed.

29th August, 1894.

22. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Parkes, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. James Morgan, Mr. Levien, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Gardiner, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
Question put and passed.
23. LIMITATION OF BUSINESS HOURS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stevenson moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order that no fresh business be entered upon after 11 o'clock p.m.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided,

Ayes, 33.

Dr. Ross,  
Mr. Chanter,  
Dr. Hollis,  
Mr. Carroil,  
Mr. Schey,  
Mr. Hassall,  
Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Wliddon,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Sir Henry Parkes,  
Mr. H. H. Brown,  
Mr. Collins,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Afleck,  
Mr. Austin Chapman,  
Mr. Travers Jones,  
Mr. Alexander Campbell,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Wilke,  
Mr. Hayes,  
Mr. Joseph Abbott,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Millen,  
Mr. Ellis,  
Mr. Lees,  
Mr. Gornly,  
Mr. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. Hawthorne,  
Mr. Stevenson.

Noes, 73.

Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Willis,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Lyne,  
Mr. See,  
Mr. Reid,  
Mr. Garrard,  
Mr. Brunker,  
Mr. Gould,  
Mr. William Morgan,  
Mr. Archibald Campbell,  
Mr. Sydney Smith,  
Mr. Davister,  
Mr. Russell Jones,  
Mr. Greene,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Molesworth,  
Mr. Stephen,  
Mr. Pyers,  
Mr. James Morgan,  
Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Ewing,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Carruthers,  
Mr. Cameron,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Robert Jones,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Willard,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Griffith,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Smailes,  
Mr. Wail,

Dr. Graham,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Henry Chapman,  
Mr. Knox,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Rigg,  
Mr. Rawlinson,  
Mr. Storey,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. McCourt,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. McLean,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Shipway,  
Mr. Dick,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Clarke,  
Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Ashton,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Hughes,  
Mr. Black,  
Mr. O'Reilly,  
Mr. Levien,  
Mr. Wise,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Fowler.

Tellers,

Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Newman.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire,  
Frank Farnell, Esquire,  
Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire,  
Edmund William Molesworth, Esquire, and  
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire,—

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

The House adjourned at two minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Issue of Free Passes:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table a return showing all free passes over the railways issued since the date to which the last of such returns was made up, such return to show the names of all persons to whom such passes were issued, the duration of such passes, the reasons for granting same, and the estimated cash value of the same?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—This information should be moved for in the form of a return.

(2.) Vancouver Mail Service:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) From what fund is the subsidy paid for the Vancouver Mail Service?
- (2.) What is the annual cost to this Colony for same?
- (3.) What is the amount of revenue received in connection therewith?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—

- (1.) From Consolidated Revenue, the subsidy being voted on the Estimates of Expenditure of the Postmaster-General.
- (2.) The annual subsidy is £10,000, and cost of transit beyond Vancouver about £30 per annum. Net cost, after deducting receipts from postages, &c., is about £8,870 per annum.
- (3.) About £1,160 per annum.

(3.) Government Contracts:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it his intention, or the intention of the present Government, to give effect to the resolutions carried by the Assembly on 30th January of this year to prevent subletting and sweating on Government contracts and public works?
- (2.) What action is proposed to be taken for that purpose?

*Mr. Young* answered,—This matter is engaging my earnest consideration, but I am unable to give any decision at the present moment. A determination on the whole subject will, however, shortly be come to.

(4.) Renewal of Leases to Pastoral Tenants:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to the recent decisions of the Land and Supreme Courts on the application of the Tala pastoral leaseholders in the Central Division, for further extension of their lease by virtue of the 43rd clause of the Amending Act of 1891, will he, by appeal therefrom to the Privy Council, obtain their decision as to the legal right of pastoral tenants to obtain any renewal, the Minister having notified them, under the 78th clause of the Principal Act, that no renewals would be permitted?

*Mr. Carruthers* answered,—I am satisfied that the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Tala pastoral holding is a true interpretation of the law, and I do not, therefore, feel warranted in causing an appeal to be made to the Privy Council. Such a course would entail great delay, great expense, and, to some extent, would prejudice the course of proposed legislation.

(5.) Railway Accounts:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Do the Railway Commissioners produce a balance-sheet as well as a statement of expenditure and revenue?
- (2.) If so, where is it to be found?
- (3.) Is rolling-stock after years of wear and tear computed at the same value as the original cost price?
- (4.) Are the railway buildings valued this year at the same price as when they were first erected?
- (5.) By whom are the railway accounts audited and certified as correct?
- (6.) Is all the rolling-stock purchased out of revenue?

Mr.

30th August, 1894.

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Commissioners' Annual Report, prepared in accordance with the 45th clause of the Railway Act, gives the fullest information regarding the expenditure and revenue.

(3 and 4.) The usual practice of the best conducted railway companies is followed; that is, to keep the whole of the property in good and efficient condition. No revaluing of the property takes place year by year.

(5.) The provisions of the Audit Act are complied with, and the Railway Accounting and Auditing Staff also check all the transactions of the Department.

(6.) All rolling-stock required to replace worn-out or defective stock is paid for out of working expenses. If additional stock is required for new business or extensions of lines it is provided out of capital money.

(6.) Inspection of Fortifications and Guns by General Frey:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that General Frey, who recently arrived from Noumea, accompanied Major-General Hutton, on the 24th of August, 1894, on the occasion of the latter's visit to the Heads for the purpose of testing the electric lights placed at the entrance to Sydney Harbour for purposes of defence?

(2.) Is it a fact that General Frey accompanied Major-General Hutton to Middle Head on the 27th August, 1894, and was shown over the fortifications at that place?

(3.) What part of the fortifications and which guns were shown to General Frey by Major-General Hutton?

(4.) By whose authority was Major-General Hutton permitted to allow General Frey to inspect the fortifications and the electric lights?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1 and 2.) No.

(3 and 4.) General Frey, being a distinguished visitor to the Colony, was taken to the Flagstaff at Middle Head by Major-General Hutton to view the Harbour and the entrance at the Heads, but was neither shown the fortifications nor the guns.

(7.) Officers of the Military Forces:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table a return of all officers of the Military Forces of the Colony who have resigned or been appointed or promoted since the 21st April, 1893, such return to contain the names of such officers; the different ranks held by them, and the periods of holding same; the length of service of each officer (including war services, and services, if any, as a private and non-commissioned officer); the examinations passed by each, and what honors, if any, obtained thereat; and in the case of resignations, the causes assigned by the officers resigning for so doing; and in the case of appointments and promotions, the rate of salary and allowances received by each officer during the time of his holding each rank?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The information asked for will be obtained and laid upon the Table.

(8.) Men shot at Grassmere Station:—Mr. Sleath asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that two men, named Murphy and McLean, were shot at Grassmere Station on the night of Sunday last or early on Monday morning?

(2.) And, if so, is it a fact that the bullet extracted by the Government Medical Officer proves that the shot must have been fired by a civilian?

(3.) Is it a fact that the two men named were arrested by Sub-Inspector Webb on Monday morning, and lodged in the Wilcaunia Gaol, and were, on Tuesday, the 28th August, remanded for eight days?

Mr. Brunker answered,—This matter is now being inquired into, and as soon as a report is received, full information will be furnished to the Honorable Member.

(9.) Food and Liquor Adulteration:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any Bills during the present Session dealing with the important questions of public health, and food and liquor adulteration?

Mr. Reid answered,—These are questions of the greatest public importance, but I fear that it will be impossible to deal with them this Session. Measures on the subjects alluded to will, however, be among the chief subjects of legislation next Session.

(10.) Special Areas in the Districts of Molong and Cargo:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that a large number of surveyed lots or special areas in the vicinity of the town of Molong and Cargo, have lately been offered for sale, but declined by the public on the score that the upset price per acre is far in excess of the value of the land?

(2.) Will he see in the case of these special areas that the upset price per acre is considerably reduced, with the view to the land being taken up for settlement in place of allowing it to remain, as at present, in a state of idleness?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) Inquiry shall be made.

(11.) The Civil Service:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that men in the lower branches of the Public Service are liable to dismissal at a moment's notice without any reason being stated?

(2.) Will he take steps to prevent this being done in the future by establishing a Court of Appeal in connection with his Department, so that all persons in the employ of the Government may be able, if they desire to do so, to show cause why they should not be removed from the Government Service?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) I am not.

(2.) There is always a Court of Appeal to the Minister in the case of any employé of the Government who may feel himself aggrieved.

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(12.) Pastoral Leaseholds in the Central and Western Divisions:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Before dealing with the renewal of pastoral leaseholds in the Central and Western Divisions, either in a new or amended Land Bill, will he lay a list of runs in each Division upon the Table of this House for the information of Honorable Members, showing—

- (a) The area of each run respectively?
- (b) The annual rent on the same?
- (c) The amount of rent (if any) in arrears?
- (d) The carrying capacity of each run?
- (e) The value of improvements on each run respectively?
- (f) What the improvements consist of?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I will endeavour to have as much information on these matters ready for the use of Honorable Members as is consistent with reasonable necessity.

(13.) Appointment of Mr. Donaldson:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was Mr. H. T. Donaldson in the Civil Service previous to his appointment to the office of private secretary to Sir George Dibbs; if so, what position did he hold, and what salary did he receive?
- (2.) Is the salary attached to the office of private secretary paid by the Colonial Secretary or by the country, and what is the amount?
- (3.) Who appointed Mr. Donaldson to the position he now holds, and what is his present salary?
- (4.) Is the position he holds at present one requiring the services of such a person at such a salary?
- (5.) Was there any complaints made by the head of the Department Mr. Donaldson is now in, at his being appointed to the position held by him at present?
- (6.) Is it the intention of the Minister to retain Mr. Donaldson in the Public Service?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Mr. Donaldson was appointed by the Governor and Executive Council, as private secretary to the Premier, at £250 per annum, to take effect from the 1st June, 1893; the salary being voted by Parliament.
- (3.) The Governor and Executive Council, at £300 per annum.
- (4.) Mr. Donaldson is employed in the compilation of the Statistical Register, which requires special qualifications.
- (5.) No complaint was made, but an objection was raised by Mr. Coghlan which was afterwards waived by him.
- (6.) The matter is under consideration.

(14.) Lusk's School History:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How much has Lusk's School History of New South Wales cost to the present date?
- (2.) Has the work been printed and issued to the schools as intended; if not, when will it be available for use as intended?
- (3.) Is it a fact that instructions have been given that it shall not be printed, and used in the public schools; if so, what was the reason for these instructions?
- (4.) Will the present Ministry authorise its printing and issue without delay; if not, what is their reason for also suppressing its publication?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) £995.
- (2.) (a) No; (b) the matter is now under consideration.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) Answered by No. 2.

(15.) Cost of Books supplied by the Scientific Publishing Co. of New York, U.S.A.:—Mr. Hogue, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What amount has been paid since 1st January to the Scientific Publishing Co. of New York, U.S.A., for books, binding, &c.?
- (2.) What is the estimated cost of books ordered but not received?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) £83 11s. 5d.
- (2.) £107 13s. 5d.

(16.) Argyle Reefs, Clarence River:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the work in connection with the removal of Argyle Reefs, Clarence River, be commenced?

Mr. Young answered,—Instructions have been given to commence operations at once.

2. NAVIGATION OF THE RIVERS DARLING AND MURRAY:—Mr. Ashton presented a Petition from owners and captains of the steamships plying on the Murray and Darling Rivers and other residents of the Murray and Darling District representing that the residents of the Lower Darling River District and back country are solely dependent on the river for supplies and access to market, that the recent floods have caused obstructions rendering the navigation of the river dangerous to life and property, and that no effort has been made to improve the navigation for some years past, and praying that immediate action be taken to give effect to the wish of the Petitioners to have the navigation improved.  
Petition received.

3. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Question put and passed.

4. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Question put and passed.

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5. CONSPIRACY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Conspiracy Act.  
Question put and passed.
6. CARRIAGES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill relating to fines, penalties, and forfeitures under the "Carriages Regulation Act of 1884."  
Question put and passed.
7. TRUCK BILL' (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate contracts made with respect to, and the payment of, wages; to prohibit such payment being made in goods or otherwise than in money; and to regulate the service of legal process.  
Question put and passed.
8. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—  
(1.) Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Government Railways Act of 1888," section 27.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Affleck then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Government Railways Act of 1888,' section 27,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th September.
9. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—  
(1.) Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Fisheries Act of 1881" in certain respects.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Edden then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Fisheries Act of 1881' in certain respects,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th September.
10. LIENS ON WOOL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages on sheep.  
Question put and passed.
11. HOMESTEAD PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the protection of homesteads from seizure under mortgage or judgment.  
Question put and passed.
12. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Coal-mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
13. PAPERS:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Courabyra, county of Wynyard, for deviation of road at Tarcutta Swamp.  
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Cobar, county of Robinson, for the supply of water to the town of Cobar.  
Ordered to be printed.
14. NAVIGATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to reconstruct the Marine Board; to provide for the cutting of load-lines; and to amend the "Navigation Acts of 1871-1881"; and for other purposes in connection therewith.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to reconstruct the Marine Board; to provide for the cutting of load-lines; and to amend the "Navigation Acts of 1871-1881"; and for other purposes in connection therewith.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to reconstruct the Marine Board; to provide for the cutting of load-lines; and to amend the 'Navigation Acts of 1871-1881'; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

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## 15. MINISTERIAL ELECTION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884."

Debate ensued.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, thereupon declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only ten Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. ;—Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Price, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Knox, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Donnelly.

(2.) Mr. Fegan then presented a Bill, entitled "A Bill to amend the 'Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884,'"—which was read a first time.

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

## 16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes after Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 5.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1894.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated thirty-first August, 1894, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering William McCourt, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law,—which Commission, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“ By His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, a Member of Her Majesty's  
 “ Most Honorable Privy Council, a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of  
 “ Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New  
 “ South Wales and its Dependencies.

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“ Greeting :

“ IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SIR ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, as  
 “ Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorise WILLIAM MCCOURT, 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 thirty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord one  
 “ thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and in the fifty-eighth year of the Reign of  
 “ Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ R. W. DUFF.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ JAMES N. BRUNKER.”

2. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other moneys for the year 1893, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870.  
 Ordered to be printed.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 7th August, 1894, 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 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.

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- (2.) *Members sworn*:—Thomas Bavister, Esquire, James Gormly, Esquire, James Hayes, Esquire, William McMillan, Esquire, Philip Henry Morton, Esquire, Varney Parkes, Esquire, Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, and Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.
- (3.) *Appointment of First Meeting of Committee*:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to take place at half-past Eleven o'clock a.m., on Thursday next, the 6th instant, in Committee Room No. 1.
4. *ELECTION PETITIONS*:—Mr. Bruncker moved, That the following Election Petitions, laid upon the Table of this House on Tuesday, 28th August, 1894, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—
- (1.) From Joseph Bede Kelly, with reference to the election and return of John Willard as Member for the Electoral District of The Tweed.
  - (2.) From Arthur Rae, with reference to the election and return of Thomas Fitzpatrick as Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee.
  - (3.) From John McElhone, with reference to the election and return of Henry Chapman as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney—Fitzroy Division.
- Question put and passed.
5. *QUESTIONS*:—
- (1.) *Government Advertisements*:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What sums have been paid for advertising by the various Government Departments to the different metropolitan newspapers, daily and weekly, during the period elapsing between October, 1891, and July, 1894?  
Mr. Reid answered,—The Answer to this Question will be laid upon the Table in the shape of a return.
  - (2.) *Alien Lunatics*:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the Government, in view of the alleged great influx of lunatics into New South Wales, intend to take steps for the exclusion of all alien lunatics other than those whose support during their stay in the country is guaranteed by reputable residents?  
Mr. Bruncker answered,—This matter has not yet been under the consideration of the Government, but from inquiries made, I am given to understand that the influx of lunatics is not as great as would seem to have been represented to the Honorable Member.
  - (3.) *Government Advertisements*:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table a return showing the amounts paid for Government advertising during the last three years—return to be for all Departments and to show names of papers and amounts paid to each?  
Mr. Reid answered,—Yes; if moved for in the usual way.
  - (4.) *Sub-letting of Government Contracts*:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
    - (1.) Is he aware of the number of contracts under his Department on which subletting or piece-work is being practised?
    - (2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made to put him in possession of that information?Mr. Young answered,—It would be difficult to supply the information the Honorable Member has asked for, but I have adopted measures which will put an effective check upon any abuses which may arise under the system referred to.
  - (5.) *Employees in the Colonial Secretary's Department*:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
    - (1.) Are persons employed under his Department permitted to perform works or service for private persons and on private property for pay or otherwise during their hours of duty under his Department?
    - (2.) If it be proved that a system of such business has been carried on after repeated warnings, will he endeavour to prevent its continuance?Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am not aware of any persons being permitted to perform work or services for private persons on private property, for pay or otherwise, during their hours of duty in my Department; and in my opinion nothing would justify the countenance on the part of the Government of a neglect of public service by any of its officers.
  - (6.) *The Inspector of Scaffolding*:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
    - (1.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of instances in which the Inspector of Scaffolding has ordered alterations to be made in any scaffold inspected by him, defining whether such orders were complied with or not?
    - (2.) Showing the number of instances in which material being used for scaffolding has been condemned by the Inspector as unfit for use, and giving the names of contractors on whose works it was being used or intended for use?Mr. Bruncker answered,—During the present year alterations have been ordered in 150 instances out of 940 inspections, and in not more than four cases have his instructions been disregarded. The returns for 1893 were laid upon the Table on the 18th April last. The names of all the contractors have not been entered in the book kept by the Inspector of Scaffolding.
  - (7.) *Leases in the Central Division*:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Lands,—In reference to the applications made by the various pastoral tenants in the Central Division to the Local Land Boards for extension of their leases,—
    - (1.) Will he state the districts and names of the leases refused?
    - (2.) The districts and names of those recommended for renewal?
    - (3.) The districts and names of leases recommended for renewal accepted by the Minister?
    - (4.) The districts and names of leases sent on to the Land Court by the Minister?

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Mr. Carruthers answered,—The majority of these leases are now the subject of an appeal before the Land Court, and the information sought by the Honorable Member depends greatly upon action to be taken after the appeal is decided. I am endeavouring to have full returns prepared, giving information in regard to the Central Division leases, and the matters referred to by the Honorable Member will receive attention in the compilation of these returns.

- (8.) Registrars under the "Children's Protection Act":—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) At what date did the Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages begin to act as Registrars under the "Children's Protection Act," 55 Vic. No. 30.
  - (2.) What remuneration was arranged to be paid for such services?
  - (3.) Have the said Registrars been paid for such services; if not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Director of Government Asylums:—

- (1.) September, 1892.
  - (2.) Two shillings per registration.
  - (3.) No. Although the Children's Protection Act compels Registrars to register the children, it omits to provide for the payment of fees. But a proposal to overcome this difficulty, which has been approved by the Government, is being carried into effect.
- (9.) Stipendiary and Police Magistrates:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) In carrying out the principles of retrenchment in the Government Service, is it his intention to reduce the number of Stipendiary and Police Magistrates with the view to the work being done by the 7,000 unpaid Magistrates that are scattered all over the Colony?
  - (2.) Is it not a fact that in nearly every Department of the Public Service retrenchment has been carried out in some shape or form, and will he apply the same principle and pruning knife to cutting down the salaries of so many highly-paid Stipendiary and Police Magistrates?
  - (3.) Has crime of late years (with all the unemployed difficulty) been on the increase or decrease, and if on the decrease what necessity is there for retaining the services of so many highly-paid Police Magistrates to deal with cases of petty larceny, drunkenness, &c., which might readily be disposed of by any unpaid Magistrate or minor officer of the Court?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) It is the intention of the Government to reduce (as far as the efficient administration of justice will permit), when opportunity offers, the number of paid Magistrates; but the proposal cannot be entertained that all work coming before the minor Courts should be dealt with by honorary Magistrates.
- (2.) Under the scheme of retrenchment adopted by the late Government, Stipendiary and Police Magistrates suffered a reduction of 10 per cent. on their salaries in the same way as other public officers.
- (3.) I am not in possession of any authentic records which show that such a decrease of crime has of late years taken place.

- (10.) Report on Post Office Savings Bank—National Bank:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view that Honorable Members cannot obtain copies of National Bank Committee's report will he give instructions to have a fresh supply printed?

Mr. Reid answered,—I may intimate to the Honorable Member that the reprinting of this document would cost a considerable sum of money; but I have arranged that, out of a certain number of copies in stock, copies shall be sent to each of the new Members of this House as the most economical way of dealing with the matter.

- (11.) Endowment to Municipalities:—Mr. Anderson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to grant an endowment to Municipalities for the current year?

Mr. Reid answered,—The late Colonial Secretary stated that unless the revenue improved, there could be no special endowment this year. I regret to say, that since that time, the revenue has not improved,—quite the contrary. However, the question will be taken into consideration in connection with the financial statement.

- (12.) Crown Lands Agents:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) At what hour in country districts are Crown land agents supposed to be in attendance at their offices for the convenience of the public?
- (2.) Is there any difference in the hours of attendance between Civil Servants in Sydney and country districts?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and 1:45 and 4 p.m. on each of the business days of the week, except Saturday, when the offices shall close at noon.
- (2.) No.

- (13.) Clerks of Petty Sessions:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) At what hour in country districts are Clerks of Petty Sessions supposed to be in attendance at their offices?
- (2.) Is there any difference in the hours of attendance between Civil Servants in Sydney and country districts?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) The amended Regulations for the Civil Service of New South Wales, dated 5th October, 1887, fix the hours of attendance to be observed by officers in the public offices of any Department, unless otherwise ordered by the Governor, to be from 9 o'clock a.m. to 4:30 o'clock p.m., except on Saturdays, when the hours of attendance are from 9 o'clock a.m. to noon,—time being allowed for luncheon.

- (2.) No.

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(14.) Officers to be sent to India for Military Instruction:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Lieutenant-Colonel Mackenzie, Captain Dangar, Captain W. M. Oxlaw, and Lieutenant J. G. Legge, have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to India on or about the 1st October?

(2.) If so, by whose authority have such instructions been given?

(3.) What would be the cost of sending these officers to India (including the cost of their maintenance, and all expenses) during their absence from the Colony?

(4.) Out of what fund would such moneys be paid?

(5.) What services have each of the officers had; what examinations have they passed; what is now their respective positions in the Military Service of the Colony; and what salaries (including allowances) do they each draw?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Chief Secretary, upon the recommendation of the Major-General Commanding.

(3.) £637.

(4.) £500 voted on the Estimates, 1894; and £137 from the Advance Fund.

(5.) I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the desired information.

6. LUNACY CONVENTION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Brunker, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to further amend the law relating to the insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs.

Government House,

Sydney, 3rd September, 1894.

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

7. QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision for the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law relating to quarantine.

Government House,

Sydney, 30th August, 1894.

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

8. HOMESTEAD PROTECTION BILL:—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the Protection of Homesteads*,"—which was read a first time.

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

9. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Military Officers proceeding to India.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Report of Board of Audit on the Public Accounts.

Ordered to be printed.

10. ELECTION PETITION (*Robertson*):—Mr. Brunker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from Edwin Tucker, of Orange, in the Colony of New South Wales, Baptist Minister, alleging that at the General Election held in the present year, Petitioner was a candidate for the Electoral District of Robertson; that the Returning Officer declared R. G. D. FitzGerald to be duly elected; that the ballot-papers or votes have been incorrectly counted, and that a proper count of the same would show a majority of votes in Petitioner's favour; that certain votes in favour of Petitioner were improperly declared to be informal; that certain persons not legally qualified to vote were permitted to record votes at the booths at Muswellbrook and Murrurundi; that the Returning Officer at Scone, contrary to law, delivered to one voter more than one ballot-paper; that during the prescribed hours for voting the doors of the polling-place at Gundy were not open, whereby one or more intending voters were prevented from recording their votes at that polling-place; and praying for a recount of the votes recorded at the election for the said Electorate, and that on the grounds appearing in this Petition it may be declared the said R. G. D. FitzGerald was not duly elected to be a Member of the said Legislative Assembly; and that Petitioner was duly elected as a Member of the said Legislative Assembly, or that the said election of a Member for the said Electoral District of Robertson may be declared to have been wholly void.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

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11. SENIOR-SERGEANT VAUGHAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, reports, and other correspondence relating to the reduction and removal from Narrandera of Senior-sergeant Vaughan, in June, 1888.  
Question put and passed.
12. EIGHT HOURS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare Eight Hours to be a Legal Day's Labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects.  
Question put and passed.
13. NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—  
(1.) Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act."  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Farnell then presented a Bill, intituled, "A Bill to amend the 'Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act of 1886,'"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th September.
14. REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to lessen the cost of litigation.  
Question put and passed.
15. QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the laws relating to Quarantine.  
Question put and passed.
16. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day relative to the introduction of the Truck Bill postponed until Tuesday, 9th October.
17. AMALGAMATION OF SAVINGS BANKS AND STATE BANKING:—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the "action of the present banking ring in charging an" abnormal rate of interest to borrowers is detrimental to the best interests of production.  
(2.) That, with the view of correcting this undesirable state of affairs, immediate effect should be given to so much of the National Bank Committee's report which recommends the amalgamation of Savings Banks, advances of limited amounts on approved security at 5 per cent. interest, and the sole issue of notes by the Government on a 20 per cent. gold basis.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Ewing moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "action of the present banking ring in charging an"  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
And Mr. Ewing requiring that the resolutions be put *seriatim*,—  
Question put,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the abnormal rate of interest to borrowers is detrimental to the best interests of production.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Price,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Black,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Willard,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Rawlinson.
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Pyers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Smalles,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Fegan.

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Mr. Willis,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Harris.
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smit,	
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cullen.
Mr. William Morgan,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Thomson,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Storey,	
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Lee,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Question put,—

(2.) That, with a view of correcting this undesirable state of affairs, immediate effect should be given to so much of the National Bank Committee's report which recommends the amalgamation of Savings Banks, advances of limited amounts on approved security at 5 per cent. interest, and the sole issue of notes by the Government on a 20 per cent. gold basis.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Black,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Willard,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Hayes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Pyers,	

Noes, 36.

Mr. Garrard,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Carrothers,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ashton.
Mr. Reid,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Piddington.
Dr. Graham,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Thomson,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Storey,	
Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Afleck,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Shipway,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Fowler,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

18. PROCLAMATIONS VALIDATING CERTAIN ELECTIONS:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received, through the office of the Colonial Secretary, copies of Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor, that in the case of the Elections for the Electoral Districts of The Murrumbidgee and The Shoalhaven, the elections of the Members returned had been duly declared to be valid, notwithstanding certain informalities specified in such Proclamations.
19. PAPER:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 1st May, 1894,—“Mr. James Farr, late Clerk of Works, Government Architect's Department.”
20. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the “Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act,” providing for forfeitures by each Member absent from divisions in either House or Committee of the Whole, and for each such absence.  
Question put and passed.
21. EXCISE DUTY ON TOBACCO AND CIGARS:—Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That the excise duty on tobacco and cigars manufactured from colonial leaf be reduced to 6d. per lb.  
(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
*Point of Order*:—Mr. Wall submitted that this motion was out of order, being mandatory and in conflict with Standing Order No. 134.  
Mr. Speaker quoted from *May*, page 540, the procedure of the House of Commons for the diminution of public charges, and stated that, in his opinion, the motion was regular.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Dr. Ross,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Willard,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Griffith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Gornly,	

Noes, 34.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Afleck,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Knox,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Millard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Russell Jones.
Mr. O'Reilly,	

And so it passed in the negative

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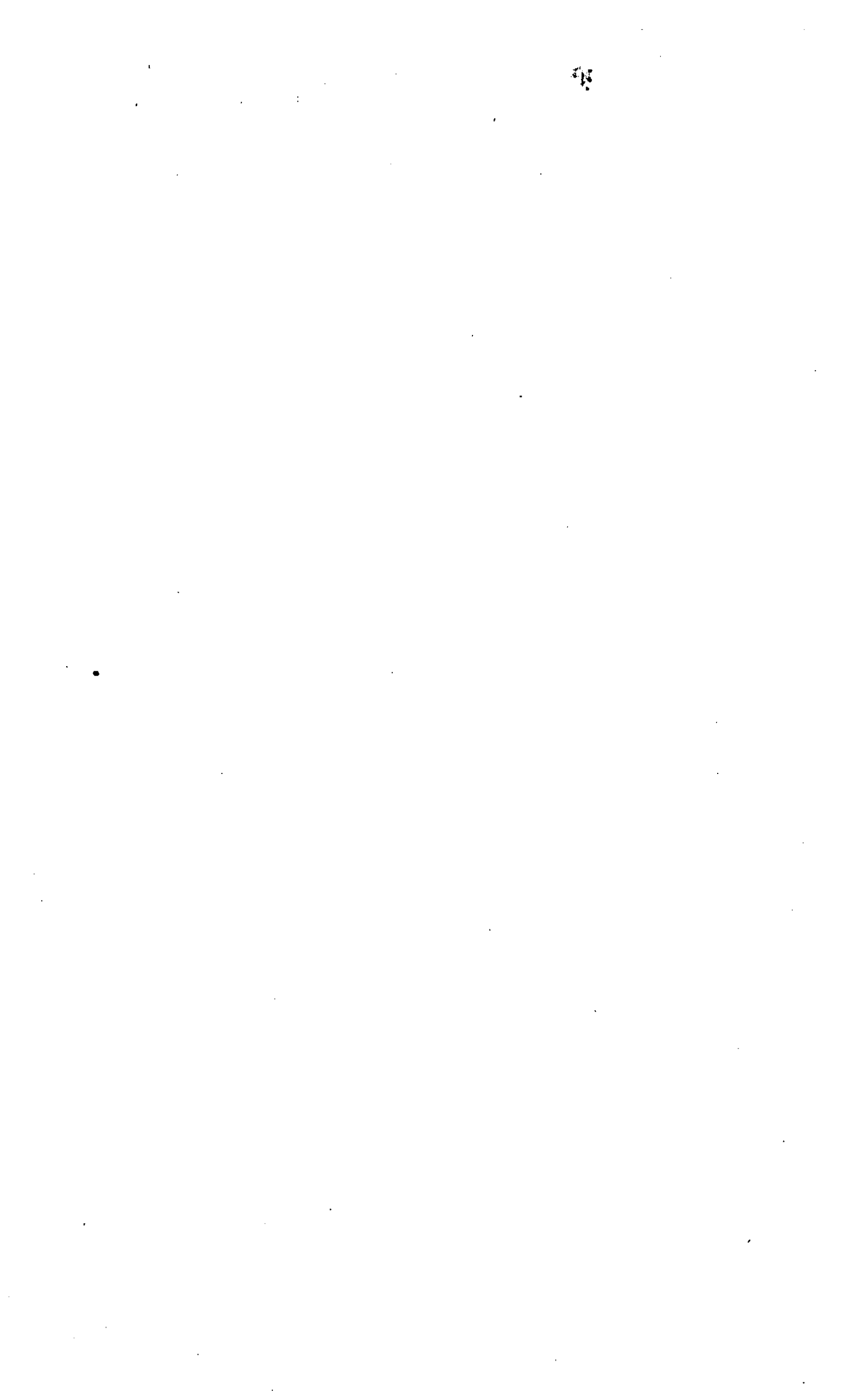
22. SELECTION MADE BY JAMES CONNELLY AT TAMWORTH:—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the selection made by James Connelly, at Tamworth, of a conditional purchase or conditional purchases Nos. 98, 105, and 106, county of Inglis, parish of Attunga, and the subsequent legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of the actions of James Connelly against John Brogan, the elder, Patrick Brogan, John Brogan, the younger, and James Brogan.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Wall, Mr. Davis, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Fegan, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Cameron, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of Session 1890 be referred to such Committee.
- Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at seventeen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Civil Service:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Bavister*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention at an early date to take action to remedy the great injustices known to exist in the Civil Service?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—The Government are making arrangements for a systematic inquiry into the condition of the public departments, and in the course of that inquiry will endeavour to remedy any injustice which may be discovered.

- (2.) Vacancy on Staff of the Technical College:—*Mr. Wilks* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken to fill the vacancy in the Teaching Staff of the Technical College caused by the death of *Mr. W. W. Campbell*, Lecturer on Architecture?

(2.) What was the salary paid to the deceased gentleman?

(3.) Would it be possible to arrange for the late gentleman's duties being discharged satisfactorily by a redistribution of work among those at present on the staff?

(4.) If not, will he invite applications for the vacant position in the usual way by advertisement?

*Mr. Garrard* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £245, and fees of students.

(3.) No; *Mr. Campbell* was the only Lecturer in Architecture.

(4.) Not necessary, as the fact that there is a vacancy is well known in the profession, and a number of applications from well qualified persons have already been received.

- (3.) Road Maintenance Men:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that road-workers in the employ of Government owning horses and carts are now only allowed expenses for their horses the actual days worked?

(2.) Is it intended that such men should feed their horses at their own cost when not engaged in Government work?

*Mr. Young* answered,—Men employed on the roads, with horses and carts, are paid by the day, and only when at work. It could hardly be expected that the Department should pay for a horse and cart when not required.

- (4.) Public Works Committee:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he contemplates appointing a salaried political Public Works Committee?

(2.) Is it a fact that by a slight alteration in the present Act experts may be chosen from the Department for this purpose?

(3.) What has been the total amount paid to the various Public Works Committees up to date?

(4.) In the interest of retrenchment will he test the feeling of the House before making any political appointments?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—This is a matter which will receive consideration, but in view of the pressing necessity for submitting works for the consideration of the Public Works Committee, it is not proposed to delay those works in order to make any alteration at the present time in the constitution of the Committee.

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(5.) Salaries of Post and Telegraph Masters :—Mr. Perry asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there are a number of married men in his Department engaged as post and telegraph masters at a salary of £100 per annum with a 4 per cent. deduction?
- (2.) How many years have most of these officers been in this grade?
- (3.) Will he at once take such steps as will enable these officers to draw a sufficient salary to keep them and their families?

Mr. Cook answered,—It is impossible to answer the Honorable Member's Question on such short notice, as the Department has no official knowledge as to whether its officers are married or not. Under present regulations, if officers choose to marry on small salaries, the Department does not interfere. The majority of officers on the £100 a year grade of post and telegraph masters (nearly all of whom are provided with quarters) are young men of from 22 to 26 years of age, and have been less than two years on the staff, and even if married they could scarcely be promoted on that account.

(6.) Standard of Country Schools :—Mr. Perry asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Have a number of small country schools fallen below the standard of attendance by reason of the regulation fixing the ages of pupils above 6 years before being admitted?
- (2.) If so, will he consider the advisableness of reducing the age to (say) 5 years in country schools, in order to prevent such schools falling below the standard required to keep them open?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) Yes, to some extent.
- (2.) The whole matter is under consideration

(7.) Warrant-officer Rolfe :—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that in 1892, Captain Hixson, R.N., Commanding the New South Wales Naval Forces, recommended the discharge of Warrant-officer Rolfe?
- (2.) What were the grounds of such recommendation?
- (3.) Has such recommendation been carried out?
- (4.) If not, why not?
- (5.) What position did Warrant-officer Rolfe hold at this time in the New South Wales Naval Forces, and what were his duties?
- (6.) Is it a fact that the Officer Commanding the Corps to which Warrant-officer Rolfe is attached obtains instructors from the Royal Naval and Military Forces to carry out the drill and instruction which Mr. Rolfe should do?
- (7.) If so, what has been the extra cost of obtaining such instructors?
- (8.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House the whole of the correspondence relating to the recommendation for the discharge of the said Warrant-officer Rolfe?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Rolfe was reported to be incompetent by his Commanding Officer and other officers of the Corps.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The matter has been delayed pending the reorganisation of the Naval Forces.
- (5.) Instructor to the Volunteer Naval Artillery.
- (6.) Instructors are occasionally procured for special drill from the Royal Navy and Artillery Corps.
- (7.) Each drill costs 2s. 6d. About £5 have been expended during the last three years.
- (8.) Yes; if moved for in the usual way.

(8.) Seizure of Fishing Nets :—Mr. Griffith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that fishery inspectors are in the habit of seizing nets, when shrunk below the legal gauge, without notifying the owners or giving them any chance of appeal, and thus leaving the fishermen without the means of earning a living?
- (2.) Is he aware that the fishery inspectors do not use a ring gauge, as is done in England, but simply measure the meshes with a rule?
- (3.) Is it a fact that nets which have shrunk below the legal gauge, and which have been seized by the inspectors, are sold by public auction, going again into use?
- (4.) Is he aware that there are four licensed fishermen now in Maitland Gaol for inability to pay fines inflicted for fishing with nets below the legal mesh?
- (5.) Is he aware that nets which originally passed the Government gauge shrink from use and from the constant tanning necessary to preserve them?
- (6.) Is he aware that Inspectors Gordon and Smith recently seized nets worth £12 out of a boat belonging to Mr. Tressider, a licensed fisherman of Carrington, without in any way notifying the owner?
- (7.) Is it a fact that, at the time of the above seizure, these nets were in a saturated condition, whereas the Act provides that before measurement the nets should have been dry, and then have been submerged for ten minutes only?
- (8.) Is it a fact that inspectors, besides salaries and expenses, receive half the fines inflicted?
- (9.) What is the total amount of salary and expenses paid to the fishery inspectors in New South Wales during last year?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Fisheries Commission :—

- (1.) Nets under the size prescribed by law are seized. The owners have opportunities of appealing if they think fit.
- (2.) The meshes are tested in the manner prescribed by the Fisheries Regulations. The ring gauge is used for measuring oysters not fishing nets.
- (3.) Nets are so seized, and properly so, because they are not legal. Before being sold they are cut up to make them legal for certain classes of fishing.

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- (4.) The Commissioners have no knowledge of the matter; but if it is a fact it is assumed that breaches of the law are the cause.
- (5.) Yes; nets can be shrunk to any limit according to the strength of the tan used and its frequency of application.
- (6.) Yes; but the owner was not unaware of the seizure.
- (7.) Yes; the law, however, does not provide that nets, before being measured, should be dry.
- (8.) Yes; the Act so provides.
- (9.) £2,092 5s. 4d.

- (9.) Pilotage Rates at Ports of Sydney and Newcastle:—Mr. See asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What amount was collected for pilotage at the ports of Sydney and Newcastle for the year 1893?
- (2.) What was the total cost of the pilot service for Sydney and Newcastle during 1893?
- (3.) The total income and expenditure in connection with the pilot service of the Colony for 1893?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) £28,914 3s. 8d.
- (2.) £12,689 11s. 7d.
- (3.) Total income, £29,134 16s. 10d.; total expenditure, £23,427 0s. 4d.

- (10.) Wharfs at Circular Quay and Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. See asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Public Works Committee recommended that the proposed new wharfs and wood-paving at Circular Quay should be undertaken?
- (2.) Has Parliament voted the £40,000 that it is intended by the Government to expend upon this work?
- (3.) Are the Government wharfs at Woolloomooloo Bay and the old A. S. N. Company fully employed?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes. See their report, dated 22nd October, 1888, which was in due course laid upon the Table of the House. The Bill authorising the works was assented to in 30th April, 1889. See 52 Vic. No. 20.
- (2.) Yes; the expense of this work was provided for on Loan Act, 52 Vic. No. 17, and formed part of the total vote of £120,000. The balance on hand at the present date is £53,209 2s. 2d.
- (3.) This will be a question for my honorable colleague the Treasurer to reply to; but whatever the facts may be in relation to that matter it will hardly have any bearing in connection with this particular work, as the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers has reported that the piles under the old wharf are in such a state of decay they may fall into the harbour at any moment. I am informed, however, that the new wharfs will be highly remunerative to the Government.

- (11.) Free Education in Public Schools:—Mr. Griffith asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it his intention to take steps to carry into effect a resolution of the last Parliament to the effect that education in the Public Schools should be absolutely free?

Mr. Garrard answered,—This matter has not yet received consideration.

- (12.) Appointment of Chinese Consul as Representative in New South Wales:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Chinese Empire have no Consular representative in New South Wales?
- (2.) Will he, in view of the present hostilities between China and Japan (whereby a huge trade in coal, silver, meats, &c., might be secured to this Colony), take steps with the proper authorities in England to secure the appointment of some efficient person to fill the position?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) There is no Consular representative in this Colony.
- (2.) Steps will be taken to bring the matter under the notice of the proper authorities.

- (13.) Magistrates adjudicating in their own Cases:—Mr. Cann asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the magistrate who was on the Bench in the case of M'Oid, remanded for eight days, bail refused, is manager and part owner of Kinchega Run?
- (2.) Is it not also a fact he is a party to the present dispute between the shearers and pastoralists?
- (3.) Will he take steps to prevent magistrates being on the Bench to try their own cases?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed that it will be necessary to refer to the Menindie Bench, which, on inquiry of the Inspector-General of Police, it has been ascertained is the one referred to. As time will not admit of a reply to-day, I must ask the Honorable Member to give fresh notice for Tuesday.

- (14.) Conciliation and Arbitration Act:—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he forthwith take steps to pass the Bill promised to amend the Conciliation and Arbitration Act (55 Victoria No. 29)?

Mr. Reid answered,—At present I do not propose to introduce that Bill forthwith.

- (15.) Outbreak of Phylloxera in the Seven Hills District:—Mr. Kidd asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has the report been confirmed that phylloxera has again broken out in the Seven Hills district?
- (2.) If so, what is the area of the vineyard so affected?
- (3.) From what fund will compensation to the owner be paid?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Under half an acre.
- (3.) Compensation will be paid out of the funds at the disposal of the Cumberland Vine Diseases Board.

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(16.) Bridge over the Murrumbidgee River at Balranald:—Mr. Sleath asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the bridge over the Murrumbidgee River, at Balranald, was, on the morning of the 26th August, raised, and all traffic suspended for over two hours, at the instigation of one resident, Mr. R. D. Murray, thus causing great inconvenience to the public?

(2.) If so, will he take such action as will prevent a recurrence of this inconvenience to the travelling public and residents of Balranald?

Mr. Young answered,—There is no information in this office with regard to the above matter. The caretaker of the bridge has been wired to furnish a report by first post.

(17.) Aborigines employed in Shearing Sheds, in the Riverina Districts:—Mr. Barnes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that during the last month a number of aborigines have been sent from the Brungle Camp, at the expense of the State, to the Riverina districts, to compete against the white labour of the Colony at various shearing sheds?

(2.) If so, have these persons been supported at the expense of the Government during the past twelve months?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue the practice of transporting aborigines from the various camps free of cost on the railways?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Chairman of the Aborigines Protection Board:—

(1.) During the shearing season, the aborigines at Brungle, in common with the aborigines generally in the country, go to various sheds, and the wages earned by them are expended for the benefit of their families. The practice, and any other plan that will induce the poor people to get employment, is encouraged by the Aborigines Protection Board.

(2.) Able-bodied aborigines, such as those referred to, are not supported by the Government.

(3.) Aborigines were always allowed to travel on the railways at will, until the Board altered the practice. Now they are granted passes only when it is probable they will obtain work at a distance.

(18.) Appointment of Registrar and Warden at Wyalong:—Mr. Waddell, for Mr. Cruickshank, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Resident Warden at Wyalong?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Receiving Registrar?

(3.) If so, when are these appointments to be made?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Provision has always been made for the performance of the Warden's duties at Wyalong, and that will continue to be done. As to making Wyalong the Warden's Head-quarters that will receive due consideration.

(2.) There are no such officers connected with this Department as Receiving Registrars, but a Mining Registrar has been appointed, and has been acting for months past.

(3.) Answered by the above.

(19.) Appointment of Police Magistrate at Wyalong:—Mr. Waddell, for Mr. Cruickshank, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Police Magistrate at Wyalong?

(2.) If so, when is this appointment to be made?

Mr. Gould answered,—Attention has been directed to this and other matters pertaining to Wyalong which are now under consideration.

(20.) Manly Sewerage Scheme:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the sewerage scheme for Manly, prepared by Messrs. Harper, Harper, and Henderson, been approved by the Public Works Committee?

(2.) What is the estimated cost thereof?

(3.) What was the estimated cost of the Departmental sewerage scheme for Manly prepared by the Government Engineer, Mr. Stayton?

(4.) What was the cost to the Government of the surveys, plans, and incidental expenses in connection with the Government scheme prepared by Mr. Stayton?

(5.) By whose authority did Messrs. Harper, Harper, and Henderson call for tenders for the proposed work, and on what date was such authority given?

(6.) Has the scheme prepared by Messrs. Harper, Harper, and Henderson, been examined and approved as practicable and serviceable by the proper officers of the Department?

(7.) By whose authority were the surveys, plans, and all data in connection with the Government scheme placed at the disposal of the private firm of engineers, Messrs. Harper, Harper, and Henderson?

(8.) Is it a fact that tenders have been called at schedule prices based upon Messrs. Harper, Harper, and Henderson's calculations, which have not been checked by the officers of the Department?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) £18,000 (about.)

(3.) Two schemes were submitted—one to cost £34,114, and the second, a modification of the first, to cost £22,000.

(4.) £320 9s. 5d.

(5.) The late Minister for Works, on 2nd August, 1894.

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- (6.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage reported as follows :—" Messrs. Harper and Harper have now submitted plans which appear to me sufficient on which to call for tenders. Their prices are low, but with the competition now amongst contractors it is just possible a favourable tender may be received. Assuming, therefore, that their quantities are correct, it is more than likely that the work may be done for under the £20,000."
- (7.) The late Minister for Works.
- (8.) Yes.
- (21.) Arbitrators under the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act:—Mr. McGowen asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) The names of all the recommending authorities (under the Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1892) who sent in nominations up till and inclusive of 15th August for the year 1894?
- (2.) The names of those who recommended P. J. Brennan, Esq., as arbitrator?
- (3.) The names of those who recommended E. Barnier, Esq., as arbitrator?
- Mr. Gould* answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member is rather too voluminous to be given in the shape of replies to Questions, but I will presently lay on the Table a statement which has been furnished to me by my honorable colleague the Attorney-General, giving all the particulars required.
2. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- R. W. DUFF, *Message No. 10.*  
Governor.
- In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the "Labour Settlements Act" and the "Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894."
- Government House,*  
*Sydney, 5th September, 1894.*
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
3. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Gould* laid upon the Table,—Names of all the recommending authorities under the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1892 who sent in nominations up to 15th August for the year 1894, also the names of those who recommended Messrs. P. J. Brennan and E. Banner as arbitrators.  
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Brunker* laid upon the Table,—Ninth General Report, together with returns giving a record of the Committee's inquiries and Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Labour Settlements Act" and the "Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894."  
Question put and passed.
5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—*Lunatic Asylum at Kenmore, near Goulburn (Formal Motion)*:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the proposed Lunatic Asylum at Kenmore, near Goulburn, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.  
Question put and passed.
6. LUNACY CONVENTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Brunker moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to further amend the law relating to the insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent Colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs.  
Question put and passed.
7. SHOOTING OF THE MAN CONSIDINE AT BROKEN HILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in the case of the shooting of the man Considine at Broken Hill.  
Question put and passed.
8. CONSPIRACY AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to conspiracy and to the protection of property, and to the use of violence, threats, and molestation.  
Question put and passed.
9. NOTICES ISSUED TO CENTRAL DIVISION LESSEES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of ex-Attorney General Barton's opinion furnished to the late Minister for Lands, in respect to the notices issued to Central Division lessees under 78th section of Crown Lands Act of 1884.  
Question put and passed.

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10. **EXTENSION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DOG ACT (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the names of the several Police Districts in the Central and Western Divisions of the Colony to which the provisions of the Dog Act, 6 William IV No. 4, and the amendment thereof, 39 Victoria No. 6, have been extended by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council; also showing the date of the *Gazette* in which such extension was notified.  
Question put and passed.
11. **LIENS ON STOCK BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages on stock and stations.  
Question put and passed.
12. **RAILWAY FREE PASSES (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing all free passes over the railways issued since the date to which the last of such returns was made up, such return to show the names of all persons to whom such passes were issued, the duration of such passes, the reasons for granting same, and the estimated cash value of the same.  
Question put and passed.
13. **PAPER**:—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 5th September, 1894,—“Notices issued to Central Division Lessees.”  
Ordered to be printed.
14. **COAL MINES REGULATION BILL**:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith*,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
15. **QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL**:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the laws relating to Quarantine.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the laws relating to Quarantine.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the law relating to Quarantine*,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
16. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—William Patrick Crick, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
17. **NAVIGATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Reid (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
18. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rabbit-infested Reserves in the Murray District:—Mr. Hayes asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that many of the public reserves in the Murray District, owing to the growth of pine and other scrub, are now thickly infested with rabbits and other noxious animals which are rapidly spreading from these centres over the adjoining lands, preventing cultivation and causing serious loss to the landowners, and a source of great danger to the district generally?
  - (2.) Are there any provisions in the Land or Rabbit Acts by which this nuisance can be abated without proclaiming the district infested?
  - (3.) If not, will he make provision in the proposed Land Bill to enable him to deal with these infested reserves by leasing with stringent conditions for the destruction of scrub and noxious animals, or by such other means as he may consider advisable, to remove this evil?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) I am perfectly aware that this is the fact.
  - (2.) There are provisions in the Land and Rabbit Acts which, if put into force, would render it compulsory on the part of the Crown and all owners to deal with this matter. But the subject is being considered in connection with the proposed Land Bill, with a view to see if more effective methods cannot be adopted than those provided by the existing law.
- (2.) Costs in case *Eddy v. Martin*:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the costs in the case of criminal libel, *Eddy v. Martin*, been yet refunded to the Treasury, as ordered by last Parliament?

Mr. Reid answered,—No such refund has been made, nor was it, as put by the Honorable Member, "ordered" by the last Parliament. The amount was struck out of Estimates by the Legislative Assembly, submitted by the late Government, who paid the money.

- (3.) Vanmen plying for Hire at Redfern Railway Station:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that permits have been given to a number of licensed vanmen to stand inside the railway premises?
  - (2.) Has a contract been given to a firm of contractors to remove parcels and passengers' luggage which has been booked?
  - (3.) Does this firm of contractors only send one vehicle to carry out their contract?
  - (4.) In the event of the contractors' vehicle not being at the station, are the porters instructed to take any of the luggage (not being booked) round to the Parcels Office, whilst the licensed vanmen are on the stand?
  - (5.) Is the contractors' driver allowed to stand on the railway platform, and solicit passengers' luggage?
  - (6.) Are the licensed vanmen who hold the permit allowed to do likewise?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am very sorry I have not yet received the information the Honorable Member asks for.

- (4.) Government Advertisements:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a minute dealing with the newspapers in which the Government should advertise, and drafted by Sir Henry Parkes while he last held office?

Mr. Brunker answered,—There will be no objection to lay a copy of the minute upon the Table.

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- (5.) Security to be given by Solicitors holding Trust Moneys:—Mr. Collins asked the Minister of Justice,—In view of the many defalcations caused through solicitors embezzling trust moneys received from their clients, will he request the Judges to make provision by which solicitors shall be compelled to give security before being allowed to practise in the Courts of the Colony?

Mr. Gould answered,—This is a matter the dealing with which does not come within the scope of the Department of Justice.

- (6.) Wages to be paid by Contractors:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact, as reported in the daily papers, that he has ordered that contractors shall pay the current rate of wages, and that customary hours shall be observed?  
 (2.) Is it also a fact that maize and other farm produce is now being sold at a price which does not pay the producers; and, if so, will he consult his colleagues with a view to compelling contractors for forage and other supplies to pay the producers a price for their produce sufficient to enable them to pay standard wages and to observe the customary hours?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) I will lay a copy of the minute referred to upon the Table of the House.  
 (2.) The Honorable Member must see that this is a question which he can hardly expect me seriously to answer.

- (7.) Case of Proudfoot v. the Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the case of Proudfoot v. the Railway Commissioners has been settled?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that the amount to be paid by the Railway Commissioners to Proudfoot is £32,000?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that £20,000, or a greater portion of the said amount, is to be paid on or before Saturday next?  
 (4.) Will he give instructions that before this, or any amount, is paid, further inquiry be made as to the reasons for such payment?  
 (5.) Will he have the evidence of J. M. Sweet taken, and documents in that gentleman's possession examined on the points at issue in the action above referred to, before any such payment is made?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1, 2, and 3.) Yes; the amount to be paid, including the purchase of the whole of the quarries, crushers, machinery, and relaying and other plant of the plaintiffs.  
 (4.) As the whole question has been investigated for many days by the Chief Judge in Equity, and the settlement arrived at has been sanctioned by him and stated to be of an honorable character, no further inquiry seems necessary.  
 (5.) It is understood that there is, or was, a suit in Equity pending between a Mr. Sweet and the Messrs. Proudfoot. It is assumed that if Mr. Sweet has any rights his legal advisers will take the proper steps to protect his interests.

- (8.) Officers of the Second Infantry Regiment:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he defer dealing with all resignations, promotions, and appointments, in connection with officers of the Second Infantry Regiment until after he lays upon the Table of this House the return promised by him on the 30th August, 1894?

Mr. Bruncker replied,—The resignations, promotions, and appointments will not be dealt with until the return referred to has been laid upon the Table.

- (9.) Dredging Operations at Newcastle:—Mr. Dick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether, in spite of the fact that vessels drawing only 22 feet 6 inches would at present take the ground at every loading berth in Newcastle, he contemplates lessening the dredging facilities at that port?

Mr. Young answered,—There is no present intention of reducing the dredging facilities in Newcastle harbour.

- (10.) Rents, &c., on Oyster Beds of the Hunter:—Mr. Dick asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amount of rents, license fees, and royalty have been received on account of the oyster beds of the Hunter and its tributaries for the present year 1894?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The Commissioners of Fisheries, to whom the question has been referred, report that £191 have been received in rents; that the powers given under the Oyster Fisheries Act to impose fees on licensed dredgers has never been exercised; and that the royalty on oysters was abolished in 1887 by the Act 51 Vic. No. 21.

- (11.) Erection of Police Station, Bourke-street, Surry Hills:—Mr. Wilks, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government hold land in Bourke-street, Surry Hills, near Cleveland-street, for the purpose of erecting a Police Station?  
 (2.) In view of the disgraceful scenes that frequently occur in this locality, will the Government take steps to provide additional Police protection?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that there are no exceptionally disgraceful scenes in this part of the city, but the erection of a lock-up would be a great advantage when funds can be provided for the purpose.

- (12.) The Civil Service:—Mr. Wilks, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he cause to be prepared a return showing the actual number of persons dispensed with in the Civil Service during the Dibbs administration?  
 (2.) Will he also supply a return showing the number of new appointments throughout the Civil Service during the same period?  
 (3.) Will he state the amount saved by such actions?

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Mr. Reid answered,—In reply to the Question asked by the honorable gentleman in the absence of the Honorable Member for Cook Division, whose unfortunate accident I am sure we are all very sorry for, I have to say that returns for the various Departments are now in course of preparation. When complete, it is proposed to lay them upon the Table.

- (13.) Press Reports of Weekly Deficits:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the continuity of weekly deficits published in the Press is not strengthening the credit of the Colony?
  - (2.) Under these circumstances would it not be better to suspend such publications?
  - (3.) What is the use of publishing the Estimate of Revenue without the given expenditure for the corresponding period?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) I am not, nor have I such a low opinion of the credit of the country, or the estimation in which it is held, as to consider any sort of concealment necessary. Only the avoidance of publicity in connection with the state of the public finances which has hitherto prevailed could have made possible the serious financial mismanagement of our affairs which has occurred in the past. In my opinion the people have as much right as I have to know the state of the public finances.

(2.) I think an answer to this is unnecessary.

(3.) The monthly statement of revenue is accompanied by a monthly statement of expenditure. This is not necessary in connection with the weekly statement of revenue.

- (14.) Decision of Land Court at Forbes, *re* Renewal of Pastoral Leases:—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps does he propose taking with respect to the finding of the Land Court at its recent sitting at Forbes, that improvements effected prior to 1889 shall form a basis in determining the renewal of pastoral leases under the 43rd clause of the Land Act of 1889?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am awaiting receipt of the full text of the Land Court's decision before committing myself to any definite action.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting compensation paid to Mr. Cliff for land resumed at Lavender Bay.
  - (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Wood and Wilson, county of Urana, for an approach to bridge over Yanko Creek at Wilson.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of reduced telegraph rates between Cudgen and Chinderah and all stations in Queensland.
  - (2.) Report of the Postal and Telegraph Conference held in New Zealand in March, 1894.
  - (3.) Report of the Postmaster-General for the year 1893.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—Cabinet Minute respecting Government advertising.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. CARRIAGES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to fines, penalties, and forfeitures under the Act 6 William IV No. 2, and the Carriages Regulation Act of 1884.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Affleck then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to fines, penalties, and forfeitures under the Act 6 William IV No. 2, and the Carriages Regulation Act of 1884,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th September.

## 4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Liens on Stock Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages on stock and stations;—until Tuesday next.

(2.) Homestead Protection Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday next.

## 5. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Smith (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

## 6. NAVIGATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

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Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to reconstruct the Marine Board; to provide for the cutting of load-lines; and to amend the 'Navigation Acts, 1871-1881'; and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to reconstruct the Marine Board; to provide for the cutting of load-lines; and to amend the 'Navigation Acts, 1871-1881'; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th September, 1894.*

The House adjourned at half-past Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Operations of the Geological Survey Staff:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he consider the advisability of extending the operations of the Geological Survey Staff of his Department, with a view to a more thorough examination, survey, and mapping out of mineral-bearing country?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Geological Survey Staff is at present fully occupied in the examination of deposits of special interest. The systematic geological survey and mapping of the mineral-bearing lands of the Colony, after the system adopted by the United Kingdom and the United States of America, would cost an enormous sum of money. This kind of survey was started in Victoria, but was abandoned on account of the cost. During the past year the staff was reduced on account of the policy of retrenchment.

- (2.) Case of M'Oid:—Mr. Cann asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the magistrate who was on the Bench in the case of M'Oid, remanded for eight days, bail refused, is manager and part owner of Kinchegea Run?  
 (2.) Is it not also a fact he is a party to the present dispute between the shearers and pastoralists?  
 (3.) Will he take steps to prevent magistrates being on the Bench to try their own cases?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1 and 2.) In reply to inquiries I have made, I have received this telegram from the Police Magistrate at Wilcannia:—"Harold Hughes, who remanded M'Oid at Menindie, and refused bail, is part owner and representative of Kinchegea Run, and is interested in present dispute between shearers and pastoralists, having called roll, when shearers refused to sign."

(3.) Mr. Hughes will have his attention directed to the impropriety of a magistrate taking part in judicial proceedings in which he is either personally concerned or interested; it does not, however, appear necessary to issue instructions of this nature to magistrates generally, who, it must be assumed, have sufficient knowledge of their duties to recognise the impropriety of adjudicating in such cases.

- (3.) Police at Plattsburg:—Mr. Watkins asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many extra Police have been stationed at Plattsburg since the beginning of the present year?  
 (2.) What amount has it taken to maintain the same during the above period?  
 (3.) How many are stationed there now?  
 (4.) Do circumstances demand the keeping of such a number there at the present time?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1.) Thirty-five during portion of February; none in March, April, and May; 8 in June; 10 in July; 15 in August; and 14 on the 1st September. There are 12 at the present time.  
 (2.) Pay, £820 0s. 11d.; allowances, £554 1s. Total, £1,374 1s. 11d.  
 (3.) Sixteen.  
 (4.) It would not be advisable to withdraw the extra Police at present.

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(4.) Establishment of National Smelting Works :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
 (1.) Has his attention been directed to the report of the New Koochinor Gold and Silver Mining Company, in which the following remarks occur :—" It may be mentioned that during the last two years and a half no less than £80,000 of products have been shipped to London, but owing to the excessive charges there no profit has accrued. With national smelting works this mine and many others now worked at a loss would prove most profitable " ?

(2.) In view of the foregoing significant remarks, will he take immediate steps to establish a national smelting works in order to make profitable the many mines in the Colony now lying idle or worked at a loss ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Attention has been called to the remarks referred to, and we are anxious to do all that is possible to reduce the losses to this Colony on the export of these products.

(2.) We are proceeding to the establishment of metallurgical works for the treatment of bulk samples of ore by all suitable processes other than smelting.

(5.) Removal of Parcels and Passengers Luggage :—Mr. Cann, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that permits have been given to a number of licensed vanmen to stand inside the railway premises ?

(2.) Has a contract been given to a firm of contractors to remove parcels and passengers' luggage which has been booked ?

(3.) Does this firm of contractors only send one vehicle to carry out their contract ?

(4.) In the event of the contractors' vehicle not being at the station, are the porters instructed to take any of the luggage (not being booked) round to the parcels office, whilst the licensed vanmen are on the stand ?

(5.) Is the contractors' driver allowed to stand on the railway platform, and solicit passengers' luggage ?

(6.) Are the licensed vanmen who hold the permit allowed to do likewise ?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have a lengthy document giving the information required, and as I do not think it is a matter of public importance I will simply lay it upon the Table for the information of the Honorable Member.

(6.) Contract of Mr. Galton for writing the History of New South Wales :—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he defer proceeding with the contract entered into by Mr. Arthur Galton for writing the History of New South Wales until after the disposal of the Notice of Motion on the Business Paper of this House for Tuesday, the 16th October, 1894 ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The matter is under reference to the Attorney-General.

(7.) Post and Telegraph Office at Camperdown :—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Joseph Abbott, asked the Postmaster-General,—Is the promise being attended to, made by his predecessor, the Honorable John Kidd, on 11th April last, that steps would be taken to have provision made and plans prepared for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Camperdown before the expiration of lease, in January next, of premises at present occupied ?

Mr. Cook answered,—The Honorable Member was informed, to the effect stated, on the 11th April last, and on the 16th of the same month the Works Department was communicated with accordingly, and the matter is now in the hands of that Department.

(8.) Mining on Private Lands Bill :—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Austin Chapman, asked the Secretary for Mines,—As some doubt exists regarding the meaning of term " efficient mining " in the Mining on Private Lands Bill, will he kindly state what construction his Department puts on the term ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—It is difficult to say what interpretation the Courts would put upon the term " efficient mining," but as applied to a mine it is employing a sufficient number of men to open up a mine and then to develop and work it with reasonable expedition.

(9.) Employees working on Government Farm near Tom Ingly :—Mr. Sleath asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that the employees on the Government farm near Tom Ingly are compelled to work twelve hours per day ; if so, will he see that they are only required to work the ordinary number of hours ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—No ; it is not so, and no complaint to that effect has been made to the Department.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Minute by the Secretary for Public Works, respecting the prevention of " sweating " in Government contracts.  
 Ordered to be printed.

3. HOSPITAL ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Waddell (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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4. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Willis moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Willis, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Willis, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
5. SUNDAY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,— Mr. Willis moved That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Copeland,  
Mr. Collins,  
Mr. Hughes,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Willard,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. Stevenson,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Schey,  
Mr. Griffith,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. Hassall,  
Mr. Davis,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Clarke.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Millen,  
Mr. Willis.

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Mr. Alexander Campbell, Mr. Rawlinson,  
Mr. Garrard, Mr. Ellis,  
Mr. Henry Chapman, Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Cook, Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Fegan, Mr. William Morgan,  
Mr. See, Mr. Smalles,  
Mr. Young, Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. O'Reilly,  
Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Hayes,  
Mr. Travers Jones, Mr. McLean,  
Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Reid, Mr. McCourt,  
Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Law,  
Mr. Pyers, Mr. Millard,  
Dr. Ross, Mr. Leea,  
Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Rigg, Mr. Bavister,  
Mr. Thomson, Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Knox, Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Wise, Mr. Shipway,  
Mr. Brunker, Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Storey, Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Cameron, Mr. Fowler,  
Mr. Hogue, Mr. Kirkpatrick,  
Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Newman, Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Cann, Mr. Rose,  
Mr. Stephen, Mr. Ashton,  
Mr. Carroll, Mr. Carruthers,  
Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Wilks, Mr. Hogan.  
Mr. Dick,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Sir Henry Parkes,  
Mr. Cullen,  
Mr. Gould,

*Tellers,*

Dr. Graham,  
Mr. Moore.

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Willis, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 9.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1894.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table certain correspondence which he had had with Sir Reginald F. D. Palgrave, Clerk of the House of Commons, relative to a Point of Order in connection with the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 Further Amendment Bill.  
Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Farmers and Cane-growers of the Northern Rivers:—Mr. Willard asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether, in view of the industrial panic which now prevails amongst the farmers and cane-growers of the Northern Rivers District in consequence of the refusal of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company to provide the necessary additional mill accommodation, it is the intention of the Government to facilitate the expansion of this growing industry by introducing such legislation as will enable the cane-growers to establish co-operative central mills, under the supervision and by the aid of the State?

Mr. Reid answered,—This matter was brought under my notice a few days ago by the Honorable Member, Mr. Ewing. It is altogether too serious a question to be dealt with without very full consideration.

(2.) Lismore to Tweed Railway:—Mr. Willard asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to take steps to provide for the employment of the railway men on the approaching completion of the Tweed-Lismore Railway, at clearing one or more of the reserves of rich scrub land in the Tweed District, with a view to subsequently leasing small areas of the same to these men, and to thus most advantageously facilitate settlement on the land and prevent large additions to the already overwhelming army of unemployed?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—It is not the intention of the Government.

(3.) Anti-ant Composition used in Public Works Department:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What quantity of anti-ant composition or any preparation of a similar character was used by his Department during the years 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1894 to the 1st August?

(2.) What quantity was ordered or provided by his Department during each of those years?

(3.) What quantity was on stock on 1st July, 1893?

(4.) What quantity was ordered or provided during July, 1893, at whose request, and by whose authority?

(5.) What quantity was in stock on 1st December, 1893?

(6.) What quantity was ordered or provided during December, 1893, at whose request, and by whose authority?

(7.) What quantity is now in stock, and how long is it estimated that this will last?

(8.) Has an increased use of this composition been at any time recommended by the principal officers of the Department?

(9.) Who are the manufacturers and owners of the composition?

(10.) Who received payment for that supplied in 1893?

(11.) Will he have any objection to laying the papers (say for the last five years) upon the Table of the House in the form of a return?

Mr. Young answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member is being prepared and will be laid upon the Table of the House in a few days, together with all the papers on the subject.

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(4.) Civil Servants paying to the Treasury Guarantee Fund :—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total amount per annum paid by Civil Servants to the Treasury Guarantee Fund, and the total accumulations of such fund since its establishment?

(2.) The number of cases and total amount of payments made on account of default since its establishment?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Receipts—1891, £2,616 18s. 10d.; 1892, £2,671 9s. 5d.; 1893, £2,885 4s. 4d.; to 11th September, 1894, £2,810 0s. 8d.; total, £10,983 13s. 3d.; credit balance, 11th September, 1894, £7,869 19s. 9d.

(2.) Number of cases of default, 42; total amount of payments made on account of defaults, £3,113 13s. 6d.

(5.) Advances to Settlers :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the following telegram, which appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* of Monday last :—“The Advances to Settlers Bill.—Auckland, Saturday.—The Government Advances to Settlers Bill provides for £1,500,000 being raised annually by debentures “bearing 4 per cent., or land bonds bearing 3½ per cent. interest. Advances are to be made on “mortgages over freehold and leasehold lands, in the former case to the extent of two-thirds, and “in the latter to the extent of one-half the value of the security, the principal to be repayable, “with 5 per cent. interest added, in seventy-three half-yearly instalments. The values are to be “determined by Government valuers. The management of the advances is to rest with the Superintendent-General's Board, and the District Boards are to be composed of Government officials. “The valuation and mortgage fees payable by borrowers are fixed on an extremely low scale”?

(2.) Will he take into consideration the desirableness of introducing a measure to make provision for such advances in New South Wales?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Honorable Member brings under my notice an interesting subject, which I will give some attention to when a better opportunity offers.

(6.) Works at Shea's Creek :—Mr. Knox asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When were the works for the formation of a navigable canal at Shea's Creek commenced?

(2.) When was Parliamentary sanction obtained for such works?

(3.) What amounts have been expended on such works in each year from the commencement of such works?

(4.) What sums have been paid for land in connection with such works?

(5.) What further sums (if any) will it be necessary to pay for land in connection with such works?

(6.) When will the canal be completed as far as Ricketty-street from Cook's River, and what will be the cost of completion to that point?

(7.) What will be the depth of the canal at low water?

(8.) When will the whole work be completed, and what will be the total cost thereof?

(9.) What revenue is the said work expected to yield?

Mr. Young answered,—The information asked for will be obtained and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a return, at an early date.

(7.) Steamer “Cyclops” moored on Fishing Ground near Shark Beach :—Mr. Knox asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the steamer “Cyclops” is moored near Shark Beach upon a fishing ground in such a position as to interfere with the hauling of nets?

(2.) Will he take steps to have the steamer removed?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) The steamer “Cyclops” is moored near to, and within sight of, the four-fathom patch off Shark Point, where divers and attendants are engaged with a quantity of plant in blasting away and removing the reef, an important and most needed improvement in the harbour. The steamer is now moored in the only sheltered spot available, bearing in mind that it is necessary to keep the men within sight of the plant.

(2.) Upon inquiries being made amongst the fishermen, they state that the steamer is not the least in their way at present, as they will not be hauling there till the garfish come in. When they do propose to haul there, the steamer will be moored a little further out, where it will be quite off the hauling ground, although in a less sheltered and more dangerous position.

(8.) Cost of Printing Report of Commissioner at the Chicago Exhibition :—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the cost or the estimated cost of printing the Report of the Commissioner for New South Wales at the Chicago Exhibition?

(2.) Is it intended that the document shall be printed twice, and in different sized pages, and if so, why?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) In Foolscap size, £767 10s.; in Royal 8vo. size, £577 3s.; total, £1,344 13s.

(2.) The report has been printed in both sizes, and is now in the hands of the binder. The type was set up to a “measure” suitable for both sizes.

(9.) Rates of the Water and Sewerage Board :—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that reductions up to some thousands of pounds per year have been made by the Water and Sewerage Board for supplies of water to several firms, while, on the other hand, increased rates have been charged to smaller or general consumers?

(2.) What steps, if any, does he propose to take for the restoration of the Board to a non-political basis, such as existed prior to the appointment of officers of the Works Department to the Board?

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Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Water and Sewerage Board that on 1st January, 1892, the water rate by measure was reduced from 1s. 6d. per 1,000 gallons to 1s. per 1,000 gallons up to 20 millions, and in excess of that amount 9d. per 1,000. There is only one rate charged by measure for whatever purpose the water is used.

(2.) Officers of the Public Works Department have always been on the Board since the date of its appointment. The Board is no more political now than it was at its first appointment.

(10.) Church and School Lands in the Botany Electorate:—Mr. Stephen asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has any provision been made to protect the Church and School lands in the Electorate of Botany from injury by cutting scrub, digging roots from the soil, breaking the surface of the ground, or otherwise causing injury whereby sand drifts may be caused?

(2.) If so, what provision has been made?

(3.) If no provision has been made for such purpose, will he take steps to make such provision before serious damage has been done?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) No special provision, but the Officers of the Department visit regularly.

(2.) See No. 1.

(3.) No special provision is considered necessary.

(11.) Religious Services held in Schools of Arts Buildings:—Mr. Nicholson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Are Schools of Arts buildings erected on ground granted by the Government and assisted by grant from the State let for the purpose of holding religious services?

Mr. Garrard answered,—I am not aware of Schools of Arts buildings being used for that purpose.

(12.) Newcastle Bar:—Mr. Dick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether, in view of the lamentable accidents to ships (three having occurred during this last fortnight, viz.:—(1) Serious injury to the bottom of the ship "Earl of Dunraven" through taking ground in the harbour; (2) the shattering of the steering gear of the ship "Houth" through bumping on the bar; and (3) the total loss of the valuable steamship "Colonist" through the same cause) at Newcastle, the Government is prepared to immediately consider and bring forward a comprehensive scheme for deepening the harbour and bar, and for removing obstructions dangerous to navigation?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have called for a report on the special circumstances referred to by the Honorable Member. Upon its receipt I shall be prepared to take such action as may be shown to be necessary. I am fully aware of the importance of the subject.

(13.) Interest on Deposits in School Banks:—Mr. Dick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What rate of interest was fixed as payable upon the deposits in the school banks?

(2.) Did the late Minister for Instruction hand over the whole or any part of the interest on such deposits to the Teachers' Athletic Association?

(3.) What was the amount handed over to that Association?

(4.) Will he see that in future the interest accruing on such deposits shall be devoted to some more laudable purpose, such as the foundation of University bursaries for poor students, the purchase of school libraries, &c.

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) None. Interest is not paid on a deposit until it reaches £1, and is transferred to the Government Savings Bank, when the usual interest is paid to the depositor.

(2.) By direction of Mr. Suttor, a portion of the accumulated interest on the total amounts under £1 has been placed in the hands of trustees, with the object of granting the annual interest to the Public Schools' Athletic Association for the encouragement of swimming, gymnastics, and other physical training.

(3.) £1,500, which has been invested by the trustees at 4 per cent. interest.

(4.) Provision has already been made for University bursaries for poor students. The question of assistance to school libraries will receive consideration.

(14.) Allowance to Members of Parliament:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many Members of the present Parliament have sent instructions to the Treasury for their Parliamentary allowance to be paid into the Consolidated Revenue, or intimated to that Department their determination not to draw the same?

(2.) The names of such Members?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) One Member.

(2.) Mr. Adrian Knox, who has requested that his Parliamentary allowance be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(15.) Public Works:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to carry out any of the public works that have been favourably reported on by the Public Works Committee; if so, what is the nature and cost of such work that is likely to be carried out?

(2.) Will he take steps to prevent other public works being referred to the Public Works Committee until such time as the public works at present in hand are fully disposed of?

Mr. Young answered,—I am unable at the present moment to answer these Questions, as the whole matter will be determined by the Cabinet when the Public Works policy is being dealt with,

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(16.) Interest and Instalments on Conditional Purchases :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
(1.) Is he aware that many selectors throughout the Colony are at the present time unable to pay their interest and instalments owing to bad seasons and the low price obtained for farm produce?

(2.) Under these circumstances, will he see that a further extension of time is granted for payment in those cases that are at present in arrears, so that their selections may not be forfeited or their land and improvements subjected to confiscation?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Representations to this effect have been made.

(2.) All such cases will be dealt with on their respective merits.

(17.) Road from Burruga to Judd's Creek :—Mr. Wall, for Mr. Crick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, in view of the numerous representations made as to the impassable nature of the road from Burruga to Judd's Creek, and the fact that teams cannot now cart away the 200 tons of copper at the mine, cause a special grant to be made to put that length of road in order?

Mr. Young answered,—I have called for a report on the subject, and will inform the Honorable Member of my decision in the course of a few days.

(18.) Railway from Walcha Road to Walcha :—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House copies of all papers, reports, and correspondence in connection with a branch line of railway from Walcha Road to Walcha?

Mr. Young answered,—I shall have no objection to lay these papers upon the Table of the House if moved for in the usual way.

(19.) Civilian Rifle Clubs :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—Having in view the fact that the volunteer infantry reserves, which were disbanded in 1888, and the reserve rifle companies, which were enrolled in 1888, were so enrolled under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867," what is the difficulty which is said by the military authorities to exist preventing the civilian rifle clubs being now enrolled in the Defence Force of the Colony?

Mr. Brunner answered,—In the absence of the Major-General I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will postpone his Question until Tuesday next.

(20.) Cost of Site for Ocean-street Cable-tram Engine-house :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the price paid for the site for the Ocean-street cable-tram engine-house, and from whom was the purchase effected?

(2.) Will he have any objection to lay any papers on the subject upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Owners—Sarah Blackwood, Jane M. Haynes, and the Trustees of Mary Ann Wilcox, £9,593 12s. 4d.; occupiers—D. Williams, D. Robinson, and D. Maloney, £1,442; total, £11,035 12s. 4d.

(2.) I have no objection.

(21.) Potatoes in the Crookwell and Taralga Districts :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that there are 7,000 tons of potatoes in the Crookwell and Taralga districts for which there is no payable market?

(2.) Is he aware that the freight per team from the abovementioned districts to the Goulburn railway station-house averages £1 per ton?

(3.) Is he aware that local growers cannot send less than 6 tons of potatoes to Sydney under 13s. 3d. per ton freight, with a charge of 9s. 6d. per ton for a truck containing 6 tons?

(4.) Is he aware that 200,000 bags of imported potatoes have been landed in Sydney during the last four months?

(5.) Is he aware that the great bulk of imported Circular Head potatoes are grown within 10 miles of the coast, and can be landed from the farms on the wharfs for 5s. per ton?

(6.) Is he aware that large consignments of imported potatoes are landed in Sydney and Newcastle at a freight not exceeding 5s. per ton?

(7.) How does he propose to give the Crookwell and Taralga growers a market for their potatoes?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that potatoes carried by rail from Goulburn to Sydney are charged in small lots 11s. 3d. per ton, and for 6 tons 9s. 6d. per ton, equal to 1½d. per ton per mile. An exceptional rate was quoted last year of 8s. 6d., but the same circumstances in regard to the railway working do not apply at the present time. The rest of the Questions asked are quite beyond my knowledge except Question 7, to which I reply that I do not feel called upon to find a market for one class of the people at the expense of another.

3. FARMERS AND SETTLERS ASSOCIATIONS :—Mr. Chanter presented a Petition from Gunning Francis Plunkett, President, and John Louis Tréflé, Secretary, of the Farmers and Settlers Associations of the Colony, submitting certain resolutions dealing with the land and other laws of this Colony, agreed to by delegates assembled at Young, and praying the House to take such resolutions into favourable consideration.

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

4. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers and read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

Message No. 11.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to further regulate the



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the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of Crown lands; for the protection of certain homesteads; to enable the Crown, by purchase, resumption, exchange, and surrender, to acquire alienated lands; to amend the law relating to conditional purchasers in certain respects; to provide for forfeitures and validations in certain cases; to prevent impounding and actions for trespass upon unfenced holdings; to amend the law as to Local Land Boards and the Land Appeal Court; and to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

5. KENMORE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,  
Governor.

Message No. 12.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the erection of a Hospital for Insane at Kenmore, near Goulburn.

Government House,  
Sydney, 12th September, 1894.

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

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Report of the Nautical School Ship "Sobraon" for the year ended 30th April, 1894.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Public Works for the year 1893, together with certain information respecting the Department to 11th September, 1894.  
Ordered to be printed.

7. CONSPIRACY AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY BILL:—Mr. Fegan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to conspiracy and to the protection of property, and to the use of violence, threats, and molestation,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 9th October.

8. CROWN LANDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to further regulate the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of Crown lands; for the protection of certain homesteads; to enable the Crown, by purchase, resumption, exchange, and surrender, to acquire alienated lands; to amend the law relating to conditional purchasers in certain respects; to provide for forfeitures and validations in certain cases; to prevent impounding and actions for trespass upon unfenced holdings; to amend the law as to Local Land Boards and the Land Appeal Court; and to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith.  
Question put and passed.

9. KENMORE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the erection of a Hospital for Insane at Kenmore, near Goulburn.  
Question put and passed.

10. HOSPITAL ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to the management of Hospitals.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to the management of Hospitals,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th September, 1894.

11. HOMESTEAD PROTECTION BILL:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill be discharged.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Eight Hours Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare Eight Hours to be a Legal Day's Labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects;—until Tuesday, 9th October.

(2.) Liens on Stock Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages on stock and stations;—until Tuesday, 25th September.

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13. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Argyle, Mr. Rose, a notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the abuses connected with the administration of the Civil Service Act."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Rose moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
14. **COAL MINES REGULATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Smith, *passed*.  
Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—  
Mr. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 12th September, 1894.*
15. **LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Labour Settlements Act" and the "Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894."  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the "Labour Settlements Act" and the "Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894."  
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act' and the 'Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894,'*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
16. **LUNACY CONVENTION BILL**:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to further amend the law relating to the insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent Colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to further amend the law relating to the insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent Colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs.  
On motion of Mr. Bruncker, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Bruncker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the law relating to the insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent Colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
17. **QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.  
The House adjourned at Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) John Senior, Employee at Botanical Gardens:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) Is John Senior, an employee at the Botanical Gardens, a casual employee, rarely or never working for the Department on six days of any one week, or is he an ordinarily employed person whose services are engaged for the full working hours?  
(2.) How long has he been employed in the Department?  
(3.) Is he paid a daily or a weekly wage?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Director of Botanic Gardens:—

- (1.) John Senior is a regular employee at the Botanic Gardens, working six days per week.  
(2.) About fifteen years.  
(3.) He is paid monthly, at a rate per working day.

- (2.) Indebtedness of Municipalities to the Government:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Before dealing with the important question of a Local Government Bill, will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the indebtedness of the various municipalities throughout the Colony; the area of each respectively; the amount of rates collected annually in each case; and the amount of Government subsidy and expenditure annually in each case?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I will cause this information to be prepared and laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

- (3.) Road between Cudal and Cargo, *via* Davy's Plains:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any decision yet been arrived at in regard to the petition lately submitted to him from residents of Cudal and Cargo, asking for the opening of a road between Cudal and Cargo, *via* Davy's Plains; if so, what is the nature of that decision, or when is the matter likely to be settled?  
(2.) Is he aware that the want of this road is a great hindrance and annoyance to the travelling public, and will he have it opened without delay?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) There is no record of the petition referred to having been received in my Department.  
(2.) The matter is being dealt with by the Lands Department.

- (4.) Sale of Fireworks:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has it been held that ordinary fireworks, such as crackers, squibs, rockets, Roman candles and others, come under the Act 40 Victoria No. 1 as explosives?  
(2.) Has it been held that dealers in them, either wholesale or retail, must have a license to sell them?  
(3.) Has it been held that a toy, lolly, or tobacconist's shop is a public place under 19 Victoria, section 21, and that the keepers would be open to prosecution if they sold such fireworks without a license in such premises?

Mr. Reid answered,—Not so far as is known in the Department.

- (5.) Noxious Trades:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has a proclamation been issued defining what are noxious trades under the Act 57 Victoria No. 21; if so, when was the same published?  
(2.) If what are noxious trades have not yet been defined by proclamation under the said Act, when will such proclamation be published?

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- (3.) Has it been held that the senior police officer of the whole police district, as per section 2 of clause 11, is the local authority described by clause 12, notwithstanding there may be understood boundaries that various Courts of Petty Sessions have in the same police district, where there is more than one Court of Petty Sessions in a police district?
- (4.) Has a proclamation yet been issued under the 22nd clause of the said Act; if so when, and what are the authorised fees under the clause?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Yes; on the 6th July, and published in the *Gazette* on the 13th of the same month.
- (3.) Yes. The local authority can, however, perform his duty by deputy.
- (4.) Yes; on the 2nd August last. The fee of £10 has been fixed for the registration of noxious trades.
- (6.) Mr. Pearce, Police Magistrate at Hay:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. Black, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is there any truth in the statement that Mr. Pearce, the Police Magistrate, resident at Hay, has been interfering in the shearing dispute by advising the free labourers to adhere to their agreement with the pastoralists?
- Mr. Gould answered,—Mr. Pearce, the Police Magistrate at Hay, has telegraphed to me as follows:—"I told the free labourers, when solicited by unionists, not to break their agreements, but to keep them, and I told the unionists they were acting illegally to incite men to break their agreements." I may add that in doing this the Police Magistrate in no way overstepped his duties.
- (7.) Government Clothing:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the price per suit paid to the successful tenderers for uniforms for railway-porters, guards, tram-conductors, Police, and Volunteers?
- Mr. Reid answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.
- (8.) Police Sent to Gunnedah:—*Mr. Kirkpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact a reinforcement of Police have been sent to Gunnedah?
  - (2.) Who made application for such reinforcement?
  - (3.) Has any disturbance (or threatened disturbance) taken place in the district?
  - (4.) If not, who is responsible for the expense to the country in sending Police Constables to places where their services are not required?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—Six constables were lately sent to Gunnedah by the Inspector-General of Police, but not for duty at that place.
- (9.) Forfeiture of Conditional Purchase, County Gowen, Parish Cuttabaloo:—*Mr. Kirkpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the conditional purchase 87-6, 320 acres, county Gowen, parish Cuttabaloo, taken up in the name of J. L. Brown, was recommended for forfeiture by the Land Board and confirmed by the Land Court?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the late Minister for Lands waived the forfeiture against the decision of the abovenamed Courts?
  - (3.) Is there any objection to lay upon the Table of the House all the papers in connection with the case?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes, on the 16th March last, pending further inspection as to the value of the improvements on the land.
  - (3.) There will be no objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of the papers, but I would point out that as the case will again come before the Land Board by the end of this month for a report as to the value of the improvements, it would delay such action if the papers were now withdrawn for the purpose of being copied.
- (10.) Lock-up at Maclean:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the lock-up at Maclean is in a disgraceful condition, and that the Judges and Magistrates visiting the town have frequently drawn attention to the fact?
  - (2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view of having a suitable building erected?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—I am informed that a new lock-up is badly required, and the matter shall have my attention.
- (11.) Road between Eugowra and Bindagundra Station:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In order to act as a feeder to the Molong, Parkes, and Forbes railway, will he see that steps are taken to have the road between Eugowra and Bindagundra Station surveyed, marked out, and cleared; in order to enable settlers in that locality to get their produce to market?
- Mr. Young answered,—The question of survey of this road is being dealt with by the Lands Department, pending completion of which no action as to carrying out improvements can be taken by the Works Department.
- (12.) Money paid to credit of Public Parks Trustees:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) In paying money into the Bank of New South Wales, to the credit of public parks trustees, did he authorise the Bank authorities to refuse payment unless it was stated on the face of the cheque the various items the amount the cheque was drawn for?
  - (2.) Is he aware a cheque has been refused payment because this was not done?
  - (3.) If no such instructions were given will he ask the reason from the Bank Manager why this was done?
  - (4.) If such instructions were given to the Bank will he withdraw same, seeing that the trustees have to supply such information to the proper officers by proper returns?

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Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) I believe there is a rule that the total amount paid to the credit of a trust in the Bank of New South Wales cannot be withdrawn for the purpose of paying into another Bank to the credit of the trust. I have asked the Bank to pay the cheque in question when next presented.

(13.) Settlements under the "Labour Settlements Act":—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many settlements have been established under the "Labour Settlements Act" and the "Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894"?
- (2.) Where are these settlements located?
- (3.) What is the total area of land occupied by these settlements?
- (4.) How many men are enrolled in these settlements?
- (5.) What is the total expenditure to date in connection with these settlements?
- (6.) Will he obtain and lay upon the Table of this House authentic reports as to the condition and prospects of these settlements?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Three.
- (2.) At Wilberforce, Pitt Town, and Bega.
- (3.) 5,143 acres, viz.:—At Wilberforce, 1,630 acres; Pitt Town, 2,153 acres; and Bega, 1,360 acres.
- (4.) 145, viz.:—At Wilberforce, 35; Pitt Town, 96; and Bega, 14.
- (5.) £5,580, viz.:—Wilberforce, £900; Pitt Town, £4,080; and Bega, £600.
- (6.) I shall make a statement on this matter in the course of the next few days in the House.

(14.) Sunday Trading:—Mr. Kirkpatrick, for Mr. Griffith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to enforce the law relating to Sunday trading by prosecuting the Railway Commissioners, bus companies, and steamship proprietors for plying their trade on Sundays contrary to the law?
- (2.) Will he instruct the Police to see that all tobacconists, fruiterers, restaurateurs, and newspaper proprietors who carry on their business on Sunday are prosecuted according to law?
- (3.) If not, why not?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—It is not intended to issue any special instructions on the subject.

(15.) Compensation to the Government Printing Office Staff:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to compensate for the extra services rendered by the Government Printing Office staff in preparing the Electoral Rolls, Electors' Rights, departmental forms, and *Gazette* notices to bring into working operation the provisions of the new Electoral Act of 1893?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The matter shall have attention.

(16.) Illicit Stills:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What number of convictions were there for keeping illicit stills during the seven years prior to December, 1879, during which period the duty on spirits was 10s. per gallon?
- (2.) The same information as to convictions during the period from December, 1879, to March, 1887, the period during which the duty on spirits was 12s. per gallon?
- (3.) The same information as to convictions during the period from March, 1887, to 31st August, 1894, the period during which the duty was 14s. per gallon?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Three.
- (2.) Seven.
- (3.) Thirty-seven.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under Noxious Trades and Cattle-slaughtering Act of 1894.
- (2.) Amended Form of Affidavit and Inventory under Stamp Duties Act of 1880.
- (3.) Notification of cancellation of Regulations Nos. 250, 251, 252, 253, and 254, and substitution of amended Regulation No. 255, under the Crown Lands Acts.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Notification of the repeal of Regulation No. 14 of the Timber and Quarry Regulations, and adoption of a Regulation in lieu thereof, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

3. QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Reid, read a third time, and *passed*.Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Quarantine.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Quarantine,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
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4. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Willis, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Willis then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to repeal the 'Agreements Validating Act,' and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the 'Agreements Validating Act,' and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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5. DISTILLATION AND SALE OF COLONIAL BRANDY ACTS AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and to extend the provisions of the Act 13 Victoria No. 27, and the "Sale of Colonial Brandy Act of 1866," 30 Victoria No. 15, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and to extend the provisions of the Act 13 Victoria No. 27, and the 'Sale of Colonial Brandy Act of 1866,' 30 Victoria No. 15, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wilcannia, Mr. Sleath, a Notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the present state of the industrial dispute between shearers and pastoralists."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with five Members of the Legislative Council, the "Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works," as provided for by the Public Works Act of 1888, namely:—John Moore Chanter, Esquire, Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire, James Hayes, Esquire, Robert Jones, Esquire, Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, Edmund William Molesworth, Esquire, Robert Henry Levien, Esquire, and Varney Parkes, Esquire.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Crick requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—

Question,—That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with five Members of the Legislative Council, the "Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works," as provided for by the Public Works Act of 1888, namely,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to Ballot; and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Varney Parkes, Esquire, Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire, James Hayes, Esquire, Robert Henry Levien, Esquire, John Moore Chanter, Esquire, Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, James Gormly, Esquire, and Edmund William Molesworth, Esquire.

8. CROWN LANDS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to further regulate the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of Crown lands; for the protection of certain homesteads; to enable the Crown, by purchase, resumption, exchange, and surrender, to acquire alienated lands; to amend the law relating to conditional purchasers in certain respects; to provide for forfeitures and validations in certain cases; to prevent impounding and actions for trespass upon unfenced holdings; to amend the law as to Local Land Boards and the Land Appeal Court; and to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to further regulate the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of Crown lands; for the protection of certain homesteads; to enable the Crown, by purchase, resumption, exchange, and surrender, to acquire alienated lands; to amend the law relating to conditional purchasers in certain respects; to provide for forfeitures and validations in certain cases; to prevent impounding and actions for trespass upon unfenced holdings; to amend the law as to Local Land Boards and the Land Appeal Court; and to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

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(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further regulate the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of Crown lands; for the protection of certain homesteads; to enable the Crown, by purchase, resumption, exchange, and surrender, to acquire alienated lands; to amend the law relating to conditional purchasers in certain respects; to provide for forfeitures and validations in certain cases; to prevent impounding and actions for trespass upon unfenced holdings; to amend the law as to Local Land Boards and the Land Appeal Court; and to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*





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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Amending Railway Act:—Mr. Clarke asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider, during the present Session of Parliament, the advisableness of introducing a Bill amending the Railway Act in such a way that the Railway Commissioners, before engaging in legal procedure, should consult the responsible Minister of the Crown, and in all cases be compelled to avail themselves of the services and advice of the Crown Law Officers?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I do not think so.

- (2.) Compensation to Police for distributing Electors' Rights:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Collins, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Police (who were instrumental in collecting the Electoral Rolls and distributing the Electoral Rights) been paid anything extra than their usual allowance for doing such work; if not, and in view of bonuses having been paid to a number of Civil Servants, will he see that some consideration is shown to the Police in connection with the above?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No pay has been given to the Police for this service, but the matter will be considered.

- (3.) Blood Stock imported from England:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Who inspected the blood stock that was imported and landed in the Colony from England on the "Thermopylae" on Saturday, the 8th September?

(2.) Is it a fact that the stock was declared to be all in a sound and healthy condition?

(3.) What was the object of placing stock in quarantine for fourteen and sixty days when such stock were declared to be all in a sound and healthy condition?

(4.) Did the stock show any symptoms of disease during the voyage; if so, what?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) The Acting Chief Inspector of Stock and the Government Veterinarian.

(2.) Yes; with the exception of one horse suffering slightly from "nasal catarrh."

(3.) Compliance with the Imported Stock Acts and Regulations, which deem such precaution necessary.

(4.) No.

- (4.) Prospecting on the Burruga Common:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Crick, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that permits for prospecting on the Burruga Common have been issued by the Warden's Clerk?

(2.) Has this officer the right to issue permits without reference to the trustees?

(3.) Will he cause protection to be made around shafts, so as to prevent injury to stock using the common?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) No permits for prospecting have been issued, but two prospecting areas have been taken up under section 15 of the Mining Act of 1874 on this Temporary Common, part of which is within a proclaimed gold-field, and therefore Crown land. The prospecting areas were taken up under miners' rights.

(2.) No, but the Mining Registrar has the right to register claims on Crown lands.

(3.) The Warden will be asked to take such action as may be necessary and as comes within his powers.

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- (5.) **Civilian Rifle Clubs**.—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—Having in view the fact that the volunteer infantry reserves, which were disbanded in 1888, and the reserve rifle companies, which were enrolled in 1888, were so enrolled under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867," what is the difficulty which is said by the military authorities to exist preventing the civilian rifle clubs being now enrolled in the Defence Force of the Colony?  
Mr. Brunker answered,—It is suggested that a new Military Act should be passed providing for the creation of a reserve in which the civilian rifle clubs would to a large measure be utilised, and the matter will receive consideration, but in the meantime it is not recommended that there should be a reconstruction of the civilian rifle clubs.
- (6.) **Parliamentary Trams and Trains**.—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total cost to the country of running special Parliamentary trains and trams during the late Parliament, distinguishing the amount for each Session separately?  
Mr. Brunker answered,—The information will be laid on the Table in the form of a return.
- (7.) **Illustrated Handbook of Minerals and Geology**.—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Would he see that steps are taken to have a cheap illustrated hand or text book of minerals and geology published for the use of the general public in place of at present sending a lecturer to deliver lectures at the various centres of population throughout the Colony?  
Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—A complete work on the mineralogy and geology of this Colony illustrated must of necessity be costly. Information for the compilation of such a work is being collected. Professor Liversidge has already published works on the minerals of New South Wales.
- (8.) **Issue of Bank Notes**.—Mr. Perry, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
(1.) Will he lay upon the Table a list of all Banks issuing Bank Notes under the provisions of the Bank Notes Act of 1893?  
(2.) Will he distinguish in such list between Banks whose head offices are in this Colony and those whose head offices are elsewhere—giving in the latter case the names of the places in which such head offices are respectively situated?  
Mr. Brunker answered,—The information will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.
- (9.) **Rates in Connection with New Lambton Colliery**.—Mr. Dick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a special exception been made by the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board in the case of the New Lambton Colliery, by not laying mains to, and collecting rates from, that colliery, as has been done in the case of all the other collieries within their district; if so, for what reason?  
Mr. Young answered,—The Board has furnished me with the following Answer to the Honorable Member's Question:—No special exception has been made. The Board since its inception has not laid mains to bring any colliery property liable. The colliery properties at present rated are liable to mains laid by the Government prior to the establishment of the Board.
- (10.) **Appointment in the Railway Department**.—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consult Parliament before making any appointment connected with the administration of the Railway Department?  
Mr. Brunker answered,—No.
- (11.) **Alterations at the Custom House**.—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
(1.) By whose orders have the stone ledges in front of the Custom House been bevelled away?  
(2.) What is the object of this alteration?  
Mr. Brunker answered,—  
(1.) By the authority of the late Treasurer, upon the recommendation of the Government Architect.  
(2.) To prevent a nuisance.
- (12.) **Members of City of Sydney Improvement Board**.—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) Are the Members of the City Improvement Board paid for their services?  
(2.) If so, are they paid in fees or salary, and how much?  
(3.) Are they paid by Government or the City Council?  
(4.) How many recommendations for city improvement have been made by this Board during the past year?  
(5.) How many of their recommendations, if any, have been accepted?  
(6.) How many, if any, rejected?  
Mr. Brunker answered,—  
(1.) Yes.  
(2 & 3.) The Act provides that "the members of such Board shall receive for their own use a fee of one guinea each on every reference or appeal made to them under the provisions of this Act (and if occupied more than one hour on the same shall receive a fee of two guineas each), and such first-mentioned fee shall be deposited in the first instance by the party making such reference or appeal before the same is entered upon."  
(4, 5, & 6.) None.
- (13.) **Discharge of Refuse Punt in Johnstone's Bay**.—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is there any truth in the assertion lately made by a weekly newspaper that four weeks ago a refuse punt dropped between 50 and 100 tons of stones, sand, and ashes into the waters of Johnstone's Bay?  
Mr. Brunker answered,—The matter is being inquired into.

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- (14.) Appointments to the Brush Farm Reformatory:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is there any truth in the rumour that a captain lately retired from the mail service has been appointed to a position at the Brush Farm Reformatory?
  - (2.) If so, by whom was the appointment made?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that Mrs. Cunningham, whose case in connection with the Liverpool Asylum has been so frequently before the House, has been appointed matron of the Brush Farm Reformatory?
  - (4.) If so, by whom was the appointment made?
- Mr Brunker answered,—
- (1 & 3.) Yes.
  - (2 & 4.) The late Government.
- (15.) Pitt Town Settlement:—Mr. Black asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to make any further use of the powers entrusted to him under the Labour Settlements Act?
  - (2.) If so, will he take into consideration the advisability of utilising the Pitt Town Settlement as a place of probation or temporary training ground?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) If the Honorable Member desires to ascertain whether I intend to establish any new labour settlements under the Act, my reply is, "No," but with regard to those already established, I intend to fairly use the powers entrusted to me until either success or failure is inevitable or assured.
  - (2.) I could not so use Pitt Town Settlement under existing law or circumstances.
- (16.) Telephonic Communication with Rookwood Asylum:—Mr. Smailes asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the recommendation of a jury at an inquest held at Rookwood Asylum, on the death of an inmate, to the effect that, owing to the distance of the medical officer from that institution, telephonic communication should be immediately opened up?
  - (2.) What steps will be taken to give effect to the recommendation?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—The matter of telephonic communication was in hand prior to the jury's recommendation, and the work is being expedited.
- (17.) Expenditure at Wyalong:—Mr. Greene asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What has been the expenditure on non-productive works by the Government at Wyalong, with the exception of £500 for hospital and £40 for clearing a road?
- Mr. Young answered,—The information is being obtained, and will be furnished to the Honorable Member as soon as it is ready.
- (18.) Revenue Returns from Wyalong:—Mr. Greene asked the Postmaster-General,—What has been the actual amount of revenue received from Wyalong from post and telegraph offices, registration fees, &c.?
- Mr. Cook answered,—Wyalong West, £955 18s. 3d.; Wyalong, £127 15s.; total, £1,083 13s. 3d.
- (19.) Land Value at Wyalong:—Mr. Greene asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the presumable increase in the value of the land at Wyalong by reason of the gold discovery?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—The presumable increase in value is 100 per cent.; on the other hand, there is a large public expenditure entailed to meet new public requirements called into existence at Wyalong.
- (20.) Railway Traffic to Temora:—Mr. Greene asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What increase has taken place in the railway traffic to Temora by reason of such gold discovery?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—My honorable colleague is informed that the average earnings of the Temora line, prior to the opening of the gold-field at Wyalong, were £881 per month, and since then £791 per month. The latter would, however, cover the slackest season of the year; but it will be apparent from the figures submitted that it would be difficult to allocate accurately the effect of the opening of the Wyalong field upon the Temora line traffic.
- (21.) Revenue Returns from Wyalong:—Mr. Greene asked the Secretary for Mines,—What has been the actual amount of revenue received from Wyalong by reason of miners' rights and business licenses?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—£1,137 5s.
2. CATTLE SLAUGHTERING LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prohibit persons from keeping boiling-down or salting establishments without entering into the recognisance provided in the schedule to the Act 15 Victoria No. 13, and to amend the law relating to fines, penalties, and forfeitures under the Act 5 William IV No. 1, the Act 15 Victoria No. 13, Part II of the "Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1894," and other Acts relating to the slaughter of cattle.  
Question put and passed.
3. RAILWAY FROM WALCHA ROAD TO WALCHA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr Frank Farnell, for Mr. Piddington, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, reports, and correspondence in connection with branch line of railway from Walcha Road to Walcha.  
Question put and passed.

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4. PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number and names of persons registered by the Pharmaceutical Society, after examination, since the passing of the Poisons Act of 1876.  
Question put and passed.
5. WORKMENS COMBINATION LAWS DECLARATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—  
(1.) Mr. Black moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare that the Act of the Imperial Legislature, sixth George IV, chapter 129, intituled "An Act to repeal the Laws relating to the combination of workmen, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof," does not extend to, and is not in force in, New South Wales.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Black then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to declare that the Act of the Imperial Legislature, sixth George IV, chapter 129, intituled 'An Act to repeal the Laws relating to the Combination of Workmen, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof,' does not extend to, and is not in force in, New South Wales,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 9th October.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—  
(1.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 25th September.  
(2.) Ministerial Election Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 23rd October.
7. PAPERS:—  
Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Return to an Order made on 10th May, 1894,—“The Civil Service.”  
(2.) Return respecting Officers of the Military Forces.  
(3.) Return to an Order made on 5th September, 1894,—“Extension of the provisions of the Dog Act.”  
(4.) Fifteenth Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board.  
(5.) Report of the Executive Commissioner for New South Wales to the World's Columbian Exposition, held at Chicago in 1893.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Amended Telephone Regulations.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE TO WOMEN:—Mr. O'Reilly moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, “the time has arrived when” the franchise should be extended to women.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Ashton moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words, “the time has arrived when.”  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Willard,  
Mr. Wilks,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Smailes,  
Mr. Black,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Cann.

Tellers,

Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Gardiner.

Noes, 57.

Mr. Perry,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Storey,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Carroll,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Bigg,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. William Morgan.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Cameron,	Tellers,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Affleck.
Mr. Stevenson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then put,—That, in the opinion of this House, the franchise should be extended to women.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Nicholson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Willard,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Fowler,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Dick,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Griffith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Thomson,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Clarke,  
Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. William Morgan,  
Mr. Alexander Campbell,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Rose,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. Henry Chapman.

*Tellers,*  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Perry.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Members of the late Parliament in the Public Service:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Haynes*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What Members of the late Parliament are in positions, in any capacity, in the Public Service?  
 (2.) Have these persons been given preference to, and on what grounds, over the very many, long out of employment, who were refused positions?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the shape of a return in a day or two.

- (2.) Wamberal Main Road, at Gleeson's Hill:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his attention been repeatedly called to the dangerous state in which the cutting has been left on the Wamberal main road, at Gleeson's Hill?  
 (2.) Is he aware that a bye-track has had to be opened through private property in order to admit of traffic being kept open?  
 (3.) Has it been reported to the Department that an accident has already occurred; if so, will he issue instructions to have that work completed, to prevent further accidents and the traffic from being stopped?  
 (4.) Is it a fact that the owner of the property through which the private track is opened has threatened to close same unless the work, which has been in hand since May last, is proceeded with?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

- (1.) Yes; several communications have been received on this subject.  
 (2.) Yes.  
 (3.) There is no record of any report to this effect. Instructions have now been issued to complete the work.  
 (4.) The tenor of a letter from the owner is to this effect, and it is understood that he has verbally threatened to do so.

- (3.) Methylated Spirits:—*Mr. Nicholson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total quantity of methylated, white, or silent spirit taken out of bond during the twelve months ending 30th June, 1894—

- (a) By whom was the spirit taken out of bond?  
 (b) The quantity taken out by each individual person or firm?  
 (c) The occupation or calling of such individuals or firms for whom or by whom such spirit was released?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—The information will be furnished if moved for in the shape of a return.

- (4.) Wollongong Harbour Improvements:—*Mr. Nicholson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the total amount paid to *Mr. J. E. F. Coyle* and others in connection with the work carried out by him for the Wollongong Harbour Trust (date of final payment about May or June, 1890)?  
 (2.) What was the total amount paid to *Sir John Coode* in connection with the said trust?  
 (3.) The total amount paid to Commissioners in fees and allowances?  
 (4.) The total amount paid in salaries and office expenses?  
 (5.) The total amount paid on actual work done, naming same, in harbour improvements?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—The Treasury is not in possession of the information required. An application will, however, be made to the Commissioners of the Trust, and when the information is received it will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(5.)

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- (5.) Termination of the Financial Year:—Sir Henry Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will he be good enough to inform Parliament by what steps he proposes to alter the financial year so as to fix its termination on 30th June instead of 31st December as at present, and whether he has considered the unavoidable result of such change in compelling Parliament to sit during the hot summer months?
  - (2.) Will he at the same time inform Parliament approximately when the Financial Statement will be delivered?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) This subject will be fully dealt with in the Financial Statement. When I explain, the result will, I hope, be seen to be precisely the opposite.
  - (2.) I will give due notice when the date of the Financial Statement can be definitely fixed.
- (6.) Bega Settlement:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Board of Control over the village settlement at Bega has suspended cultivation?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that 200 cords of firewood are lying there, and no effort has been made to send it to market?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Bland, the Chairman of the Board at Bega, has defied the Minister to interfere with his arrangements?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1 and 2). No information to this effect has reached me.
  - (3.) Not that I am aware of.
- (7.) Genanagie Pastoral Holding No. 513, Central Division:—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he in receipt of the text of the finding of the Land Court at its recent sitting, at Forbes, in the Appeal case of Wall and Gilchrist, Genanagie Pastoral Holding No. 513, Central Division?
  - (2.) What steps does he propose taking with respect to the finding of this Court in said appeal, that improvements effected prior to 1889 should form a basis in determining the renewal of leases under the 43rd clause of the Land Act of 1889?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The matter was referred to the Attorney-General for his advice, and I am to-day in receipt of his opinion. He recommends that an appeal be made to the Supreme Court to determine the question, and steps are now being taken to that end.
- (8.) Artesian Bore at Hungerford:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What has been the result of the artesian bore at Hungerford, and has any water yet been obtained?
  - (2.) The present depth of the bore, and the amount expended on the same?
  - (3.) Is there any likelihood of obtaining an abundant supply of water by continuing the boring operations, or are they to be discontinued?
- Mr. Young* answered,—
- (1.) Water has been struck at various depths, and at present rises to within 20 feet of the surface.
  - (2.) Present depth, 660 feet; amount expended, £1,033 5s.
  - (3.) Boring operations are being continued, as it is considered there is a fair probability of obtaining an abundant supply of water.
- (9.) Roads in the Molong Electorate:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it not a fact that repeated complaints, in the shape of letters and petitions, have been sent in to the Department through Dr. Ross on behalf of the settlers of Cudal, Avenel, Barragain, Manildra, Dilga, Cumnock, Two-mile Creek, &c., in regard to the dangerous and impassable state of the roads in those localities?
  - (2.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken to have such matters attended to, in order to enable farmers to get their produce to market?
  - (3.) The number and nature of road contracts that are at present being carried out in the district of Molong, and the amount required to complete the same?
- Mr. Young answered,—The information asked for will be obtained and furnished to the Honorable Member.
- (10.) Homestead Leases:—Mr. Millen asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) The number of homestead lease applications received under the Land Act of 1884?
  - (2.) The number of homestead lease applications received in the several years under the Land Act of 1889?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) 970.
  - (2.) In 1889, 49; 1890, 314; 1891, 191; 1892, 176; 1893, 135; 1894, 76.
- (11.) Revenue from Leases in the Bourke and Brewarrina Districts:—Mr. Millen asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What was the gross annual revenue received from pastoral and homestead leases in the Bourke and Brewarrina Land Districts, under the Land Act of 1884?
  - (2.) What is the revenue obtained from the same holdings under the Land Act of 1889?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) £69,566 2s. 6d.
  - (2.) £94,898 0s. 9d.



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- (12.) Abandoned Land in the Western Division :—Mr. Millen asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What is the area of abandoned land in the Western Division, and the total rent at which same was assessed prior to abandonment?
  - (2.) Are there any other lands in this division liable to forfeiture for non-payment of rent?
  - (3.) If so, what is the aggregate area, and annual rental?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) 4,832,384 acres. Rent, £7,293 18s. 4d.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Area, 532,372 acres. Annual rent, £3,954 14s. 1d.

- (13.) Mr. G. C. Tompson, Chairman of Local Land Board :—Mr. Millen asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the area of the several Land Districts in which Mr. G. C. Tompson officiates as Chairman of the Local Land Board?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Brewarrina East, 606,208 acres; Brewarrina, 4,023,910 acres; Bourke, 16,200,499 acres; Cobar, 6,637,158 acres; Wilcannia, 17,930,650 acres; Willyama, 14,204,928 acres; total, 59,603,353 acres, or about 93,129 square miles.

- (14.) Date of late dissolution :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—On what date of this year, and at what hour of the day, was the late Legislative Assembly dissolved?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The Proclamation dissolving the Legislative Assembly was passed at the meeting of the Executive Council held on the 25th June last, and published in the *Gazette* immediately afterwards.

2. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT RESTRICTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Criminal Law Amendment Act" in respect of the death penalty, and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.

3. DEPOSIT BY CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McFarlane moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in view of the large number of bogus candidates nominated at last General Election, this House is of opinion that it is desirable to so amend the Electoral Act, making it imperative that candidates seeking election shall lodge with the Returning Officer on day of nomination the sum of £40, and in the event of any candidate failing to poll more than one-fourth the votes recorded to the candidate elected, such deposit to be forfeited.  
Question put and passed.

## 4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Synopsis, Statistical Tables, Diagrams, &c., connected with Crown Lands Bill of 1894, and Return showing land at present and prospectively available for selection in the Central Division.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th June, 1894.
  - (2.) Return showing names of all Banks of issue and locality of the head offices.
  - (3.) Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during August, 1894.
- Ordered to be printed.

5. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Chanter moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 13.

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1894.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Molong Stock Board:—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Who are the Members of the Molong Stock Board?
- (2.) How was this Board constituted—by election or nomination?
- (3.) What are the stock assessments of this Board for the current year?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) H. S. M. Betts, Esq., Vale Head, Molong; George Bruce, Esq., Loombah, Molong; L. N. Smith, Esq., Boree, Orange; S. Balcombe, Esq., Coradgery, Parkes; J. A. Ferguson, Esq., Tilga, Canowindra; Richard Hunt, Esq., Obella, Obley; R. E. Glasson, Esq., Yullundry, Cumnock. There is at present a vacancy on the Board caused by the resignation, on the 13th instant, of the Honorable John Smith, Esq., M.L.C.

- (2.) By nomination.
- (3.) Twenty-five shillings per 100 on large stock (horses and cattle), and 4s. 2d. per 100 on sheep.

(2.) Amalgamation of Office of Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Clarke, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) In what towns of the Colony are the four offices comprising Police Magistrate, Clerk of Petty Sessions, assistants, and probationers, filled by separate officers?
- (2.) In view of the pressing need for retrenchment and the apparent multiplicity of officers in such cases, will he consider the advisableness for merging the office of Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions into one wherever practicable?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) This information will be prepared in the shape of a return and laid on the Table of the House in the course of a few days.
- (2.) This matter is kept in view when carrying out retrenchment in country offices, but it may be pointed out that it is undesirable, as a general rule, that the office of Police Magistrate should be combined with that of Clerk of Petty Sessions.

(3.) Noxious Plants:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Clarke, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the immense spread of the noxious plant known as "lantana" around the towns of Port Macquarie, Kempsey, and their respective districts?
- (2.) Is he aware that on the West Kempsey Common this plant is spreading rapidly, and threatens to become a nuisance?
- (3.) Will he give orders to have this plant eradicated on all Crown lands adjacent to towns and private property?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes; and also in other localities.
- (2.) Yes; but the Common is under Trustees who should prevent the spread of it.
- (3.) The cost would be very serious, and there is no Vote available for the purpose.

(4.) Abolition of State Royalties on Precious Metals:—*Mr. Bavister*, for Mr. Black asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the estimated sum per annum lost to the Revenue by the abolition of State royalties over the precious metals?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The royalties payable to the State upon minerals raised have not been abolished, but under the operation of the Mining on Private Lands Act the royalties payable on certain minerals raised from alienated lands will cease. The loss of revenue therefrom will, probably, be at least £3,000 per annum.

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- (5.) Magistrates on Bench in Wanganillo Riot Case at Deniliquin:—*Mr. Gormly*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Will he state what magistrate, other than the Police Magistrate, sat in the alleged Wanganillo riot case at Deniliquin?
  - (2.) Were they summoned by the Clerk of Petty Sessions to attend?
  - (3.) How long is it since they previously took their seats on the Bench?
  - (4.) What is their business avocations?
  - (5.) Do they hold any salaried positions dependent upon the support of pastoralists?
- Mr. Gould* answered,—
- (1.) Messrs. Woolridge and McCollough were the committing magistrates.
  - (2.) No. The depositions do not show that the Police Magistrate sat on the Bench on the day of the committal of the accused.
  - (3.) *Mr. McCollough* last sat in January and *Mr. Woolridge* in April.
  - (4.) Stock and station agents.
  - (5.) I am informed that *Mr. Woolridge* is the salaried Secretary to the local Pastoralists' Show Association, and that *Mr. McCollough* is the salaried Secretary of the Pastures and Stock Protection Board.
- (6.) Timbers of New South Wales:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to a paragraph in the *Daily Telegraph* of 2nd August, 1894, regarding a paper on "The Timbers of New South Wales" read at the Royal Society by *Mr. J. V. De Coque*, an officer of the Roads and Bridges Department, and for which a medal and money prize of £25 has been awarded?
  - (2.) With a view of bringing our New South Wales hardwoods, for public works, &c., before the authorities of England and America, would he have a copy of the paper laid upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Bruncker* answered,—As the paper referred to is now the private property of the Royal Society, I regret I cannot lay it upon the Table of the House.
- (7.) Aliens in the Government Service:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many persons not British subjects by birth or naturalisation are at present in Government employ?
  - (2.) Will he cause a return to be furnished showing—(a) The name; (b) the nationality; (c) date and nature of appointment; (d) the duty at date of appointment and at present; (e) the salary at time of appointment and at present time in each case?
- Mr. Bruncker* answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a return embracing the information desired, it shall be supplied.
- (8.) Military Officers:—*Mr. Shipway* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return of all officers of the military forces of the Colony who have not passed the necessary examinations and schools of instruction (as required by the Regulations and Standing and General Orders) for commissions now held by them, such return to contain the names of such officers, the ranks now held by them, the dates of the first commissions issued to them, and the dates of their present commissions?
- Mr. Bruncker* answered,—It is impossible to at once furnish the information desired by the Honorable Member in this Question; but if he will move for a return the information shall be supplied with the least possible delay.
- (9.) Vacancies in Second Infantry Regiment:—*Mr. Shipway* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the vacancies at present existing for officers in the Second Infantry Regiment, such return to contain the dates when such vacancies first existed, and the names of the late officers whose retirements or resignations caused such vacancies, together with the respective ranks to be filled necessary to complete the establishment of the regiment?
- Mr. Bruncker* answered,—It is impossible to at once furnish the information desired by the Honorable Member in this Question; but if he will move for a return the information shall be supplied with the least possible delay.
- (10.) Resignation of Military Officers:—*Mr. Shipway* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return of all officers of the military forces of the Colony who have, since 1st January, 1893, tendered their resignations, or retired, or expressed a desire to be allowed to resign their commissions, such return to contain the names of such officers, the different ranks held by them and the periods of holding same, the length of service of each officer (including war services, and services, if any, as a private and non-commissioned officer), the examinations passed by each, and what honors, if any, obtained thereat, and the causes assigned by the officers resigning for so doing, and copies of all correspondence relating to such resignations?
- Mr. Bruncker* answered,—It is impossible to at once furnish this information desired by the Honorable Member in this Question; but if he will move for a return the information shall be supplied with the least possible delay.
2. THE LAND LAWS:—*Mr. Fyers* presented a Petition from *W. L. Cope*, Mayor of Casino, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of selectors and other residents in the Richmond River District, suggesting that certain provisions should be included in any amending Land Bill to be dealt with by Parliament, and praying the House to take the matters referred to into consideration, and to so amend the Land Laws of the Colony as to enable people to make homes upon the lands under more favourable and liberal conditions than have obtained in the past.
- Petition received.

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3. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

Message No. 13.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the payments under a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

Government House,

Sydney, 12th September, 1894.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. KENMORE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the erection of a Hospital for Insane at Kenmore, near Goulburn.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the erection of a Hospital for the Insane at Kenmore, near Goulburn.

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

(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the erection of a Hospital for the Insane at Kenmore, near Goulburn*,"—which was read a first time.

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

5. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, in anticipation of Loan Votes, a sum not exceeding £201,250, being £22,000 for resumption of land for construction of Public Wharfs—further sum; £110,600, for Railway Construction Branch, being £35,000 for Milson's Point extension—further sum; £21,000 for Cootamundra to Temora Railway—further sum; £51,600, for Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway—further sum; and £3,000 for Railway Trial Surveys—further sum; £48,650 for Harbours and Rivers Branch, being £24,650 for reclamation and dredging, including cost of resumption of land, &c.—further sum, and £24,000 for Country Towns Water Supplies—further sum; and £20,000, for Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board—further extension of reticulation.

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

6. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty the sum of £201,250 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. LUNACY CONVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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9. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1894, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 14.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reformatory Buildings at Rookwood:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) When were the Government buildings at Rookwood, known as the Reformatory, erected?  
 (2.) What was the cost of said buildings?  
 (3.) Have they ever been utilised; and, if so, for what purposes, and during what periods?  
 (4.) What is the annual cost of the maintenance and safe custody of these buildings?  
 (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to put them to some practical use; if so, in what manner?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) The first portion was erected in 1887, and the second portion in 1894.  
 (2.) £18,643 1s. 9d. to July, 1887; £6,004 19s. during 1893 and 1894; total, £24,648 0s. 9d.  
 (3, 4, and 5.) The buildings have been fully occupied since 1893, when they were converted into an Asylum for the Infirm and Destitute.

- (2.) Land Office at Uralla:—Mr. Piddington asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House copies of all reports and correspondence *re* the establishment of a Land Office at Uralla?

Mr. Young answered,—If moved for in the usual way.

- (3.) Whaling Road, North Sydney:—Mr. William Morgan asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) Has any sum been awarded to George Von Meyer as compensation for losses sustained in consequence of the closing of the Whaling Road, North Sydney?  
 (2.) If so, what amount?  
 (3.) Did Dr. Renwick, when Minister for Mines, assess the damage sustained at £3,000?  
 (4.) Has this sum been paid; if not, why not?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1 and 2.) No.  
 (3.) The papers do not disclose that Dr. Renwick, as Minister for Mines, assessed the damage alleged to have been sustained by Mr. Von Meyer, who, however, made a claim for the sum of £3,000 for compensation for such alleged damage, which was refused on the opinion of the Attorney-General that the Crown was not legally responsible.

- (4.) Erection of Flood-gates at Pitt Town, Hawkesbury River:—Mr. William Morgan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he received a report from his officer with regard to the construction and erection of flood-gates at Pitt Town, Hawkesbury River?  
 (2.) Is the report favourable to the construction of the flood-gates; and, if so, does he intend to proceed with the work immediately?

Mr. Young answered,—I have not yet received the report owing to more urgent work having to receive the attention of the officer who has been instructed to undertake this duty, but I hope to have it before me very shortly, when I will come to a decision on the matter, and acquaint the Honorable Member.

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(5.) Proposed Light Railways:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the introduction at an early date of a railway policy, and the construction of light railways, will he see that due consideration is given to the construction of light lines of railway from Gregra to Cudal, and Parkes to Condobolin?

Mr. Young answered,—Yes.

(6.) Road Maintenance Men:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the daily wage paid to the road maintenance men of this Colony?

(2.) Do they get paid for wet days?

(3.) Is it a fact they are compelled to pay train carriage upon the tools they use in their work when said tools are sent for repair or renewal?

(4.) Is it usual for said men to pay for all repairs or renewal of such tools?

(5.) If working in granite or rocky country, has this not been found to be a very heavy strain upon their small earnings?

(6.) Will he interest himself in remedying this seemingly unfair tax?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) The ordinary rate is 7s. per day.

(2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) The Department finds all tools, but the men are expected to keep them in repair at their own cost unless any man chooses to send them to the District Head-quarters, when they will be repaired at the cost of the Department. The cost of carriage of new tools sent to maintenance men is paid by the Department.

(5.) This has not been found to be the case; no complaints have been received. The maintenance men receive rather more than the current market rate of wages.

(6.) There seems to be no unfairness to remedy.

(7.) Reduced Charge of Water-rate:—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the total loss of revenue per annum consequent upon the reduced charges on water consumption by meter from 1s. 6d. per 1,000 gallons?

(2.) What difference did the reduction make per annum in the accounts of ten of the largest consumers?

(3.) What were the names of the firms, and the savings made to each?

Mr. Young answered,—The Water and Sewerage Board have furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) The alteration in the meter rate from 1s. 6d. to 1s. per 1,000 gallons came into operation on 1st January, 1892. The revenue derivable from water sold by measure is dependent not only on the price, but on the quantity of water consumed. Owing to depression in trade and wet seasons, the quantity of water consumed by measure was less in 1892 and 1893, as compared with 1891, though there was a reduction in the price of 33 per cent. The following are the figures:—1891, 700,248,000 gallons, at 1s. 6d., £52,518 12s. 6d.; 1892, 645,851,000 gallons, at 1s., £32,292 11s.; 1893, 600,224,100 gallons, at 1s. 9d., £29,111 4s.

(2 and 3.) The return giving the information required by these Questions is too long to read, but I have directed that a copy be furnished the Honorable Member.

(8.) Postal Pillars:—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Have complaints reached the Department respecting the inconvenience of the postal pillars now in use in the city and suburbs?

(2.) Are the said postal pillars regarded favourably by the postal officials?

(3.) Is it intended to take any steps to remove the said pillars?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) No very serious complaints have been made to the Postal Department by the public respecting the inconvenience of the postal pillars in question.

(2.) It is admitted that they are not so elegant in shape as the pillar boxes which they displaced, but it is found that outside the question of elegance the present boxes answer their postal purpose.

(3.) Contract obligations were entered into for a period of seventeen years, from March, 1890, and, unless some flagrant breach of contract takes place, it is not within the power of the Postal Department to entirely remove these boxes.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*Election Petition—Tucker v. FitzGerald—Robertson*):—*Mr. Hayes*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 4th September, 1894, the Petition of Edwin Tucker in reference to the election and return of Robert George Dundas FitzGerald, as Member for the Electoral District of Robertson.

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

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications duly appointed on 7th August, 1894, to whom was referred on 4th September, 1894, a Petition from Edwin Tucker, of Orange, in the Colony of New South Wales, Baptist Minister, alleging that at the General Election held in the present year, Petitioner was a candidate for the Electoral District of Robertson; that the Returning Officer declared R. G. D. FitzGerald to be duly elected; that the ballot-papers or votes have been incorrectly counted, and that a proper count of the same would show a majority of votes in Petitioner’s favour; that certain votes in favour of Petitioner were improperly declared to be informal; that certain persons not legally qualified to vote were permitted to record votes at the booths at Muswellbrook and Murrurundi; that the Returning Officer at Scone, contrary to law, delivered to one voter more than one ballot-paper; that during the prescribed hours for voting the doors of the polling-place at Gundy were not open, whereby one or more intending voters were prevented from recording their votes at that polling-place; and praying for



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" a recount of the votes recorded at the election for the said Electorate, and that on the grounds appearing in this Petition it may be declared the said R. G. D. FitzGerald was not duly elected to be a Member of the said Legislative Assembly, and that Petitioner was duly elected as a Member of the said Legislative Assembly, or that the said election of a Member for the said Electoral District of Robertson may be declared to have been wholly void, have determined and do hereby declare—

" 1. That Robert George Dundas FitzGerald, Esquire, the sitting Member, has been duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of Robertson.

" 2. That the Petition of Edwin Tucker, Esquire, is not frivolous nor vexatious.

" 3. That the sum of £20 be awarded to the sitting Member towards his costs and expenses, such amount to be paid by the Petitioner to the sitting Member.

" No. 1 Committee Room,  
" Legislative Assembly,  
20th September, 1894."

" J. HAYES,  
" Chairman.

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

## 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Report by the Manager of Public Wharves respecting the improvements on the western side of Circular Quay.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting "Anti-Ant" composition used by the Public Works Department.

(2.) Return showing number, area, and termination of extension of the pastoral leases in the Central Division in which the Board's recommendation has been accepted by the Minister for Lands (Mr. Copeland).

(3.) Return showing number, area, and term of extension, if any, of those pastoral leases in the Central Division in which the Board's recommendation has been accepted by the Minister for Lands (Mr. Copeland).

(4.) Return showing area available for selection in the Central Division.

(5.) Return to an Order, made on 18th September, 1894,—"Railway from Walcha Road to Walcha."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Civil Service Board for the year 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

4. FRANCHISE EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Hogue moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893," by extending the franchise to certain persons disqualified from voting under the said Act.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Hogue then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,' by extending the franchise to certain persons disqualified from voting under the said Act,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th November.

5. HOMESTEAD PROTECTION BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the protection of homesteads.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the protection of homesteads,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 23rd October.

## 6. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Edden moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Edden (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

## 7. NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Farnell (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

## 8. CARRIAGES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—and Mr. Affleck proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Wall took exception to the Bill on the ground that it related to trade, and should have been introduced in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker said that Standing Order No. 246, required that all Bills relating to trade should have a preliminary Committee. He must, therefore, support the objection taken to this Bill.

On motion of Mr. Affleck, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

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## 9. LIENS ON STOCK BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages on stock and stations.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages on stock and stations.

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

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages on stock and stations*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 23rd October.

## 10. CATTLE SLAUGHTERING LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Affleck, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prohibit persons from keeping boiling-down or salting establishments without entering into the recognisance provided in the schedule to the Act 15 Victoria No. 13, and to amend the law relating to fines, penalties, and forfeitures under the Act 5 William IV No. 1, the Act 15 Victoria No. 13, Part II of the "Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1894," and other Acts relating to the slaughter of cattle.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to prohibit persons from keeping boiling-down or salting establishments without entering into the recognisance provided in the schedule to the Act 15 Victoria No. 13, and to amend the law relating to fines, penalties, and forfeitures under the Act 5 William IV No. 1, the Act 15 Victoria No. 13, Part II of the "Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1894," and other Acts relating to the slaughter of cattle.

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

(2.) Mr. Affleck then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prohibit persons from keeping boiling-down or salting establishments without entering into the recognisance provided in the schedule to the Act 15 Victoria No. 13, and to amend the law relating to fines, penalties, and forfeitures under the Act 5 William IV No. 1, the Act 15 Victoria No. 13, Part II of the 'Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1894,' and other Acts relating to the slaughter of cattle*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th November.

## 11. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Affleck moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Moore,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Moleworth.
Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Shipway,	
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Thomson,	
Mr. Wilks.	

Noes, 40.

Mr. Copeland,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Pycrs,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. James Morgan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Wall.

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Affleck, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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13. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—
- (1.) Distillation and Sale of Colonial Brandy Acts Amendment and Extension Bill; second reading.
  - (2.) Masters and Servants Bill; second reading.
  - (3.) Distress for Rent Abolition Bill; second reading.
14. **DUTIES ON SPIRITS**:—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the present duties on spirits are excessive; that they are an encouragement to smuggling, illicit distillation, and other evasions of the law, and result in the offering for sale for consumption of compounds seriously injurious to the public health.
  - (2.) That the Government should avail themselves of the earliest opportunity to reduce the duty by not less than one-third of the present amount.
- Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Chapter,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. Pyers,  
Mr. Travers Jones.

Tellers,

Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. Gardiner.

Noes, 51.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Law,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Gormly,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Harris.
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Affleck,	Tellers,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Stevenson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

15. **RAILWAY GRADIENTS**:—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient a sum of £1,000,000 sterling should forthwith be placed at the disposal of the Railway Commissioners for the purpose of further reducing the gradients on the various trunk lines of railways, with a view to facilitating the cheaper and more expeditious conveyance of produce from the country districts to the various ports of shipment—the expenditure to be not more than at the rate of £100,000 per year.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

16. **CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND**:—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the payment of 4 per cent. from their salaries by members of the Civil Service towards the pension fund should forthwith cease.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Rose moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "and the amounts paid into the fund should be refunded, with 5 per cent. interest added."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Watkins.
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Ferguson,	Tellers,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Willard,	
Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Stevenson,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Knox,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Millard,	Tellers,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Wilks,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put,—That, in the opinion of this House, the payment of 4 per cent. from their salaries by members of the Civil Service towards the pension fund should forthwith cease.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Wise,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Willard,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Travers Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Macdonald,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. McLean.
Mr. Knox,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Wall.
Dr. Graham,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. O'Reilly,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Wilks,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## 17. GOVERNOR'S SALARY REDUCTION BILL :—

(1.) Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the salary of future Governors.  
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to reduce the salary of future Governors.*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 23rd October

18. COSTS IN CASE EDDY *v.* MARTIN :—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers having reference to the payment by the Government of a sum of £332, costs in case Eddy *v.* Martin, together with a letter on that matter from Mr. McMillan, M.P., to Sir George Dibbs.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

## 19. TOLLS ON PUNTS :—Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the tolls on punts should be abolished.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Watson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Edden,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Travers Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Mahony,	

And so it passed in the negative.

## 20. MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Mining Act of 1874."

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

## 21. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only nine Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz., Mr. Perry, Mr. Moore, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Cann, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Miller, Mr. O'Sullivan, and Mr. Price.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1894.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Improvements at Circular Quay:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Austin Chapman, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to the proposed expenditure of £40,000 at Circular Quay, will he consent to the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the matter?

*Mr. Young* answered,—As this work has already been before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and passed by that body, I do not think it is necessary to refer it again to a Select Committee of this House. I am quite willing, however, to lay all papers upon the Table of the House if so desired. I may further say that if the Honorable Member should then desire the appointment of a Select Committee, I will consider the matter at that stage.

(2.) Hour of Late Dissolution:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—At what hour on the 25th June last did the Government Printer issue the *Gazette* containing the notification of the dissolution of the late Legislative Assembly?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I am informed, at 12:10 p.m., on 25th June, 1894.

(3.) Meeting of the Executive Council:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Secretary,—At what hour did the meeting of the Executive Council, held on the 25th June last, begin and terminate?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—It has not been usual to record the hour of meeting of the Council, but as a rule they are held at noon on Tuesdays.

(4.) Civil Service Pensions:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to give notice to all pensioners who have been in the habit of having abatements made to them under the Civil Service Act, that on and after the 1st of January, 1895, these abatements will cease, and they will be required to pay the 4 per cent. deductions themselves after that date?

(2.) If not, will he inform this House if the Government will refuse to pay any more abatements from the Treasurer's Advance Account until the various amounts are voted by Parliament?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—This matter has not yet been considered by the Government.

(5.) Woolloomooloo Bay Resumptions:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Were legal proceedings taken against the late Government in connection with Woolloomooloo Bay resumptions?

(2.) Was the Government advised by the Crown Law Officers not to pay the amount of the judgment in the case?

(3.) Were fresh proceedings instituted, or an appeal made?

(4.) If so, did the late Government stay such proceedings and pay the claim or judgment in direct opposition to the advice of the Crown Law officers?

(5.) What was the amount so paid, and to whom?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The late Crown Solicitor was of opinion that the amount should not be paid.

(3.) Yes.

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- (4.) The late Cabinet decided to compromise the matter with the claimants.
- (5.) The total amount paid was £98,528 19s. 5d., distributed as under:—The land belonging to Mr. George Hill and others, 303 ft. 7½ in., at £145 per foot, £44,027 10s. 2d.; interest to date of payment, as provided by the Act, £11,514 13s. 9d. For land belonging to Mr. George Hill and others, which did not go before the Court, but was settled at the same time, 123 ft. at £145, £17,835; interest, £4,664 9s. 3d. Land belonging to George Hill, included in the settlement, but not before the Court, 112 ft. at £145, £16,240; interest, £4,247 6s. 3d. The settlement included the arrangement for each party to pay his own costs.
- (6.) Subletting of Government Contracts:—Mr. Bavister asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) In how many contracts during twelve months ending 20th September, 1894, under his Department, have applications been made for permission to sublet the work or any part of such contract?
  - (2.) How many such applications have been granted?
  - (3.) The names of contractors or firms, and the contracts on which permission was granted to sublet?
  - (4.) The names of contractors or firms, and the contracts of applications refused?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—
- (1.) None.
  - (2, 3, and 4.) Answered by No. 1.
- (7.) White Rock Salt:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that white rock salt is imported into this Colony duty free, and that Liverpool and table salt pay a duty of £2 per ton?
  - (2.) Has it come to his knowledge that the importation of Liverpool and table salt has almost entirely ceased, because white rock salt is ground here and sold as Liverpool and table salt, and that by this means considerable revenue is lost to the country?
  - (3.) If he is aware of these facts, what steps (if any) does he intend to take to protect the revenue?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Rock salt is exempt from duty. All other salt is subject to a duty of £1 (one pound) per ton.
  - (2.) The importation of rock salt, and the grinding of such salt in the Colony has interfered with the duties on other salt.
  - (3.) I am not at present in a position to say what steps, if any, will be taken to protect the revenue. As far as I can see there is no recourse as the tariff stands.
- (8.) Collect Telegrams:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Wright, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the refusal by the Telegraph Department to accept collect telegrams is a source of inconvenience and annoyance to business men?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the regulation establishing this practice has largely decreased the revenue received from telegraphic messages?
- Mr. Cook answered,—
- (1.) Some complaints to that effect have been made, but I may explain that the Regulations of this Colony in regard to unpaid messages are similar to those in almost universal use elsewhere—if anything our Regulations are somewhat less restrictive than those of Great Britain and many other countries. I am, however, now considering the question of still further relaxing the rules relating to such messages.
  - (2.) I am assured not—on the contrary it is urged that the system of requiring prepayment is a protection to the revenue.
- (9.) Officers of the Second Infantry Regiment:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he defer dealing with all resignations, retirements, promotions, and appointments in connection with officers of the Second Infantry Regiment until after the disposal of the notice of motion given by the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan, on the business paper of this House, for Tuesday, the 16th October, 1894?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The appointments, promotions, and retirements have remained in abeyance since 16th July last, and any further delay will lead to considerable confusion and inconvenience.
- (10.) Drill of the Naval Corps:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can arrangements be made with the proper authorities whereby the Naval Brigade and the Naval Artillery Volunteers could have the use, for drill purposes, of one of the ships of the Australian Naval Squadron for one day in each quarter, year, or any other period?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am given to understand, from inquiries which have been made, that it is believed objections would be raised to this proposal; and it is not seen what advantage would be gained by temporary drilling on board ships that would not be available to the local Naval Forces in war time.
- (11.) Recovery of money paid to Mr. Eddy:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Does he intend to take any steps to recover from Mr. Eddy the sum of £300, paid to him without the sanction of Parliament, and which payment Parliament refused to vote?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I will lay the papers in this case upon the Table in a day or two. They will show that the sum mentioned was paid to Mr. Eddy by the late Government, fortified by a recommendation of the Minister for Railways in the previous Government. If any one is to be asked to make good money paid out of the Treasury, and not voted by Parliament, I should think that those who paid the money out of the Treasury without Parliamentary sanction should be the first applied to for such repayment.

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3. LUNACY CONVENTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend the law relating to the Insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the law relating to the Insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1894.*
4. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Edden, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Edden then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act of 1881' in certain respects.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act of 1881' in certain respects.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1894.*
5. NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act of 1886.'*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act of 1886.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1894.*
6. ESTABLISHMENT OF LAND OFFICE AT URALLA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence *re* the establishment of a Land's Office at Uralla.  
Question put and passed.
7. METHYLATED, WHITE, OR SILENT SPIRIT TAKEN OUT OF BOND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nicholson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
(1.) The total quantity of methylated, white, or silent spirit taken out of bond during the twelve months ending 30th June, 1894.  
(2.) By whom this spirit was taken out of bond.  
(3.) The quantity taken out by each individual person or firm.  
(4.) The occupation or calling of such individuals or firms for whom and by whom such spirit was released.  
Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Distillation and Sale of Colonial Brandy Acts Amendment and Extension Bill postponed until Tuesday, 9th October.
9. NARRABRI TO MOREE RAILWAY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by the Deputy Speaker:—  
R. W. DUFF, *Message No. 14.*  
*Governor.*  
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Narrabri to Moree.  
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Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
10. PAPERS:—  
Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting cost of site for Ocean-street Cable-tram Engine-house.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Blue Book for the year 1893.  
Ordered to be printed.

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11. **ELECTION PETITION (*The Barwon*)**:—Mr. Brunker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from Donald Macdonell, of Mitchell-street, Bourke, Workers' Union Secretary, alleging that at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Colony Petitioner was a candidate for the Electoral District of The Barwon; that before and at the time of the nomination and from thence Petitioner was and is a person duly qualified to be elected a Member; that the Returning Officer declared William Nicholas Willis to be duly elected, and so endorsed the Writ; that many mistakes were made in counting the ballot-papers; that several ballot-papers were declared informal which should have been counted to Petitioner, and that several polling-papers were accepted as formal which were not formal and should not have been counted to William Nicholas Willis, and that a recount of the ballot-papers will give Petitioner a majority of votes, and entitle him to represent in the Assembly the Electoral District now represented by the said William Nicholas Willis; alleging other irregularities which are fully set forth in the Petition; and praying that the return of the said William Nicholas Willis may be declared null and void for the reasons given; that a scrutiny of all ballot-papers be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; that it may be declared that the said W. N. Willis was not lawfully elected; that Petitioner is duly elected and is entitled to take his seat as Member for The Barwon in the Legislative Assembly, or that the said election for the Electoral District of The Barwon may be declared null and void, or such further or other order and determination may be made in the premises as may be just.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
12. **ELECTION PETITION (*Sydney—Gipps Division*)**:—Mr. Brunker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from Daniel O'Connor, of "Tara," Cleveland-street, Redfern, near Sydney, gentleman, alleging that Petitioner was a candidate for the representation of the Electoral District of Sydney—Gipps Division at the last General Election; that the Returning Officer declared George Black to be duly elected; that Petitioner claims to be entitled to the seat on the ground that the said George Black was not the holder of an Elector's Right which qualified him to be nominated as a candidate; that a large number of persons voted, who, not being natural-born subjects, had not been naturalised, and resided for one year within New South Wales after naturalisation; that these persons were improperly included as electors on the Roll for the said Gipps Division, and that the votes recorded by them were improperly recorded, and should be disallowed; and Petitioner claims that he should have been returned and declared elected without any polling having taken place, on the ground that the said George Black was not a duly qualified candidate within the meaning of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, or that the election be declared void, and a fresh election held on the ground of the reception of the votes of the unnaturalised persons mentioned, and Petitioner prays that the election of the said George Black may be declared void, and that your Petitioner may be declared to have been the only duly qualified candidate at the said election, and that he may be declared therefore to have been duly elected, or that such other relief in the premises may be granted to your Petitioner as will be in accordance with the terms of the said Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
13. **NARRABRI TO MOREE RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Narrabri to Moree.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
14. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
*Mr. Speaker entered the House and took the Chair.*  
Mr. Moore moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
15. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—  
(1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from William McMillan, Esquire, resigning his seat as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.  
(2.) Mr. Speaker then, pursuant to the requirement of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—  
"By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative  
" Assembly of New South Wales.  
" PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of  
" New South Wales, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, I do hereby  
" appoint Charles Alfred Lee, 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 room of William McMillan, Esquire, resigned.  
" Given under my Hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney,  
" this twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
" hundred and ninety-four.  
" J. P. ABBOTT,  
" Speaker."  
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16. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, *passed*.  
Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act' and the 'Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894.'*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act' and the 'Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1894.*
17. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
18. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at nineteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reward for Discovery of Gold at Bushman's Lead:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in the year 1871 a reward was offered for the discovery of payable gold at Bushman's Lead, now called the town of Parkes?
  - (2.) Was such discovery of payable gold favourably reported on by Warden Dalton of Forbes?
  - (3.) Has the reward ever been paid, or is the money still lying in the Treasury awaiting to be claimed?
  - (4.) Is it not a fact that one, Thomas H. Brogden, and party, were the first to discover payable gold at the Bushman's Lead; if so will he see that steps are taken to have the reward handed over to them, or will he see that some inquiry is made into the matter?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) No trace can be found of any such reward having been offered.
- (2.) No record.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) There does not appear to be any reward to hand over.

(2.) Lusk's School History:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has he yet arrived at any decision with regard to the publication of Lusk's School History of New South Wales?
- (2.) If not, can he say when such a decision will be likely to be arrived at?
- (3.) Has the matter been at all considered since the last notice on this question was asked; if not, can he say when it will be considered?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) I am unable at present to say.
- (3.) Nothing definite can be done until the return of my predecessor to the Colony, the proof copy being in his possession.

(3.) Officers employed in Education Architect's Office:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many officers are employed in the Education Architect's Office; what are their respective positions; and what is the salary paid to each per annum?
- (2.) What was the total cost of all the work done either in new buildings or repairs in 1893, from plans and specifications issued from that Department, and what was the number of new buildings?
- (3.) What was the total cost for 1893 in salaries of the said Architect's office, and what was the percentage of expenses compared with the cost for new work and improvements?
- (4.) Seeing the necessity for retrenchment, is it not possible for the work done by this Department to be done by the Colonial Architect's Department, at a considerable saving?
- (5.) Will he consider this question, and endeavour to secure a saving, by handing over the work required to be done for the future to the Colonial Architect?
- (6.) If this change is not made, will he inquire if a considerable saving could not be made by having the work done by public competition?

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Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) Seventeen, viz. :—Architect for Public Schools, £650 ; Chief Draftsman, £371 ; three Draftsmen, one at £290, one at £259, and one at £200 ; three Junior Draftsmen, one at £120, one at £110, and one at £75 ; three Clerks, one at £218, one at £209, and one at £100 ; and six Clerks of Works, two at £371, one at £290, two at £254, and one at £236.

(2.) £82,664 16s. 11d. ; fifty-eight new schools and teachers' residences.

(3.) £4,793 13s. 5d. ; 7.49 per cent., including travelling and all expenses.

(4, 5, and 6.) I will take these matters into consideration before the preparation of the Estimates for next year.

(4.) Building Contracts :—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Bavister, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) How many building contracts have been let in his Department during the year ending 31st August, 1894 ?

(2.) How many such contracts exceeded £1,000, and what was their total amount ?

(3.) How many such contracts were less than £1,000, and what was their total amount ?

Mr. Young answered,—It has not been found possible to obtain the information in the short notice given, but a return will be prepared giving the information sought by the Honorable Member and furnished to him as quickly as practicable.

(5.) Appointment of Royal Commission on Financial Position of certain Banks :—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government take into their earnest consideration the necessity of appointing a Royal Commission or Parliamentary Committee to inquire into the actual financial position of all Banks issuing Bank Notes under the Bank Notes Act of 1893 whose head offices are outside New South Wales, and, in view of the present distressful financial position of the neighbouring Colony of Victoria, especially of those Banks whose head offices are situated in Melbourne ?

Mr. Reid answered,—Bank notes are a first charge on assets ; and as the Banks referred to in this Question have assets in the Colony amounting to £14,843,664, of which £2,289,030 are in coin of the realm, the notes of the Banks in question in circulation amounting only to about £253,685, I do not see any necessity for either earnest consideration, a Royal Commission, or a Parliamentary Committee.

(6.) Oyster Leases on the Hastings River :—*Mr. Clarke* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is there any rent owing for oyster leases on the Hastings River ?

(2.) If so, by whom ?

(3.) The amount owing by each lessee ?

(4.) Do the Commissioners intend to enforce payment ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries :—

(1.) Ycs.

(2.) James M'Inherny.

(3.) £7.

(4.) Yes.

(7.) Payments made to Mr. Kirkpatrick, for Arbitrations and Valuations of Land :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the amount which has been paid by his Department to Mr. Kirkpatrick, architect, for arbitrations, valuations of land, or other purposes, and what amounts, if any, are still owing ?

Mr. Young answered,—*Mr. J. H. Kirkpatrick*, the architect, has not been engaged in any arbitrations or valuations of land for the Department. He has been paid, up to the present time, the sum of £3,644 15s. 6d., on account of commission on the Hospital buildings, and there is a sum of £329 5s. 1d. still said to be due, but the account has not yet been finally settled. He also was paid a sum of £200 for the second prize in connection with the competitive designs for the hospital buildings at Kenmore.

(8.) Amendment of Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 :—*Mr. Nicholson*, for *Mr. McFarlane*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the resolution passed by this House on Wednesday, 19th instant, affirming the desirableness of compelling candidates to lodge a deposit of £40 with the Returning Officer on nomination day, will the Government, at an early date, bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act, giving effect to the resolution ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The matter shall have early attention.

(9.) *Agricultural Gazette* :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Lees*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he any objection to supplying the head masters of public schools (country especially) with a copy of the *Agricultural Gazette* each issue ; if not, will he direct that they be so supplied ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—No objection. They shall be supplied, in fact they are now supplied to all who ask for them.

(10.) Sunday Trading of Hotels :—*Mr. Watkins*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that despite the numerous prosecutions of small publicans for late and Sunday trading, a number of the largest and reputedly most respectable hotels in this city fearlessly sell liquor after hours and on Sundays ?

(2.) Will he endeavour to have the Licensing Act more impartially administered ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police :—

(1.) The Sunday closing clause is systematically violated by many publicans in Sydney, and many also sell during prohibited hours.

(2.) The Police use their best endeavours to enforce the law ; detection is, however, difficult.

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- (11.) Suppression of Gambling :—*Mr. Watkins*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that by means of Police prosecutions most of the small "tote" shops in Sydney have been compelled to close?
  - (2.) Is he aware that, nevertheless, in Pitt and King Streets alone, at least nine gambling places, known as "double" shops, are permitted to carry on business openly, without Police interference?
  - (3.) Is he aware that the public attribute the exemption of these establishments from prosecution to the fact that the Police are subsidised by the bookmakers who keep them?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police :—
- (1.) The number has diminished, but they are still numerous.
  - (2.) A number of keepers of such establishments in Pitt and King Streets have been prosecuted. The Police do not permit them to carry on openly without interference.
  - (3.) No.
- (12.) Extension of Pastoral Leases in the Central Division :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. James Morgan*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, for the information of Members, a return, recently printed, showing the number, area, term, and termination of the extension of pastoral leases in the Central Division in which the Land Boards' recommendations were accepted by *Mr. Copeland*?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—This return was laid upon the Table of this House on Tuesday last, and ordered to be printed.
- (13.) Bridge over the Murrumbidgee River at Balranald :—*Mr. Sleath* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the bridge over the Murrumbidgee River at Balranald was, on the morning of the 26th August, raised, and all traffic suspended for over two hours at the instigation of one resident, *Mr. R. D. Murray*, thus causing great inconvenience to the public?
  - (2.) If so, will he take such action as will prevent a recurrence of this inconvenience to the travelling public and residents of Balranald?
- Mr. Young* answered,—I understand that at the request of *Mr. R. D. Murray*, the bridge in question was raised before 6 a.m. on the morning of the 26th instant for the purpose of passing a steamer, but I am informed that no traffic of any kind was impeded. I have given instructions, however, that the utmost care is to be taken to limit the interruptions to traffic as much as possible.
- (14.) Men shot at Grassmere Station :—*Mr. Sleath* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the evidence given by one *A. Baker* in the Grassmere cases, where he admitted firing three shots out of a revolver at certain individuals?
  - (2.) Has he been arrested; if not, why not?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—Yes; but I am informed there is no other evidence of the fact of the shooting beyond *Baker's* admission. The case in which the evidence was given has not yet been tried.
- (15.) Revision Court held at Wilcannia :—*Mr. Sleath* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the action of the Police Magistrate at Wilcannia, in regard to the manner he conducted the Electoral Revision Court held there on the 20th June last?
  - (2.) Is he aware that men who have been in that district from one year to ten years were struck off the roll?
  - (3.) Will he take action to prevent a recurrence of such action?
- Mr. Gould* answered,—My attention had not been drawn to this matter until notice of the Question was given. I have caused a wire to be sent to-day with a view to making the necessary inquiries. If the Honorable Member will give notice of a fresh Question for Tuesday next, I shall be able to give him a reply.
- (16.) Bridge over the Darling River at Wilcannia :—*Mr. Sleath* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When was the work in connection with the construction of the bridge over the Darling River at Wilcannia started?
  - (2.) In view of the great inconvenience and expense to the public caused by the present mode of crossing, will he have that work completed as soon as possible?
  - (3.) The estimated cost of work when completed, and the amount expended up to date?
- Mr. Young* answered,—
- (1.) The original contract for the erection of this bridge was let to Messrs. *Clynch and Love* on the 13th September, 1889. Owing to the delay in the supply of ironwork, and to the difficulty of conveying it to Wilcannia, the contract was cancelled on the 21st October, 1891. On the delivery of the whole of the ironwork at the bridge site, a fresh contract for the erection of the structure was entered into with *Mr. William Rowe* on the 4th August, 1893, and this is now in progress.
  - (2.) Every effort is being made to complete the work as quickly, as possible, but, owing to the flooded state of the river, work has been considerably delayed.
  - (3.) The estimated cost of the work is £18,770, and the payments to date amount to £15,131 9s. ]
- (17.) Sergeant *M'Donaugh* :—*Mr. Sleath* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is *Sergeant M'Donaugh*, who was in charge of Police at Grassmere when the alleged riot took place, the same *Sergeant M'Donaugh* who was in Broken Hill during the lock-out there?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—Yes.

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## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 26th September, 1894,—“Methylated, white, or silent spirit taken out of bond.”

(2.) Particulars of the action in the Supreme Court arising out of the collision between the “Sol” and the Parramatta steamer “Alathea.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return as to amalgamation of Offices of Police Magistrates and Clerks of Petty Sessions showing the Towns in the Colony where four Petty Sessions Officers are employed.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to public purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.

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

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Report by the Chief Inspector of Stock on the Live Stock and Meat Trade of the United States of America.

Ordered to be printed.

3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Pymont and Glebe Island Bridges—**Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of removing the present Pymont and Glebe Island Bridges; the construction in lieu thereof of certain other means of communication between Sydney, Pymont, Balmain, and the northern suburbs; and the carrying out of incidental works in connection therewith.

Question put and passed.

4. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a third time, and *passed*.Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 27th September, 1894.*5. LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Tonkin moved, pursuant to

Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the practice of the Legal Profession by amalgamation of the separate branches thereof, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

## 6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Reid moved, without Notice, That it is a case of urgent and pressing necessity that a Bill to amend subsection (v) of section 44 of the “*Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893*” should be passed through all its stages on this day.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Reid then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend subsection (v) of section 44 of the ‘Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893’*” through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

## 7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT OF 1893 FURTHER AMENDING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Reid moved, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend subsection (v) of section 44 of the “*Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.*”

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend subsection (v) of section 44 of the ‘Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,’*”—which was read a first time.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be printed and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

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(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, *passed*.

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend subsection (v) of section 44 of the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend subsection (v) of section 44 of the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th September, 1894.*

8. QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Quarantine,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th September, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 27th September, 1894.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 5. *After "Quarantine" insert "Law"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

9. SUPREME COURT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to proceedings in the Supreme Court,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th September, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

10. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

*Interruption.*

11. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT OF 1893 FURTHER AMENDING BILL:—Mr. Speaker (*on the ground of the urgency of this matter*) 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 subsection (v) of section 44 of the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th September, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

12. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 11 above,—resumed.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

13. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the practice of Medicine and Surgery, and other matters connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th September, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

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14. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The following Order of the Day postponed until Wednesday next:—Narrabri to Moree Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Narrabri to Moree.
15. **KENMORE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
16. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol received from Her Majesty's Ships:—Mr. Schey asked the Minister of Justice,—How many prisoners have been received at Darlinghurst Gaol from the ships of Her Majesty's Navy on this station during the three years ending 31st August last?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have ascertained that 251 prisoners have been received at Darlinghurst Gaol from the ships of Her Majesty's Navy on this station during the three years ending 31st August last.

(2.) Towage of Punts between Riley's Hill and Ballina:—Mr. McGowen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any tenders been received or accepted for the towage of punts between Riley's Hill and Ballina, Richmond River?

(2.) Has the Department previously done this work?

(3.) If so, what is the reason for making any change?

(4.) How many steam tug-boats belonging to the Department are at present lying idle, and where are they?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Tenders were received, but declined.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Tenders were invited because none of the three available tug-boats belonging to the Department are suitable for the work. Subsequently it was arranged to effect certain alterations with the view to adapting the machinery of one of the tug-boats to the requirements.

(4.) Three; in Sydney.

(3.) Attendance of Witnesses for Defence of Prisoners during Industrial Disputes:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he, in all cases where the Crown has seen fit to change the place of trial from the immediate neighbourhood of where certain persons have been arrested in connection with the present industrial dispute, make provision for the attendance of witnesses for the defence on the same lines as for the prosecution?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have referred this matter to the Attorney-General—to whom the Question should have been put—and I have been furnished with the following reply:—If any witnesses for the defence (not being to character merely) give material evidence before the Justices, the law directs that they shall be bound by recognizance equally with the witnesses for the Crown, to give evidence at the trial, and that every witness attending in obedience to any such recognizance shall be entitled to his expenses the same as if he were a witness for the Crown.

(4.) Police mustering Sheep on Belalie Station during Industrial Disputes:—Mr. Sleath asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that a police tracker is, or has been, mustering sheep, and the Police yarding up same, on Belalie Station during the present industrial dispute between shearers and pastoralists?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—After full inquiry, I find that there is no foundation for such a statement.

(5.) Compensation for Land resumed in the Clarence District:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that a number of claims, extending over several years, for resumption of land for public purposes in the Clarence district are still unpaid?

(2.) Will he give instructions to have such claims paid as early as possible?

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Mr. Young answered,—There are six outstanding claims in the district referred to; of these, one is awaiting the report of the Crown Solicitor on the title, the voucher for payment in another is ready, and in the third case the notice of valuation will be sent out in a few days. The three remaining cases are awaiting the acceptance of the offers made to the claimants.

- (6.) Repair of Wash-away on Main Road at Ulmarra:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any decision as to the repair of a wash-away in the main road at Ulmarra, caused by the recent floods?

Mr. Young answered,—The local officer has been asked to report upon this matter; as soon as this is before me I will come to a decision and acquaint the Honorable Member.

- (7.) Local Option:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government consent to a day being set apart for the discussion of the question of local option?

Mr. Reid answered,—I do not think this is possible just now at any rate, especially as there is no motion or Bill on the Business Paper relating to the matter.

- (8.) Civil Engineers in Water Conservation Branch:—Mr. Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it absolutely necessary that there should be two civil engineers, at salaries of £750 and £640 respectively, sitting continuously in the Water Conservation Branch when there are no contracts, with the exception of a few bores in operation?

(2.) Is it a fact that these two officers are brothers-in-law, and what is the reason that the junior officer retains his present position when no works are in progress?

(3.) In view of the retrenchment in the Public Service promised by this Government, will he give instructions that this latter officer be either retrenched or at once transferred to some other department where he might be of some service to the State?

Mr. Young answered,—The whole question connected with the Water Conservation Branch of my Department is under consideration, and a decision will be come to very shortly.

- (9.) Repair of Vessels of the Imperial Squadron:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Hughes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does the Imperial Government intend to import men from England to do repairing work in connection with the vessels of the Imperial Squadron?

Mr. Young answered,—I have no information on this subject. It is a matter that will be dealt with entirely by the Imperial Government.

- (10.) Electoral Revision Court presided over by Police Magistrate at Wilcannia:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the action of the Police Magistrate at Wilcannia, in regard to the manner he conducted the Electoral Revision Court held there on the 20th June last?

(2.) Is he aware that men who have been in that district from one year to ten years were struck off the roll?

(3.) Will he take action to prevent a recurrence of such action?

Mr. Gould answered,—With reference to the answer to this Question given by me to the Honorable Member on the 27th ultimo, I may state that I have received the following information from the Police Magistrate, Wilcannia:—"The Revision Court was very carefully conducted under the provisions of the Electoral Act of 1893. All objections were lawfully given, and those who appeared and upheld their claims were allowed to remain on the list."

- (11.) Wanganella Case, tried at Deniliquin:—Mr. Sleath asked the Colonial Secretary,—In connection with the Wanganella case, tried at Deniliquin on the 10th September,—

(1.) Was one Watson, a coach-driver, summoned as a witness for the prosecution?

(2.) Did he attend, and was he examined?

(3.) If not; why not?

(4.) Is it a fact that the principal witness paid a person 10s. for restoring to him his revolver and handcuffs?

(5.) Were those articles in the union camp for one night?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1, 2, and 3.) He attended the Court, but was not examined, as the Superintendent of Police who conducted the prosecution did not think it necessary.

(4 and 5.) A constable carelessly left his revolver and handcuffs behind him when starting from Wanganella. The articles were restored to him by a man to whom he gave a reward of 10s.

2. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT OF 1893 FURTHER AMENDING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill intitled "An Act to amend subsection (v) of section 44 of the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893'":—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 28th September, 1894.

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## 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return respecting works at Shea's Creek.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return showing cost of Parliamentary trains and trams during the last Parliament.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ARCHITECTS EMPLOYED BY GOVERNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the names of the various architects (other than the Government Architect) who have been entrusted with the construction of buildings for the Government since 1891 to the present time, specifying the names of the architects, the amount of the contracts, and the commission and other charges paid for in connection with the same.

Question put and passed.

5. ELECTORAL MAJORITY VOTE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to so amend the Act 56 Vic. No. 38 as to provide that the elected candidate shall poll an absolute majority of the votes recorded.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Parke,	Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Fowler,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Ewing,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Affleck,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Rose,	

Noes, 24.

Dr. Ross,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Lec,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Lees.

*Tellers,*Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Thomas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. MINERS RIGHTS AND MINERAL LICENSES BILL:—Mr. Moore, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Mining Act, 1874,'*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th November.

## 7. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE ACT REPEAL BILL:—Mr. Knox moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act" (53 Victoria No. 12).

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thomson moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "in the opinion of this House, the Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act (53 Victoria No. 12) should not be repealed, but that the allowance to Members of the Legislative Assembly under that Act should be reduced to £200 per annum," instead thereof.

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

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Crick submitted that it was irregular to propose an abstract resolution as an amendment upon a motion for the introduction of a Bill.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order on the ground of irrelevancy.

Debate continued.

Original Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Brunker,  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Reid,  
Mr. Gould,  
Mr. Garrard,  
Mr. FitzGerald,  
Mr. See,  
Sir George Dibbs,  
Mr. Molesworth,  
Mr. McMillan,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Dr. Graham,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Slattery,  
Mr. Russell Jones,  
Mr. William Morgan,  
Mr. Henry Chapman,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Cameron,  
Mr. Stephen,  
Mr. Storey,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Rawlinson,  
Mr. Joseph Abbott,  
Mr. Shipway,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Rigg,  
Mr. Fowler,  
Mr. Harris.

Tellers,

Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Knox.

Noes, 68.

Mr. Young,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Willard,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Griffith,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Gillics,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Rose,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Cook,	Tellers,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Miller.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*Election Petition—McElhone v. Chapman—Sydney—Fitzroy Division*):—Mr. Hayes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 4th September, the Petition of John McElhone in reference to the election and return of Henry Chapman as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney—Fitzroy Division.

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

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 7th August, 1894, to whom was referred, on 4th September, 1894, a Petition from John McElhone, Esquire, against the return of Henry Chapman, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney—Fitzroy Division,—have agreed to the following Report:—

“That the Petitioner, John McElhone, Esquire, having withdrawn his opposition to the return of Henry Chapman, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney—Fitzroy Division, your Committee determine and report that Henry Chapman, Esquire, was duly elected as Member for such Electoral District.

“That the sum of £25 be awarded to the sitting Member towards his costs and expenses, such amount to be paid by the Petitioner to the sitting Member.

“No. 1 Committee Room,  
“Legislative Assembly,  
“2nd October, 1894.”

“J. HAYES,  
“Chairman.”

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

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put, and voices given.—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only six Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Rose, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Miller, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Sleath, and Mr. Ferguson.

The House adjourned accordingly, at four minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Forbes and Dubbo Stock Boards:—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Secretary for Mines,—What are the assessments of the Forbes and Dubbo Stock Boards for the current year respectively?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Forbes: Large stock, 8s. 4d. per 100 head; sheep, 1s. 0½d. per 100 head. Dubbo: Large stock, 4s. 2d. per 100 head; sheep, 3½d. per 100 head.

- (2.) Police sent to Greta:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Why were twenty policemen sent to Greta on 1st October?

(2.) At whose request, and for what purpose were they sent?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Seventeen police were sent by the Police authorities to preserve order.

- (3.) Payment to Coal-miners by the Standard Weight:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he at any time received from the Secretary of the New Lambton Miners Lodge, correspondence praying that steps be taken to abolish the system of paying the miners by the standard weight?

(2.) Was it stated in the correspondence the amount of coal that had been sent out of the mine, for which the miners had not been paid, owing to the standard-weight system?

(3.) If so, what is the amount stated?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Copies of correspondence purporting to have passed between the Secretary of the New Lambton Miners Lodge and the Managing Director of the company and others have reached the Department.

(2.) Yes; from January, 1887, to September, 1891.

(3.) 1,975 tons 3 cwt. 2 qrs.

- (4.) The Honorable Alexander Brown, M.L.C.:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Does the Honorable Alexander Brown, M.L.C., hold an office of profit under the Government?

(2.) If so, what is the office alluded to?

(3.) What is the amount of salary (if any) paid to Mr. Brown?

(4.) Is the said salary (if any) voted by Parliament?

(5.) Does the Government approve of a Member of either branch of the Legislature holding such an office?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) He is President of the Hunter River Water Supply and Sewerage Board, whose head-quarters are at Newcastle.

(3.) £300 a year.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) The Government think that the position of Mr. Alexander Brown as a legislator for life, and also head of a subordinate department of the Public Service, paid out of moneys annually voted by Parliament, a most anomalous and undesirable one. When Dr. Garran, then a Member of the Legislative Council, was appointed President of the Arbitration Court, at a salary voted by Parliament, he at once resigned his position in the Legislative Council. In doing so I think Dr. Garran pursued a proper constitutional course. The Government hope that Mr. Brown will see the propriety of giving up one position or the other.

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- (5.) Annual Report on Military Forces of the Colony :—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the last annual report of Major-General Hutton on the Military Forces of the Colony ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—It will be remembered by Honorable Members that my predecessor in office declined to accept Major-General Hutton's report for 1893, the document therefore is not an official record. Considering the importance of the position held by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces, and that Parliament controls the necessary expenditure involved in maintaining the Forces, I think the report ought to be laid upon the Table of the House. Holding that opinion, I shall take steps to comply with the request of the Honorable Member at an early date.

- (6.) Duties of Mr. Owen Blacket at the Technical College :—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What are the duties of Mr. Owen Blacket in connection with the Technical College, and what amount does he receive per annum in salary and fees ?

(2.) Is it a fact that according to the published Technical College programme of classes, this gentleman is only called upon to attend the College for two hours each week ?

(3.) (a) How many hours each week is he actually occupied in personally instructing or supervising students of the College ; (b) how many of such students have received—(1) personal instruction ; (2) supervision from him per day or evening per week, on an average, during the past twelve months ; (c) how many hours is he required to occupy each week in discharge of duties connected with the College ?

(4.) What is the nature of the personal instruction, and also of the supervision ?

(5.) Is Mr. Blacket a member of either the Institute of Civil Engineers, or the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, or does he hold any University or other diploma or degree ?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) Lecturer in charge of the Department of Engineering ; salary, £290 per annum. The fees for 1893 amounted to £82 1s.

(2.) No.

(3.) (a) Six ; (b) (1) Thirty-three, (2) One hundred and sixty ; (c) No definite number, but as many as are necessary for carrying out the duties of his office.

(4.) Lecturing on engineering subjects ; supervising the trades and drawing classes.

(5.) No.

- (7.) Postal Officials accepting Nomination for Position of Alderman :—Mr. Bavister asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has he expressed to any person interviewing him on the question of officers in his Department accepting nomination for position of alderman his determination to make it impossible for them to hold such position ?

(2.) Is there any truth in assertions being made that he had expressed such intention ?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) I have expressed no such determination.

(2.) The assertions are entirely untrue.

- (8.) Claim for Resumption of Land at Woolloomooloo Bay :—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence, minutes, and papers passing between the Crown Solicitor, Attorney-General, Secretary for Works, and the Colonial Treasurer, in reference to settlement of Mr. George Hill's claim for resumption of land at Woolloomooloo Bay ; if not, will he cause that to be done at an early date ?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have no objection.

- (9.) Road from Cudal to Cargo, *via* Davy's Plains :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has any report yet been received from the District Surveyor at Orange, on the road from Cudal to Cargo, *via* Davy's Plains ; if so, what is the result of the same ?

(2.) Is he aware that the road has been in existence for upwards of thirty-five years, and that it is now, to the inconvenience of the public, being fenced in ?

(3.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken to have the road opened for the use of settlers and the general travelling public ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) No recent report has been received.

(2.) There is no evidence in this Department that this road has been in existence for thirty-five years, but it has been stated that the properties through which it passes are being fenced.

(3.) The papers have been referred to the Department of Public Works for consideration of the question of route and practicability of the road.

- (10.) Pastures and Stock Protection Board at Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Pasture and Stock Protection Board at Molong intend shortly to prosecute selectors who are in arrears with their assessment, the number and amount of arrears that are due ?

(2.) Is he aware that owing to depression in trade, the want of a market, and the low price obtained for farm produce that many of them are utterly unable to pay the assessment ?

(3.) Will he, under these circumstances, see that steps are taken to stay legal proceedings in all such cases ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I am not aware what action the Board is taking to recover arrears of assessment, and it is a matter in which the Government cannot interfere.

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- (11.) Price of Wool, Stock, Hides, Tallow, &c., during the last ten years:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he see that a return is obtained from the Government Statistician showing (in a tabulated form) the fluctuations or rise and fall that have taken place in the price of wool, stock, hides, tallow, wheat, flour, and farm produce during the last ten years?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member has already been published, and will be found in the chapter of the "Wealth and Progress of New South Wales" dealing with food supply and cost of living.

- (12.) Provisions of the Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1894:—Mr. Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that numbers of people in the country districts (outside municipalities) are under the impression that, under the Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1894, they will be compelled to register premises and pay a fee of £2 for the privilege of killing cattle for their own consumption?

(2.) Was it intended by the Act that such should be the case?

(3.) If so, is he aware that the imposition of a fee in such cases is a most unjust and unnecessary act, and will he have the Act properly interpreted or amended in that respect?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Persons killing cattle for their own consumption do not require to register their premises or obtain a license; consequently, they are not compelled to pay any fee.

- (13.) Seaworthiness of steamers "Lass o' Gowrie" and "Resolute":—Mr. Ellis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to certain correspondence in the Press, signed by Mr. Sam. Smith, Secretary of the Seamen's Union, in which he alleges that "it was commonly known that the 'Lass o' Gowrie' and 'Resolute' were unsafe for many months prior to their narrow escape from foundering, and that the crews of these vessels could get no one to interfere on their behalf, as they carried no passengers"; also "that the administration of the Navigation Act by the Marine Board is defective"?

(2.) As this is a direct charge of neglect on the part of the President and the officials of the Marine Board, will he cause an official inquiry to be made to ascertain the truth or otherwise of these allegations?

Mr. Reid answered,—Nothing is known on these subjects at the office of the Marine Board otherwise than that the "Resolute" struck something which caused her to leak and put in to Wollongong to be beached and repaired a short time since. I may add that I will call the attention of the Marine Board to the statements made as to the "Lass o' Gowrie" and "Resolute."

- 14.) Electoral Registrars:—Mr. Millen, for Mr. O'Reilly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many days per week and how many hours per diem are the Electoral Registrars required to attend in their offices?

(2.) What remuneration do they receive for such service?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) The office hours for attendance of the Electoral Registrars are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; and from 10 to 12 on Saturdays.

(2.) The annual salaries of electoral registrars are—(1) Where the population of the district does not exceed 1,000, £15; (2) Where it exceeds 1,000 but does not exceed 2,000 persons, £20; (3) Where it exceeds 2,000 but does not exceed 3,000, £25; (4) Where it exceeds 3,000, then for the first 3,000, £25, and a further payment for each 1,000 or fraction of 1,000 over and above that number, 5s.

- (15.) Interest on Government Savings Bank Deposits:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he purposes to reduce the rate of interest paid on Government Savings Bank deposits by 1 per cent?

(2.) If so, will the Government guarantee now in existence be still extended to the Barrack-street Savings Bank, which institution is paying 5 per cent. to its depositors?

(3.) Will 3 per cent. interest be also paid for all other trust funds, inclusive of the Superannuation Fund?

(4.) Is it his aim to encourage or discourage people banking with the Government?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes, on current accounts only. The reduction in the rate of interest does not apply to sums deposited for twelve months. In Victoria only 3 per cent. is allowed on all accounts.

(2.) I am informed the Barrack-street Savings Bank is not paying 5 per cent.

(3.) The moneys at the credit of the Trust Fund Accounts having for the most part been invested in Government Securities, the rate of interest could only be charged on the sums remaining as the uninvested balances, which are not considerable.

(4.) My aim is to encourage the people to do what they think best for themselves, and in the meantime I do not propose to give more interest on deposits than the market rate justifies.

2. ELECTORAL MAJORITY VOTE BILL:—Mr. Crick, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Act 56 Victoria No. 38 so as to provide that the elected candidate shall poll an absolute majority of the votes recorded,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th November.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations respecting the transmission and delivery of telegrams within the Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

4. CARRIAGES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to fines, penalties, and forfeitures under the Act 6 William IV, No. 2, and the Carriages Regulation Act of 1884. Question put and passed.

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5. DEFENCE FORCES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The name and rank of every officer holding a commission in our defence forces.
  - (2.) The amount of salary received by each officer during 1893.
  - (3.) The amount and nature of all allowances received by each officer during 1893.
- Question put and passed.
6. QUARANTINE LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*changed from*) QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.  
Ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
- The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Quarantine.*"
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1894.*
7. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
- Point of Order*:—Mr. Crick raised the Point of Order that the Title of the Bill contained no notice of the provision in clause 40, relating to persons not natural-born or naturalized subjects of Her Majesty not being qualified to apply for any holding of a certain class; and contended that the Bill was therefore out of order.  
Mr. Speaker ruled that the Title covered all the important provisions, and that the Bill was not irregular, as regards the order of leave.
- Debate continued.  
Mr. Lee moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
8. KENMORE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Young, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned at fourteen minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 26th September last, appointing Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Lee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.

(2.) *Member sworn*:—Mr. Lee came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

2. **TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire, resigning his appointment as a Temporary Chairman of Committees.

3. **QUESTIONS**:—

(1.) **Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony**:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The number of years the trigonometrical survey of the Colony has been going on?
- (2.) What has been the cost of the same up to the present date?
- (3.) The number of hands that are employed in the work, and the amount expended annually?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) The trigonometrical survey was formally inaugurated by the measurement of a base line at Lake George, in the year 1870.
- (2.) The cost can only be ascertained by extensive inquiry, which will occupy much time.
- (3.) Six officers and nine labourers are employed, at an annual cost of £3,115 for salaries, equipment, forage, and wages, with a further charge of £305 for material for trigonometrical stations.

(2.) **Amending Railway Act**:—Mr. Clarke asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Adverting to the Question asked by Mr. Clarke, on the 18th September, and to the Answer thereto,—does the Minister by his Answer mean it to be inferred that “he does not think” he will consider the question of amending the Railway Act during the present Session; or that “he does not think” it advisable to amend that Act at any future time?
- (2.) If he intends the latter meaning, then will he insist on the Railway Commissioners availing themselves of the opinions and services of the Crown Law Officers in all cases involving legal procedure, the same as other Departments of the State?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) The former supposition is correct.
- (2.) Our Railway Management Acts have always provided for a Solicitor for Railways, and the business of the Department of the Railways is now so extensive as to fully occupy the time of the present occupant of that office. With reference to my insisting that the Railway Commissioners shall avail themselves of the opinions and services of the Law Officers of the Crown, I may mention that the Commissioners some years ago endeavoured to obtain the advice of the then Attorney-General, who declined to advise them. In matters of importance, I think that the advice of the Attorney-General should be within their reach, and I will endeavour to so arrange.

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- (3.) Gold Leases, Parish of Jerralong:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What is the date of each of the gold leases Nos. 357, 358, 364, and 365, parish of Jerralong?
  - (2.) Was suspension of the conditions a partial suspension granted on the 2nd October, 1891, for six months; on the 12th May, 1892, for six months; on the 15th November, 1892, for six months; on the 16th May, 1893, for six months; on the 23rd February, 1894, for six months?
  - (3.) Is the sum of £40 now overdue for rent on these leases?
  - (4.) Can he state how much further suspension is likely to be granted?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) Nos. 357, 358, 6th February, 1891; Nos. 364, 365, 17th March, 1891.
  - (2.) The Warden reports that partial suspensions were granted as stated. On the first three occasions to allow time to enable the claim-holders to obtain from England machinery, &c., suitable for treating the "stuff" (subsequently obtained and erected on the claim at a cost of some £2,000), and on the two subsequent occasions, principally to allow time for settlement of a serious dispute that had arisen between some shareholders here and the directors and debenture-holders residing in England.
  - (3.) Yes.
  - (4.) The Warden reports: "Notwithstanding urgent appeal from directors, &c., in England, I have decided not, under any circumstances, to grant further suspension on these claims, feeling that such concession had already extended to the greatest possible limit, having in view all interests concerned."
- (4.) Immigration Office:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the cost per year of maintaining the Immigration Office?
  - (2.) How many immigrants have arrived in Sydney during the last twelve months?
  - (3.) What are the duties of the official in charge of the Immigration Office?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) The annual cost of maintenance cannot be given from the Treasury books, but the expenditure on account of immigration during the year 1893 was £2,398 16s. 3d., and from 1st January to 30th September, 1894, £818 9s.
  - (2.) Fifty-four.
  - (3.) To receive all moneys and pay them into the banks; to issue free railway passes to immigrants to country districts; and to give certificates from the records of the office concerning immigrants and their relatives.
- (5.) Fire Insurance Companies:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Did he notice an announcement in the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, of Saturday last, stating that the fire brigade at Broken Hill was being disbanded, owing to the fire insurance companies not contributing towards its support?
  - (2.) Is he aware that, taking advantage of a decision of the Supreme Court given several years ago regarding a matter in which the Deniliquin Fire Brigade was concerned, the fire insurance companies are acting toward all fire brigades throughout the Colony (beyond the county of Cumberland) as they are doing in the case of the Broken Hill Brigade, and have been since the said decision was given?
  - (3.) Will the Government introduce a Bill to amend the law, so as to render it compulsory upon the fire insurance companies to contribute toward the support of country fire brigades, as well as those within the county of Cumberland.
  - (4.) If the Government will take such action when are they likely to do so, in view of the possible injustice the country fire brigades are suffering at the hands of the fire insurance companies, whose interest is served to a greater extent than any other by the said brigades?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—I may state for the Honorable Member's information that a Bill to amend the Fire Brigades Act was introduced by Sir Henry Parkes in June, 1889, but lapsed. The Government recognise the importance of the subject, and will give it full consideration.
- (6.) Appointment as Lecturer on Architecture to the Technical College:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Kidd, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he has decided to appoint as lecturer on architecture to the Technical College, a gentleman who for the last eight or nine years has been a selector and country storekeeper?
  - (2.) Has any report been obtained from the permanent officials of the Department upon the applications for the post?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware that the gentleman who has been appointed lecturer on architecture at the Technical College has for the last eight or nine years been a selector and country storekeeper.
  - (2.) Yes.
- (7.) Meeting of the Executive Council:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—For what hour on 25th June last was the meeting of the Executive Council convened, at which the Governor dissolved the Legislative Assembly?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—On this occasion the Council was held at 10 o'clock, but 12 o'clock is the usual hour of meeting.
- (8.) Dissolution of the late Parliament—Public Works Committee:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) At what hour on the 25th June last did the Government Printer receive the manuscript of the Governor's proclamation dissolving the Legislative Assembly?
  - (2.) Were the members of the Public Works Committee paid for their attendance at the meeting held on 25th June last?

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Mr. Reid answered,—I have to express my regret that the officers of the Government Printing Office seem to be too busy to take a note of the time when documents arrive there, and so I am unable to give the information. I am sorry that I have not been supplied with the information asked for in Question No. 2, but if the Honorable Member will be good enough to renew that Question, I will give him the information on Tuesday.

- (9.) Relief Works for Newcastle District:—Mr. Watkins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take into consideration the necessity of commencing some urgent public work in the Newcastle district with a view of relieving the distress that exists through the closing down of collieries, by which some hundreds of men have been thrown out of work?

Mr. Young answered,—I will make inquiries as to whether it is possible to expedite the carrying out of public works in the Newcastle district for which funds have been appropriated by Parliament, and, if anything in this direction can be accomplished, I shall at once give the necessary orders.

- (10.) Erection of Bridge over the Macleay River at Kempsey:—Mr. Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What length of time and what amount of money has already been expended in surveying and boring operations in connection with the erection of a bridge over the Macleay River at Kempsey?

(2.) Why is it considered necessary to have fresh surveys made?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide for and carry out this necessary work during next year?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) In connection with the railway bridge the sum of £518 9s. has been expended for boring and surveys. With regard to the proposed road bridge, the Commissioner for Roads states:—"As the previous surveys by this Branch have been made by the local officers in the ordinary course of their duty, some years back, the cost thereof cannot now be ascertained, but it may be said they were only of a preliminary character."

(2.) Because the information to hand is insufficient and too unreliable to permit of a proper estimate being framed.

(3.) I presume the Honorable Member refers to the road bridge, and he will at once see that it is impossible for me to give a definite answer until I have the complete information before me, which is now being obtained.

4. ALIENS IN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of persons not British subjects by birth or naturalisation at present in Government employ, stating (a) the name; (b) the nationality; (c) date and nature of appointment; (d) the duty at date of appointment and at present; (e) the salary at time of appointment and at present time in each case.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Sleath.
Mr. Robert Jones,	
Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Bavister.
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Smailes,	
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Thomas,	

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Mr. Cook,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Affleck.
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it passed in the negative.

5. PAPERS:—Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Regulations respecting lead-poisoning.
  - (2.) Notification of cancellation of Form O of the Regulations of 10th January 1893, issued under the Imported Stock Act of 1871, and the Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884, and substitution of a regulation in lieu thereof.
- Ordered to be printed.

6. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
- And the Question being again proposed,—
- The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Austin Chapman moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "no Bill relating to the Crown Lands Act will be satisfactory to the House which does not provide for the abolition of interest on conditional purchases, and making more liberal provisions respecting conditional purchases and special area holders" instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

And

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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The House divided.

## Ayes, 90.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Young,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Tonkin,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Willard,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Ferguson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Moore,	

## Noes, 9.

Mr. Rose,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Price,
Mr. O'Sullivan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Chapman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker, having in accordance with Standing Order No. 213 directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only five Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Copeland, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Kidd.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Rose rising to move the instruction standing in his name,—Mr. Speaker, referring to the several *Contingent Notices of Motions* on the Business Paper for instructions to the Committee on this Bill, declared, for the reasons which he gave at length, that such proposed instructions were all out of order.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker, having in accordance with Standing Order No. 213 directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only three Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Sleath.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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4th October, 1894.

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

8. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, appointed Angus Cameron, Esquire, to act as a Temporary Chairman of Committees during the present Session, in room of Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire, resigned.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-seven minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

**DIVISIONS FRIVOLOUSLY CLAIMED:**—Mr. Speaker, referring to Standing Order No. 218, stated that in future he would not regard as frivolous the call for a Division on the question for the second or third reading of a Bill, or on a question of large importance, but would in all such cases allow a Division to be taken and recorded.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Dissolution of the late Parliament—Public Works Committee:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) At what hour on the 25th June last did the Government Printer receive the manuscript of the Governor's proclamation dissolving the Legislative Assembly?

(2.) Were the members of the Public Works Committee paid for their attendance at the meeting held on 25th June last?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) This Question has been answered.

(2.) Yes; the Committee sat for the purpose of considering and passing a short report explaining the progress made in their inquiry respecting the proposed removal of the Pymont and Glebe Island Bridges, and their general report to His Excellency the Governor, a report necessary, under the Public Works Act, to be passed before the dissolution of Parliament.

(2.) Sunday Labour in Newcastle District:—Mr. Cann, for Mr. Griffith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the butchers and slaughtermen in the Newcastle district compel their employees to do their ordinary boiling-down work, as well as killing, on Sundays, and that, in consequence, these men do seven days work a week?

(2.) Is he prepared to carry out the law in this respect, and put an end to this state of things?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am informed that no such practice exists. The report from the Inspector of Police reads as follows:—"Referring to Question on attached paper, I do myself the honor to report that, during an experience of over ten years in the Newcastle district, I never once heard of the practice now complained of."

(3.) Speech delivered by Mr. G. H. Reid at Enfield:—Sir George Dibbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to a speech delivered at Enfield by Mr. G. H. Reid, Colonial Treasurer and Premier, last Friday, and reported in the *Daily Telegraph* of 29th September last, in which the following words are stated to have been used: "He had said before, and he would say again, that in pursuance of the trust with which the electors had commissioned him, if he found it impossible to carry out their will, he would take constitutional measures to go back to them to get a little more strength in order to give effect to it,"—will he say if, in the report referred to, he has been correctly reported?

(2.) If the report is incorrect, will he state, for the information of this House, what he did say?

Mr. Reid answered,—Very accurately. And I would suggest that my way of putting such matters might be imitated with advantage by the Honorable Member. For instance, that honorable gentleman, when Premier, about a year ago, went as far as Penrith to say: "That was what Government proposed, and they intended to stand firm upon it. They would not let Parliament do the penitent thief business; they would not get an opportunity of redeeming lost opportunities."

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3. ELECTION PETITION (*Grenfell*):—Mr. Bruncker, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from Michael John Loughnane, of Grenfell, solicitor, alleging that at the last General Election Petitioner was a candidate to be elected for the Electoral District of Grenfell; that at the time of nomination he was and is duly qualified to be elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly; that the Returning Officer declared George Henry Greene to be duly elected and so endorsed the Writ; that Petitioner believes many mistakes were made in counting the ballot-papers; that many of the polling-papers were declared informal which were not informal and that such votes should have been counted in favour of the Petitioner, thereby giving him a majority of four votes; that certain polling-papers that should have been initialled were not so initialled, and were therefore informal; and praying that the return of George Henry Greene may be declared null and void for the reasons aforesaid; that a scrutiny of all ballot-papers be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; that it may be declared that George Henry Greene was not lawfully elected; and that it may be declared and determined that the Petitioner was duly elected to serve and be Member for the Electoral District of Grenfell, and that he is entitled to take his seat accordingly.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Bruncker, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

4. LAW OF LIBEL AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law of defamation and libel.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law of defamation and libel*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th November.

5. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 16.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales for services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 9th October, 1894.*

6. QUARANTINE LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 17.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Quarantine*,"—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, 9th October, 1894.*

7. TRUCK BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fegan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate contracts made with respect to, and the payment of, wages; to prohibit such payment being made in goods or otherwise than in money; and to regulate the service of legal process.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate contracts made with respect to, and the payment of, wages; to prohibit such payment being made in goods or otherwise than in money; and to regulate the service of legal process.

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

(2.) Mr. Fegan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate contracts made with respect to, and the payment of, wages; to prohibit such payment being made in goods or otherwise than in money; and to regulate the service of legal process*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. CONSPIRACY AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Fegan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 23rd October.

## 9. EIGHT HOURS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Schey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare Eight Hours to be a Legal Day's Labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*.—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to declare Eight Hours to be a Legal Day's Labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Schey then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare Eight Hours to be a Legal Day's Labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th November.

## 10. WORKMENS COMBINATION LAWS DECLARATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 23rd October.

## 11. DISTILLATION AND SALE OF COLONIAL BRANDY ACTS AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL:—The

Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Wall objected to this Bill on the ground that it contravened the 246th Standing Order requiring Bills relating to trade to originate in Committee of the Whole.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled against the objection taken.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Black,  
Mr. McCourt,  
Mr. James Morgan,  
Mr. Newman,  
Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. Rawlinson,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Copeland,  
Sir George Dibbs,  
Mr. Travers Jones,  
Mr. Pyers,  
Mr. Stevenson,  
Mr. Griffith,  
Mr. Schey.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Cruickshank.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. See,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Willard,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Barister,	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Mahony,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Shipway,	

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

## 12. CARRIAGES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Affleck, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to fines, penalties, and forfeitures under the Act 6 William IV, No. 2, and the Carriages Regulation Act of 1884.

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

Ordered,

9th October, 1894.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to fines, penalties, and forfeitures under the Act 6 William IV, No. 2, and the Carriages Regulation Act of 1884.

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

(2.) Mr. Affleck then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to fines, penalties and forfeitures under the Act 6 William IV, No. 2, and the Carriages Regulation Act of 1884*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th November.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 21.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Collieries using Government Railways:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Public Works,— Will he lay upon the Table of this House a tabulated statement showing,—
- (1.) The names of each and every colliery that uses the Government Railways in the Northern District, for the purpose of haulage and shipment of coal?
  - (2.) The price per ton paid to the Government by the various collieries in the Northern District for the haulage and shipment of their coal?
  - (3.) The relative rates charged for small and for round coal?
  - (4.) The actual distance that each colliery is situated by rail from the Dyke at Newcastle?
  - (5.) How much of the railway to and from each colliery belongs to the Government, and how much to the Coal Company?
  - (6.) The average number of wagons brought in from each colliery per train, and the tonnage of same?
  - (7.) Also the average tonnage per year during the past five years from each colliery?
  - (8.) Which of the collieries run their own trucks or wagons, and which of them hire trucks or wagons from the Government?
  - (9.) How much, and under what scale, is the Government paid for the hire of rolling-stock?
  - (10.) Whether the coal proprietors repair all damage done to their own trucks by the Government, or by the crane contractors, or do the Government repair them at their own cost?
  - (11.) Who repairs the damage done to the Government trucks when used for carrying coal for private companies?
  - (12.) Similar information having reference to collieries on the Western line; also on the Sydney and Illawarra line?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I am desired to point out to the Honorable Member that to supply the information to answer the series of questions raised would entail much labour and expense, and no public advantage would be served thereby. It may be added also that the information, unless accompanied with full particulars of the circumstances of each case, would not be properly understood. If the Honorable Member would be good enough to call on the Railway Commissioners, they would be glad to afford him information generally on the questions raised.

- (2.) Haulage and Shipment of Coal:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the present charge made by the Commissioners for the haulage and shipment of coal is enormously beyond what it costs companies who have their own private shipping places; and will he take steps to prevent those dependent upon Government facilities being crippled in their efforts of competition and development of the second great staple industry of the Colony, which may lead to the closing of some mines, whereby thousands of workmen may be thrown out of employment?
  - (2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the course followed by the Victorian Government in the development of the coal-mines of that colony, with a view of ascertaining if the statement is correct that they supply all trucks, keep the same in repair, make the branch lines of railway to the mines, and haul the coal produced for the sum of a ½d. per ton per mile?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware; and am informed that the average amount paid for the haulage of coal to Newcastle from the collieries, after deducting the cost of shipping and shunting and interest on the cost of shipping appliances, without allowing anything for depreciation, is only 4½d. per ton, which is only equal to about ¾d. per ton per mile.
- (2.) The minimum rate in Victoria is, I understand, 2s. per ton, although it may be stated the circumstances are not similar and do not admit of comparison, as no shipping charges to cover cranes, wharfage, and immense storing sidings are provided for in their rate.

(3.)

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- (3.) Erection of Jetties on the Hastings River :—Mr. Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has any permission been given to oyster-culture lessees on the Hastings River to erect jetties and to deposit stone in large quantities on their leased areas?
  - (2.) If not, is he aware that such obstructions are being made, and that it is necessary in the public interest, and in order to avoid disputes, to strictly define the powers of oyster-culture lessees?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
- (1.) No permission has been given by the Land's Department to erect such jetties, but inquiry will be made into the matter. Oyster-culture lessees are expected to improve their holdings, and a principal means of doing so is by laying down stone for cultch purposes.
  - (2.) Stones are being extensively laid down on some leased areas, and it is considered that the lessee is within his rights in doing so.
- (4.) Site for Boat-shed at Como :—Mr. Nicholson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners leased to Mr. Wills a site for a boat-shed at Como for £12 per annum?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that a Mr. Cooper offered £50 for the same site?
  - (3.) Were tenders called for publicly by the Railway Commissioners or their agents for the privilege of erecting a boat-shed on the embankment at Como?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I have to refer the Honorable Member to the Answers given to previous Questions on this subject, viz., on the 16th and 29th May and 5th June last.
- (5.) Promotion of Lieutenant Legge to the Rank of Captain :—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that one of the N.S.W. military officers (Mr. J. G. Legge), who left Sydney for India on the 1st October instant for the purpose of military instruction, was, on the day of his departure, promoted to the rank of Captain?
  - (2.) If so, by whose authority was such promotion made?
  - (3.) What reasons are there (if any) for such promotion?
  - (4.) Has such promotion received the sanction of the Governor and Executive Council, as required by the Volunteer Act?
  - (5.) What vacancy has this officer been promoted to?
  - (6.) Is this officer identical with Lieutenant J. G. Legge of the 1st Infantry Regiment?
  - (7.) Is it not a fact that at least one other Lieutenant of the 1st Infantry Regiment, senior in rank to this officer, has qualified, by examinations, for the rank of Captain, but has not received promotion?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—The officer referred to was not promoted to the rank of Captain.
- (6.) Telegrams sent in Support of Candidature of Mr. W. N. Willis :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it true that during the period of the late general election, Sir George Dibbs, the then Colonial Secretary, sent a number of telegrams to persons in the Barwon electorate urging them to support the candidature of Mr. W. N. Willis?
  - (2.) How many were sent?
  - (3.) Were the telegrams paid for, and if so, by whom?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—A number of telegrams were sent by authority of the late Chief Secretary on service at a cost of about £14.
- (7.) Removal of Mr. Pollock from position in Attorney-General's Office :—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Austin Chapman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Was Mr. Pollock, Barrister-at-law, removed from the position he held in the office of the Attorney-General, and the son of that Minister appointed to the position within a few days of the present Government taking office?
  - (2.) If this is so, will he give this House the reasons for such a change?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—Mr. Pollock never held any position in the Department of the Attorney-General, but was merely temporarily employed to render legal assistance to that Minister when required. There was no formal appointment, nor is there now; but every Attorney-General is at liberty to employ anyone whom he chooses. The services required are frequently of a very confidential nature, and the present Attorney-General, in selecting his son, a member of the Bar, to perform them, felt confident that the public interests would most certainly not suffer.
- (8.) Military Tournament held at the Agricultural Society's Ground :—Mr. Henry Chapman asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the late Government became liable for any deficiency in connection with the late Military Tournament held at the Agricultural Society's ground, Sydney?
  - (2.) If so, what was the amount?
  - (3.) Has Major-General Hutton refunded such deficiency; if not, why not?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
- (1.) The Government accepted no liability in the matter.
  - (2.) The deficiency was £225.
  - (3.) No; the accounts rendered by the Committee of the Military Tournament held in October last, were audited and published on the 19th January, 1894, and showed a small sum of about £11 credit, which was distributed among the Sydney Hospitals.
- (9.) Pension paid to Constable Alford :—Mr. Watkins asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has Constable Alford, who was seriously injured in the Bridge-street affray, received any pension from the Police Superannuation Fund?
  - (2.) If so, what is the amount of the pension; for how long; and what amount did he contribute to the fund?
- Mr.

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Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) He has been awarded a pension allowance.

(2.) Five shillings per diem for twelve months, at the expiration of which period his case to be reconsidered. He contributed £63 7s. 3d. to the Police Superannuation Fund.

- (10.) Officers of the Second Infantry Regiment:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that since Major-General Hutton took command of the Military Forces of this Colony, on the 21st April, 1893, the following officers of the 2nd Infantry Regiment have either resigned, retired, or tendered their resignations, or asked to be permitted to retire or resign:—Colonel Goodlet, Majors Longfield and Burnet, Captains Millard, D. Fraser, A. Fraser, Stack, and Chilcott, and Lieutenants Mason, Shipway, Anderson, and Geddes?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes.

- (11.) Compensation for Land resumed on the Molong-Parkes-Forbes Line:—Mr. Gardiner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have all claims for compensation for land resumed for railway purposes on the Molong-Parkes-Forbes line been settled?

(2.) Will he take steps to promptly deal with all disputed cases?

(3.) Where compensation has been given after considerable delay, is it the practice of the Department to allow interest on the amount granted?

(4.) Has interest been allowed in any case; if so, will it be granted to all alike?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) No; I find that in some cases no claims have been received; some are waiting acceptance of offer; in some, no abstracts of title have been received; and others are in course of settlement.

(2.) Yes; so far as it lies within the power of the Department.

(3.) The practice of the Department is to allow interest on the amount granted in all cases, where application is made for same, prior to the compensation money being paid.

(4.) Interest has been allowed in the circumstances stated in reply to the previous Question.

- (12.) Cost of Reappraisal of Western Division Leases:—Mr. Millen asked the Secretary for Lands,—What was the cost to the Crown of the reappraisal of Western Division leases brought under the Crown Lands Act of 1889?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—£9,355 1s. 4d., made up as follows:—Fees to appraisers, £4,763 0s. 10d., and travelling expenses, £4,592 0s. 6d.

- (13.) Special Endowments to Municipalities:—*Mr. Alexander Campbell*, for *Mr. Rigg*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Considering the unsatisfactory financial condition of several of the municipalities at the present time, through reduced assessments consequent upon the existing depression, and the delay in passing a Local Government Bill, is it the intention of the Government to provide immediate assistance by way of a special endowment, pending the passing of the proposed Local Government Bill; if so, to what extent?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I have commended the claims of the various municipalities to the consideration of the Colonial Treasurer.

- (14.) Amounts estimated and voted for certain Departments for 1893-4:—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he state the amount asked for on the original Estimates sent in by the undermentioned heads of Departments to their respective Ministers for 1894; the amounts placed on the Estimates-in-Chief submitted to Parliament for the said Departments; the amounts which it subsequently became necessary, in consequence of such reductions, to take from the Advance Account or the Consolidated Revenue for the services of the said Departments during 1894:—The Major-General; the Medical Adviser to the Government; the Department of Public Stores; the Government Printer; the Public Works Department; the Department of Public Instruction; the Department of Mines?

(2.) The same particulars for the year 1893?

(3.) Has the plan of reducing Estimates sent in by heads of Departments, and voting large sums on Supplementary Estimates to complete the services of the said Departments been generally resorted to of late years?

(4.) If so, what has been the result of such course with regard to the expenditure authorised by Parliament and to the public finances?

Mr. Reid answered,—This Question will involve considerable trouble; but all these matters have been under my consideration for some time, and I will deal with them in the Financial Statement.

- (15.) Alleged Fraudulent Practices on Shipments of New South Wales Products to Canada:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has the Government received any complaint from merchants and exporters in reference to shipments of New South Wales products to Canada?

(2.) If any complaints as to alleged fraudulent practices by the consignees of such goods have been received, will this Government make representations to the Government of Canada upon the subject?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) No such complaint has been received.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

- (16.) District Courts and Quarter Sessions at Warialda:—Mr. Hassall asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the repeated requests for re-establishment of District Courts and Quarter Sessions at Warialda?

Mr. Gould answered,—There will be no objection if moved for, and ordered by the House in the usual way.

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## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 29th August, 1894—"Exchange of lands in the Eastern Division."

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Wollongong Harbour Trust for the year 1893.
  - (2.) Return respecting Government Clothing.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Wilkinson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend the "District Courts Act of 1858," and the "District Courts Act Amendment Act of 1884" in certain particulars, and to increase the limit of jurisdiction in actions cognizable in the District Courts to five hundred pounds, and to regulate the fixing of dates for holding the District Courts, and to increase the facilities for the recovery in the District Courts of debts or liquidated demands in money with or without interest arising upon contracts express or implied.  
Question put and passed.

4. EARLY CLOSING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Smailes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the supervision and regulation of shops, and for the limitation of the hours of trading and working therein, and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Waratah, Mr. Griffith, a notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the administration of the Military Forces of the Colony."

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

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

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Garrard submitted that the subject of this notice was the same as that of notices already on the Business Paper for Tuesday, 16th October, and that to anticipate the discussion of such notices would be out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker sustained the objection taken.

6. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes after Six o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 22.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land resumed for Recreation Purposes on Church Point, Kiama:—Mr. Alexander Campbell asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the resumption of land for recreation purposes on the Church Point, Kiama, be completed and available for that purpose?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—So soon as certain legal difficulties have been overcome.

- (2.) Contractor for Work at Goulburn and Macquarie Streets:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Bavister, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) (a) Is the contractor for work in progress at Goulburn and Macquarie Streets school the same person as the one having the contract for new buildings at Ashfield public school, now nearly completed, and (b) was the contractor for the teacher's residence at Ashfield, about four years since, the same person?

(2.) In connection with the last-named contract, was there not some trouble about payments—sub-contractors or others having to take out garnishee orders to obtain their wages, or money due?

(3.) Does his Department take any action to secure the payment of wages to men engaged on contracts in that Department?

*Mr. Garrard* answered,—

(1.) (a) Yes; (b) No.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No; the Department can only deal with contractors. Workmen and others are protected by the Contractors' Debts Act.

- (3.) Assays made by the Officers of the Department of Mines:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the total number of assays made by the officers of the Department during the twelve months ending 30th June, 1894?

(2.) Total cost of same to the Department?

(3.) Amount received as fees or otherwise as payment for same?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

(1.) 3,233 assays and analyses.

(2.) £1,504 4s. 11d.

(3.) Nil.

- (4.) Influx of Asiatics:—*Mr. Willard* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware of the large influx of aliens (principally Kanakas) which has been recently, and is now, taking place across the Border from Queensland, and that as many as eighty-five recently arrived Kanakas are being employed by one firm, to the exclusion of white citizens?

(2.) What steps (if any) do the Government intend taking to prevent the immigration of these alien races into this Colony?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—Inquiries are now being made, and the matter shall have attention.

- (5.) Government Labour Bureau:—*Mr. Gardiner*, for *Mr. Wood*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the annual cost of the Government Labour Bureau since its establishment, with the names of all present employees at the Bureau, the nature of their duties, and their yearly salaries?

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

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(6) Duties of Mr. Owen Blacket at the Technical College:—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Referring to Question No. 6 of 3rd October,—

(1.) How many of the students personally instructed or supervised by Mr. Owen Blacket, stated by the Minister to number 193 on the average each day or evening per teaching week of six hours,—succeeded in passing the recent City of London Guilds examinations?

(2.) Does he approve of the letters "C.E." being appended to Mr. Blacket's name in the official programme of Technical College classes, he having stated that that gentleman has no approved title to the same?

(3.) Is it a fact that allowing for vacations, &c., the actual college terms do not exceed forty-two weeks per year?

(4.) If so, considering that £372 per annum is equal to £8 ls. 7d. per week for forty-two weeks of six hours each, or £1 9s. 6d. per hour (being liberal payment), does he intend to continue such payment?

(5.) Does he intend to continue the system of six hours per week instruction for the purpose of lecturing on engineering subjects to thirty-three students, and personally supervising the work of 160?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) No students entered for the City of London Guilds Examination in 1894. Entrance to these examinations is purely voluntary on the part of the students, and a fee is charged; this fee the students decline to pay.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes.

(4 and 5.) The matter has not yet received consideration.

(7.) Destruction of Unused Postage Stamps:—Mr. Wilks asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to an article in the *Daily Telegraph* of Saturday, 6th instant, upon the subject of destroying large quantities of unused postage stamps?

(2.) Is it a fact, as stated in the article in question, that £7,167 worth of stamps were destroyed last year?

(3.) What was the cost of producing that £7,167 worth of stamps at the Government Printing Office?

(4.) If such destruction occurred, who is responsible for it, and does he approve of the proceeding?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member probably refers to an advertisement which I had not seen until his question directed my attention to it.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) £37 19s. 7d., against which the sum of £358 was credited as discount.

(8.) Retirement of Late Superintendent of Fitzroy Dock:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House the complete text of paper No. 1, *in re* retirement of the late Superintendent of Fitzroy Dock, an excised copy of which was furnished on 17th October, 1893, at the request of Mr. G. D. Clark?

Mr. Young answered,—I have no objection.

(9.) City of Sydney Improvement Act:—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware of the need of amending the City of Sydney Improvement Act, so as to give the Board appointed under that statute power to take the initiative towards dealing with ruinous, dangerous, and unsightly buildings in Sydney?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session of Parliament, a Bill with the above object?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The matter has been brought under my notice and it shall have my attention.

(10.) Contracts let for Artesian Boring:—Mr. Rigg, for Mr. Russell Jones, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the late Minister for Works let certain contracts for artesian boring a few days before retiring from office?

(2.) If so, what are the names of the contractors and the price agreed to be paid per foot for the work; and the district?

(3.) On whose recommendation were the contracts entered into?

(4.) Was the work let without calling for tenders publicly?

(5.) Will he take steps to cancel any such contracts?

(6.) What are the names of the contractors at present holding contracts for boring under the supervision of the Works Department, the prices paid per foot to each contractor, and the time it will take to complete each contract?

(7.) How many inspectors are employed supervising boring contracts; the rate of pay each receives; and the names of the inspectors and their duties?

(8.) How many engineers are employed on the boring works of the Colony; their names, salaries, and their duties?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This information will be found in the Report of the Public Works Department, 1893-94, which was laid upon the Table of the House on the 12th ultimo, page 19.

(3.) On the recommendation and approval of the late Minister for Works.

(4.) Yes; but the work was given at a schedule of prices which had already been fixed by public tender in connection with the contractors referred to; it was, therefore, in the nature of an extension of the previous contracts.

(5.)



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- (5.) I cannot do so without involving the Government in heavy loss for compensation.
- (6.) The information will be found in the report already referred to. With regard, however, to the time which will be taken to complete each contract, this will entirely depend upon the fact as to the depth at which the water in the several bores is struck.
- (7.) So far as my Department is concerned, the following is the information required, five, viz.:—G. W. Townsend, £5 per week; W. K. Jeffery, 15s. per day; J. H. Crick, 15s. per day; E. Evans, 12s. per day; C. S. Hoskins, 12s. per day. Duties, to see that contract is carried out according to specification.
- (8.) I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for this information to be laid on the Table in the shape of a return, as I am unable to give the particulars so far as they relate to the bores being carried out by the Mines Department.

## (11.) Abatements or Gratuities paid during 1894:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have any amounts been paid as abatements or gratuities during the year 1894, which sums were not voted on the Estimates of 1893?
- (2.) If so, what is the total amount paid away?

Mr. Reid answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

## (12.) Railways authorised to be constructed since 1882:—Mr. Rigg, for Mr. Thomson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What lines of railway have been authorised by Parliament since the 1st July, 1882?
- (2.) What was the estimated cost of each of such lines, including land, at the time of authorisation?
- (3.) What was the actual cost of each of such lines, including land, on completion?

Mr. Young answered,—At the request of the Premier, made some days ago, I am having a return prepared showing the original estimates and actual cost of the principal works carried out by this Department. This will include the information asked for by the Honorable Member, and I have no doubt the return will be made available for public use by my honorable colleague. The Honorable Member will see that it is impossible to give the information he asks for, which will take some time to prepare, in the shape of a reply to a question.

## (13.) Survey of Land around Cobar:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, in view of the Land Bill soon becoming law, have instructions given to surveyors to survey a number of blocks for small settlements round the town of Cobar, so that immediately the Bill passes miners, wood-carters, and other persons will be able to get land to make homes for themselves and families?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—There are already special areas in existence in the vicinity of Cobar which can be divided into smaller areas, if found expedient. There is also a considerable area of suburban lands and Temporary Common to the west and north-west of the town, which is suitable for subdivision in the event of a *bona fide* demand arising. The District Surveyor will be asked to report at once.

## (14.) Appointment of Resident Magistrates:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he, in view of the great inconvenience being felt in many parts of the Colony for want of resident magistrates, take into his consideration the advisability of having a special list to meet such cases appointed at an early date?

Mr. Brunker, answered,—I am considering the advisability of removing the inconvenience complained of by the Honorable Member.

## (15.) Working Expenses of Railways constructed since July, 1882:—Mr. Rigg, for Mr. Thomson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What were the earnings, and what the working expenses and interest, on each line of railway, the construction of which was authorised by Parliament, since the 1st July, 1882, in the first year after opening?
- (2.) What have been the earnings, and what the working expenses and interest, on each of such lines in each subsequent year?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have to point out that since July, 1882, so many sections of the railways have been opened that it is impossible to give the information in the form of a reply to a question. A return will be prepared if moved for in the usual manner.

2. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Wilkinson, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'District Courts Act of 1858,' and the 'District Courts Act Amendment Act of 1884,' in certain particulars; and to increase the limit of jurisdiction in actions cognizable in the District Courts to five hundred pounds; and to regulate the fixing of dates for holding the District Courts; and to increase the facilities for the recovery in the District Courts of debts or liquidated demands in money with or without interest arising upon contracts express or implied.*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th November.

3. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Bavister, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act,' providing for forfeitures by each Member absent from Divisions in either House or Committee of the Whole, and for each such absence.*"—and moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Bavister.
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Dr. Graham,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Shipway,	
Mr. Whiddon,	
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Storey,	

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Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Law,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Millen,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Macdonald.
Mr. Robert Jones,	
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Millard,	

And so it passed in the negative.

## 4. PAPERS:—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.

(2.) Return respecting the Government Labour Bureau.

Ordered to be printed.

5. APPLICATION OF ALECIA LAWLER FOR CONDITIONAL PURCHASE IN PARISH OF COONEY, COUNTY OF HARDEN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Shipway moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A return showing the application of Alecia Lawler for a conditional purchase of 50 acres, in the parish of Cooney, county of Harden, together with all applications for additional conditional purchases made in connection with, or in virtue of, the first-mentioned application, such return to contain the date of each application; the areas applied for; the names of the applicants, and the names of all subsequent transferees, with the dates of any transfers; the names of any applicants for and grantees of gold-mining leases on any portion of the said lands.

(2.) Copies of all papers, documents, minutes, and reports, and evidence taken before the Local Land Board at Gundagai in connection with all such applications.

Question put and passed.

6. ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the admission of attorneys, solicitors, and proctors in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and to regulate the examination of persons applying under this Act to be admitted attorneys, solicitors, and proctors in the said Supreme Court.

Question put and passed.

7. ORDER OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That on "Tuesdays," unless otherwise ordered, Government Business only shall be taken after Seven o'clock p.m.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "Tuesdays" of the words "on which Notices of Motions have precedence on the Business Paper."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Austin Chapman.
Mr. Fegan,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Willard,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Smailes,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. James Morgan,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Ferguson.	

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Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Archibald Camp'ell,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Harris,
Dr. Ross,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Barister.
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Wall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Piddington,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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Original Question again proposed.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by the addition thereto of the following words "with the consent of a majority of this House."

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Young asked Mr. Speaker if Mr. Reid's speech in reply had not closed the Debate on this subject.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he thought, with some doubt, that an amendment to the Question, by way of addition, would not be out of order, and that the Debate could not, therefore, be closed.

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

Debate continued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Speaker, with reference to his previously expressed opinion as to Sir Henry Parkes' proposed amendment, said that having had time to give further consideration to the matter, he must rule that the Debate had been closed by Mr. Reid's reply, and that such amendment was too late, and, therefore, out of order.

Original Question then put,—That on Tuesdays, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business only shall be taken after Seven o'clock, p.m.

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Gormly,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Willard,	Mr. Asteck,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Thomas,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Frank Farnell.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Slattery,	Sir Henry Parkes.
Mr. See,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Austin Chapman,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. McMillan,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8 FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Fisheries Act of 1881 in certain respects*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
Sydney, 11th October, 1894.JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

9. HOSPITALS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to the management of Hospitals*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
Sydney, 11th October, 1894.JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## HOSPITALS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th October, 1894.*JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 6.	<i>After "fifty-nine" insert "hereinafter termed the Principal Act"</i>
Page 1, clause 2, line 10.	<i>Before "Act" insert "Principal"</i>
Page 1, clause 2, line 10.	<i>Omit "eleventh Victoria number fifty-nine"</i>
Page 1, clause 2, line 13.	<i>Omit "to" insert "as trustee or as member of"</i>
Page 1, clause 2, line 14.	<i>After "but" insert "no person"</i>
Page 1, clause 2, line 15.	<i>Omit "not"</i>
Page 1, clause 2, line 15.	<i>After "elected" insert "to any of the offices abovementioned"</i>

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- Page 1, clause 2, line 16. *Omit* "also"
- Page 1, clause 2, line 16. *Omit* "and present"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 5. *Omit* "proposed for election" *insert* "nominated"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 6. *Omit* "required" *insert* "to be elected"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 10. *Omit* "afterwards" *insert* "after the adjournment aforesaid"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 18. *Omit* "stands adjourned" *insert* "is called for the purpose of the  
"election"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 20. *Omit* "and opened by scrutineers duly appointed" *insert* "the scruti-  
"neers appointed at such meeting"
- Page 2, clause 4, line 25. *Omit* "After the passing of this Act"
- Page 2, clause 4, lines 30 and 31. *Omit* "commencement of such election and the conclusion of  
"the" *insert* "commencing of business at such meeting and the commencing of business  
"at the"
- Page 2, clause 4, lines 36 and 37. *Omit* "period hereinbefore mentioned" *insert* "twelve months  
"preceding the day for which the meeting is called"
- Page 2, clause 6, line 46. *Before* "Act" *insert* "Principal"
- Page 2, clause 6, line 46. *Omit* "eleventh Victoria number fifty-nine"
- Page 2, clause 7, lines 53 to 55. *Omit* "Governor with the advice of the Executive Council may  
"by notification in the *Gazette*" *insert* "Committee may"
- Page 3, clause 8, lines 1 and 2. *Omit* "Act eleventh Victoria number fifty-nine" *insert* "Principal  
"Act"
- Page 3, clause 8, line 12. *After* "time" *insert* "within twelve months"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday, 23rd October.

10. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. James Mair, Police Magistrate at Newcastle:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What is the yearly salary of Mr. James Mair, Police Magistrate at Newcastle?
- (2.) What amount was paid during the year ended 30th June, 1894, to Mr. Mair for his duties as District Bankruptcy Registrar for conducting meetings of creditors in connection with bankruptcy proceedings?
- (3.) What amount was paid to Mr. Mair for affidavit fees, &c., in addition to the amounts referred to in Questions (1) and (2) for the year ended 30th June, 1894?
- (4.) Does Mr. Mair receive any fees or allowances in addition to those indicated in Questions (1), (2), and (3); if so, what did they amount to for the year ended 30th June, 1894?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) £605, subject to deduction on account of the Superannuation Fund.
- (2.) £112 10s.
- (3.) £13 14s.
- (4.) No.

(2.) Publication of Illegal Leaflets and Posters:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the attention of the Police has been called in many instances to the issue of illegal leaflets and posters?
- (2.) Have they in any case taken action in reference to same?
- (3.) Is it a fact that when a complaint was lodged with the Attorney-General's Department in one of those cases, coupled with a copy of the illegal publication, no action was taken?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that the most searching inquiries have been made to discover the persons who have issued such publications, but the Police failed to obtain sufficient evidence to warrant proceedings.
- (3.) A complaint, coupled with a copy of the illegal publication, was lodged by Mr. Sleath with the Attorney-General on the 15th August. It was forwarded by the direction of that Minister on the 17th to the Inspector-General of Police for all necessary action, and Mr. Sleath was so informed by letter on the same day. A report has been received from the Police Department stating that the complaint in question resulted in three persons being each fined for being concerned in dispersing the leaflet referred to.

(3.) Case of E. O'Donnell, J.P., tried at Wilcannia:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a case tried at Wilcannia lately, where E. O'Donnell, J.P., was fined £5 for issuing an illegal document?
- (2.) Has he seen the document in question; and, if so, will he consider the question of the author of such a document holding a position on the Commission of the Peace in this Colony?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have inquired into the matter, and it has been reported to me by the Police Magistrate who adjudicated in the case that the document was a reprint of a letter published in one of the Broken Hill newspapers. He also reports that he considered the case a most trivial one. Under the circumstances, I do not consider it advisable to take any further steps in the matter.

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- (4.) Issue of an Illegal Document at Wilcannia:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a case lately tried at Wilcannia, where three men were fined for issuing an illegal document?
  - (2.) Is he aware that a number of others were implicated in this act?
  - (3.) Has any attempt been made to prosecute these others?
  - (4.) Has any effort been made to prosecute the printers of this document?

Mr. Gould answered,—The information desired has not yet been received by me; but I have again directed the attention of the Police to the matter, with a view of information being given to me on the subject as speedily as possible. When that is obtained, I will inform the Honorable Member.

- (5.) Extension of Pastoral Leases in the Forbes Land District:—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Secretary for Lands,—With reference to the decision of the late Minister for Lands to accept Board's recommendations for extension of pastoral leases in certain cases in the Central Division,—
- (1.) What are the names of the runs, area, and time of extension respectively of the pastoral leases so dealt with in the Forbes Land District?
  - (2.) What were the special reasons, if any, for the adoption of these recommendations?

Mr. Garrard answered,—This information will be given if the return is moved for in the usual way.

- (6.) Alleged Sentence passed on Artilleryman stationed at Coogee:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Griffith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—If it is a fact that one day last month an artilleryman stationed at Coogee was sentenced to forty-four days cells for attending his mother's funeral in private clothes?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces that it is not a fact.

- (7.) Holidays to Gangers and Fettlers in the Permanent-way Branch:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that gangers in the Permanent-way Branch receive six good-conduct holidays per year in addition to their ordinary holidays?
  - (2.) Do ordinary fettlers in the same Department receive any good-conduct holidays?
  - (3.) If not, will the Commissioners consider the claims of fettlers to at least half the number of holidays granted to gangers?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The ordinary fettlers receive on an average about twelve days holidays per annum.
  - (3.) The cost involved is too great. At the present time the value of the holidays granted to the Staff generally is £70,000 per annum. The pay granted to all grades is on the highest level of pay in the Colonies, and the privileges of various kinds are in addition to those rates of pay.
- (8.) Fluctuations in Prices of Wool:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has the Government given any attention to the enormous fall in wool prices, and can any reason be assigned for the serious loss and fluctuations in the market?
  - (2.) Is it true, according to Mr. Coghlan, the Government Statistician, that the fall in prices during the last ten years has been over 30 per cent.?
  - (3.) How much money has been lost to the Colony from this cause since 1884?
  - (4.) Did the Chief Inspector of Stock (Mr. Bruce) ascertain during his recent trip to America and England the cause, either directly or indirectly, of this enormous loss in the price of wool to the Colony; if so, what has been the result of his investigation?
  - (5.) Are the scientific officers in his Department prepared to assign any reason for this falling-off in quality and price of wool?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) The general commercial depression existing in this and other countries has its influence over wool as well as other commodities.
- (2.) I think Mr. Coghlan's statistics may be accepted as correct.
- (3.) To even reply "approximately" would entail a vast amount of research, and it is questionable whether the information would afford value for the expense in obtaining it.
- (4.) Mr. Bruce is now preparing his report on the general information received during his travels, and it is possible he may have done so.
- (5.) The quality of the wool generally has not fallen off. As to the reduction in price, this is answered by No. 1.

- (9.) Telegrams sent in Support of Candidature of Mr. W. N. Willis:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to Question No. 6 of Wednesday last, by which it appears that Sir G. R. Dibbs, while Colonial Secretary, expended about £14 of public money in telegrams for the purpose of supporting the candidature of Mr. W. N. Willis, the Honorable Member for the Barwon, will he kindly inform the House how many telegrams were so sent, and if he intends to take any steps to compel the honorable gentleman to refund the money so expended?

Mr. Brunker answered,—On 9th July a telegram in identical terms was sent to 130 persons. I have no doubt now that the attention of the late Chief Secretary has been so prominently drawn to the matter that he will see the propriety of liquidating this expense, which was evidently incurred for a private and not a public purpose.

- (10.) Regulations under Noxious Trades and Cattle-slaughtering Act:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that those holding slaughtering licenses in sparsely populated parts of the Colony are being subjected to great annoyances and expense by the Police insisting upon their erecting premises for slaughtering purposes under clause 2 of chapter 4 of the Regulations issued by the Board of Health, and which is only intended to apply to municipalities?
  - (2.) Is it his intention to revise the Regulations issued by the Board of Health by reducing the fees charged, and otherwise reducing the expenses country people are being put to in regard to premises?

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Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Special instructions have recently been issued by the Board of Health to the various Police officers acting as local authorities, informing them that Regulation No. 2, chapter 4, only applies to premises within municipalities.

(2.) The Board of Health shortly intends to recommend certain amendments in the Regulations, in order that any difficulties experienced in initiating the Act may be removed. I may add that I think some such alteration is greatly called for.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return respecting retirement of General Superintendent of Fitzroy Dock.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Members of late Parliament employed in the Public Service.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways, for Quarter ended September, 1894.

(2.) Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during September, 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Report and Proceedings of the Maritime Conference held at Hobart, April, 1894.

3. APPOINTMENT OF MR. ARTHUR GALTON TO CONTINUE THE PUBLICATION OF THE HISTORY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Hogue, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all correspondence, &c., in addition to that already ordered, that may have taken place between the Government and any persons in reference to the publication of the History of New South Wales from the Records.

(2.) Copies of any minutes, letters, or other documents in possession of the Government in reference to the contract entered into by Mr. Arthur Galton for writing the History of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

4. RESIGNATIONS OF OFFICERS FROM THE MILITARY FORCES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Shipway moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return of all officers of the Military Forces of the Colony who have, since the 1st January, 1893, tendered their resignations or retired, or expressed a desire to be allowed to resign their commissions, such return to contain the names of such officers, the different ranks held by them, and the periods of holding same, the length of service of each officer (including war services, and services, if any, as a private and non-commissioned officer), the examinations passed by each, and what honors, if any, obtained thereat, and the causes assigned by the said officers for so resigning, tendering their resignations, or retiring, and copies of all correspondence relating to such resignations and retirements.

Question put and passed.

5. VACANCIES FOR OFFICERS IN THE SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Shipway moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the vacancies at present existing for officers in the Second Infantry Regiment, such return to contain the dates when such vacancies first existed, and the names of the late officers whose retirements or resignations caused such vacancies, together with the respective ranks to be filled necessary to complete the establishment of the said regiment.

Question put and passed.

6. OFFICERS OF THE MILITARY FORCES WHO HAVE NOT PASSED NECESSARY EXAMINATIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Shipway moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return of all officers of the Military Forces of the Colony who have not passed the necessary examinations and schools of instructions (as required by the Regulations and Standing and General Orders) for commissions now held by them, such return to contain the names of such officers, the ranks now held by them, the dates of the first commissions issued to them, and the dates of their present commissions.

Question put and passed.

7. SITE FOR BOAT-SHED AT COMO (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nicholson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with the application of Messrs. Press and Wills to the late Minister for Lands, for a special lease of a site for a boat-shed at Como, and the refusal thereof.

Question put and passed.

8. LEASE GRANTED BY RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS OF LAND AT COMO (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nicholson moved, pursuant to Notice That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with the granting of a lease to Messrs. Press and Wills, or to Mr. John Wills, by the Railway Commissioners, of a portion of land under the waters of George's River, at Como, the same having been refused by the late Minister for Lands.

Question put and passed.

9. CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the amounts paid during the year 1894, as abatements or gratuities, which were not voted on the Estimates for 1894; also, the total amount paid.

Question put and passed.

10. LOCAL OPTION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a Bill to amend the Licensing Act should be introduced upon the basis of Local Option without compensation.

Question put.

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The House divided

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Young,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Sir Henry Parkes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Fegan.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Watson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Knox,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Leviau.
Mr. Thomson,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Stephen,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DEATH OF SIR ALFRED STEPHEN:—Mr. Reid stated that since the last meeting of this House Sir Alfred Stephen, one of the most eminent and distinguished colonists of Australia, had passed away, aged 92 years.
12. ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL:—Mr. Crick, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to the admission of attorneys, solicitors, and proctors in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and to regulate the examination of persons applying under this Act to be admitted attorneys, solicitors, and proctors in the said Supreme Court,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th November.
13. THE CIVIL SERVICE:—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no increase or change in the form of taxation should be tolerated until every effort is made to cope with the present extravagant expenditure existing through all branches of the Civil Service.  
(2.) That, with the view of giving effect to the foregoing resolution, administrative power should be taken from Ministers and handed over to an independent Civil Service Board, with authority to reconstruct the Service on commercial lines.  
(3.) That this reform is so urgent that no Estimates should be passed until effect is given to the same.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
14. INFLEX OF ASIATIC AND OTHER COLOURED RACES:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the continued influx of Asiatic and other coloured races is attended with social, industrial, and political danger.  
(2.) That, in view of the growing volume of this immigration, the adoption of a prohibitive law is a matter of urgent necessity.  
(3.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Question put and passed.
15. THE MILITARY FORCES:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all resignations, retirements, retrenchments, promotions, recommendations for promotions, and appointments of Officers, Warrant Officers, and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Military Forces of the Colony of New South Wales since the 1st day of January, 1893.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Black, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Griffith, Mr. McLean, Mr. Millard, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Sleath,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. O'Reilly.
Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Smailes,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Hughes,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Shipway,	
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Ferguson,	

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Mr. Frank Farnell,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. See,	Mr. Newman,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Brunker,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Ashton.
Mr. William Morgan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Knox.

And so it passed in the negative.

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*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 11th October, 1894.*

16. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

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

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 24.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Homestead Leases in the Western Division:—Mr. Millen asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
What area has been applied for, and what is now available for homestead leases in each of the land districts of the Western Division?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

Land District.	Area granted as Homestead Leases.	Area available for Homestead Leases.
	acres.	acres.
Balranald ... ..	628,066	1,277,160
Bourke ... ..	3,234,216	4,816,806
Brewarrina ... ..	1,327,980	169,210
Cobar ... ..	421,671	2,710,968
Hay, North ... ..	570,555	26,908
Hillston, North ... ..	595,623	1,957,336
Walgett, North ... ..	943,915	174,127
Wentworth ... ..	365,037	2,303,053
Wilcannia ... ..	612,803	9,357,456
Willyama (Broken Hill) ... ..	469,882	5,814,699
Totals ... ..	9,169,748	28,607,723

- (2.) Appointment of Water Conservation and Irrigation Staff:—Mr. McGowen asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The date of the appointment of the Water Conservation and Irrigation staff?
- (2.) Their instructions?
- (3.) The cost up to 30th September, 1894?
- (4.) The area reported on in the Eastern, Central, and Western Divisions respectively?
- (5.) The area in each division which could be made capable of cultivation, and also the areas which could be made capable of carrying more stock?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

- (1.) The work of the Water Conservation Branch practically began at the date of the expiration of the Royal Commission on the Conservation of Water in May, 1887.
- (2.) There were no specific instructions that I am aware of; the duties were obvious.
- (3.) £53,372.
- (4.) Eastern, 70 square miles; Central, 30,500 square miles; Western, 36,100 square miles.
- (5.) To obtain this information would require a great deal of research and examination, and it is impossible, therefore, to give it in the shape of a reply to a Question. I shall, however, be quite prepared to obtain it if moved for in the usual way.

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- (3.) Amending Fire Brigades Bill:—Dr. Hollis asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during this Session an amending Fire Brigades Bill, to put the country brigades boards on an equal footing with the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I can only refer the Honorable Member to the Answer given to his Question on the 4th instant. While admitting the necessity for legislation on this subject, I cannot make any promise as to the introduction of a Bill in the present state of public business.

- (4.) Occupation License Fees in the Eastern Division:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—Why have the occupation license fees for runs in the Eastern Division to be paid this year on or before the 28th of November, instead of on or before the 31st of December as formerly?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This system was inaugurated last year, in order that the sanction of the Governor and Executive Council to the renewal of occupation licenses for the ensuing year may be obtained before the end of the current year.

- (5.) Pastures and Stock Protection Act:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The amount of money received annually under the Stock and Pasture Protection Act?
- (2.) The number of Stock inspectors employed under the Stock and Pasture Protection Act?
- (3.) The amount paid to the same annually in the shape of salaries?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Year 1881, £17,648 19s. 10d.; 1882, £45,772 12s. 8d.; 1883, £32,781 14s. 2d.; 1884, £48,069 15s. 8d.; 1885, £61,754 15s. 4d.; 1886, £41,585; 1887, £32,651 13s. 8d.; 1888, £25,474 2s. 10d.; 1889, £33,257 0s. 3d.; 1890, £33,649 0s. 11d.; 1891, £31,664 8s. 9d.; 1892, £37,733 19s. 8d.; 1893, £39,116 15s. 7d. This information is given annually in the Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock.

(2.) Fifty-one.

(3.) They do not receive salary as inspectors under the Pastures and Stock Protection Acts.

- (6.) Deaths from Snake-bites:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the Question asked by Dr. Ross, on 1st March, 1893, relating to deaths from snake-bite, when will the publication of the chromo-lithographs of the snakes in the Colony, distinguishing the venomous from the non-venomous, and promised on that occasion, be likely to be ready and available for the use of public schools and the public?

(2.) How far have the Museum authorities proceeded with the work, and when is it likely to be in readiness for publication?

(3.) What has been the result of experiments made at the University in regard to the most reliable treatment in cases of snake-bite or poison?

Mr. Brunker answered,—This Question ought properly to have been asked of the Minister of Public Instruction. However, I will endeavour to obtain the information, and supply it to the Honorable Member to-morrow.

- (7.) Telegraph Line between Nyngan and Cobar:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that no telegraph line has been constructed along the railway line from Nyngan to Cobar?

(2.) Is he aware that in case of serious accident the delay in getting medical assistance (owing to there being no telegraph line) may result in the loss of human life?

(3.) Is he aware that great inconvenience is felt at Cobar when trains are running late owing to the want of early intimation by telegraph?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed no special wire is provided, nor does the traffic justify the expenditure necessary.

- (8.) Inquiry into the Civil Service:—Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Government completed arrangements for a systematic and exhaustive inquiry *re* the condition of the Public Departments?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Commission from outside of officers in the Public Service to examine into the duties and fitness of every officer?

(3.) Will the Government appoint a sufficient number of Commissioners to inquire into the whole of the Service within a reasonable period?

(4.) Will the Government empower the Commission to inquire into the cases of all retrenched officers?

Mr. Reid answered,—The nature and scope of the proposed inquiry into the Public Service expenditure will be seen when the Commission is issued, and that will be done within a week, I hope.

- (9.) Minimum Rate of Wage for Unskilled Labour:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the minimum rate of the scheduled wage for unskilled labour at the construction of the Kenmore Asylum is to be 5s. per day, whereas the minimum for similar labour in the county of Cumberland and Newcastle is to be 6s. a day?

(2.) If so, why does he determine the rate 1s. a day less in the electorate of Argyle than in any Electorate adjacent to Sydney or Newcastle?

(3.) Is he aware that money has no greater purchasing power in Goulburn and Argyle than in Sydney and Newcastle?

Mr. Young answered,—It appears to me that the Honorable Member misconceives the object of the minutes, which deal with the question referred to. It was not my idea to fix a standard, or any, rate of wage, but simply to devise measures with a view to protect the less skilled body of workmen from the disastrous effects of sweating. I am well aware that the minimum rate referred to in the Board's minute does not represent the average wage, and it is obviously almost impossible to

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to satisfactorily compass this by any regulation; but the evil aimed at has, I hope, been successfully grappled with. To attempt to accomplish more would, I fear, endanger the sacrifice of a substantial advantage for one which, in the present state of the labour market, is impossible to attain. With regard to the specified question raised by the Honorable Member, I think it must be acknowledged that living in the country is cheaper than in the city, but the rates referred to are tentative only, and are subject to revision as circumstances may prove to be necessary.

- (10.) Southern Breakwater at Newcastle:—Mr. Ellis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, as the work is an absolute necessity to render the bar more safe, and thus navigable to a greater depth, and at the same time find employment for a number of unemployed persons resident in the district, consider the advisability of at once proceeding with the work of extending the southern breakwater at Newcastle?

Mr. Young answered,—I have called for a report on the subject, and will bring the matter before the Cabinet at an early date.

2. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Lees moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to light the streets, also public and private places of the city of Sydney, with the electric light, and also places outside the said city; and to exercise all powers necessary for such purposes; and for the generating and supply of electric power; and for the above purposes to raise by debentures the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Lees then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to light the streets, also public and private places of the city of Sydney, with the electric light, and also places outside the said city; and to exercise all powers necessary for such purposes; and for the generating and supply of electric power; and for the above purposes to raise by debentures the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand pounds,*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th December.

3. SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES PAID TO OFFICERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES PERMANENT MILITARY FORCES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Shipway moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the salaries and allowances paid or granted for the years 1893 and 1894 to all officers of the New South Wales Permanent Military Forces, such return to be made in four columns—Column (1) rank and names; (2) rate of pay for each year; (3) total allowances for each year; (4) grand total, pay and allowances, for each year.

Question put and passed.

4. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT COURTS AND COURTS OF QUARTER SESSIONS AT WARIALDA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with the repeated requests for the re-establishment of District Courts, and Courts of Quarter Sessions at Warialda.

Question put and passed.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 2nd October, 1894,—“Architects employed by Government.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

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

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

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

Ordered to be printed.

- (4.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

6. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a decision thereon had been given.

*Point of Order*:—The Chairman explained that the Committee were considering clause 3 of the Bill, dealing with the withdrawal of pastoral leases for settlement purposes, and an amendment was offered to insert after “1884” in line 37 the words “and nothing in the clause should preclude the Governor from acquiring the whole or any part of a pastoral lease under the provisions of Part III of the Bill,”—which amendment he held to be beyond the scope and title of the Bill. Exception being taken to his opinion, the Committee ordered that the question should be referred for Mr. Speaker’s decision.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled in accordance with the Chairman’s opinion.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that another *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a decision thereon had been given.

*Point of Order*:—The Chairman stated that clause 4 was under consideration, providing for conversion of pastoral lease into occupation license, and an amendment was proposed to omit subsection (ii) and insert,—

“When the holder of any lands held under preferential occupation license desires to make any improvement on the land so held, he shall give notice of his intention to the Local Land Board, stating the nature of the proposed improvement and its probable cost.

“The Board may thereupon grant a license to such holder to make such improvement, and shall by the license specify the maximum value which shall be attributed to such improvement in the event of tenant right being claimed in respect thereof at any time thereafter. And no value shall be attributed to any such improvement except it be of such a nature as to be of value to any person thereafter selecting the land containing the same; and such value shall not exceed in amount the value of such improvement to any such selector.

“When any holder as aforesaid makes an improvement in accordance with any such license he shall send to the Local Land Board a detailed statement of the work done in making the improvement and of the expenditure in respect thereof. Such statement shall be examined by the Board, and if found correct shall be certified by the Chairman thereof, and retained in the office of the said Board.”—

To which objection was taken on the ground that such amendment was irrelevant to the clause. He ruled that it was in order, but the Committee required Mr. Speaker's decision.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that no amendment could properly be proposed to a clause which was irrelevant to the subject matter of such clause, but should be proposed as a new clause or as an amendment to a clause to which it was relevant. In his opinion this amendment transgressed the rule of relevancy.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunner moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Floods on the Clarence:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. McFarlane*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any decision respecting *Mr. Archibald's* plans for minimising the destruction caused by floods on the Clarence?

*Mr. Young* answered,—A survey has been made, but the report of the Engineer-in-Chief is not yet before me. When it is I will quickly come to a decision and communicate same to the Honorable Member.

- (2.) Captain Kyngdon, New South Wales Artillery:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Shipway*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Captain Kyngdon, of the New South Wales Artillery, has left this Colony for England for the purpose of military instruction?
- (2.) For what period is it intended that this officer will be absent from the Colony?
- (3.) What will be the cost of sending this officer to England, including the cost of his maintenance and all expenses during his absence from the Colony?
- (4.) Out of what fund will such moneys be paid?
- (5.) What service has this officer had, and what examinations has he passed?
- (6.) What is his salary (including all allowances)?
- (7.) Will he receive this salary during his absence from the Colony?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—I will lay upon the Table a return in answer to these Questions.

- (3.) Promotion of Lieutenant Legge to the Rank of Captain:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Shipway*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to Question No. 5, of Wednesday, 10th October, and the Answer thereto, by which it appears that Lieutenant Legge, who left Sydney for India on the 1st October, was not promoted to the rank of captain,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a General Order, No. 195, bearing date the 29th September last, has been printed at and issued from head-quarters, Victoria Barracks, containing, amongst other things, the following:—"In accordance with the approval of the Colonial Secretary and the concurrence of the Government of India, the following officers will proceed to India on Monday next, the 1st proximo . . . Captain James Gordon Legge, First Infantry Regiment . . . "?
- (2.) By whose authority was such General Order made, printed, and issued?
- (3.) In view of the fact that this officer was not promoted, will he call upon the responsible officer for an explanation why, in such General Order, this officer is designated by the rank of captain?
- (4.) Will he cause such General Order, or so much thereof as refers to this officer, to be cancelled or amended?
- (5.) Has this officer been recommended for promotion; and, if so, by whom, to what rank, and to what vacancy?
- (6.) What reasons (if any) are there for such recommended promotion?
- (7.) Is it not a fact that at least one other lieutenant of the First Infantry Regiment, senior in rank to this officer, has qualified by examinations for the rank of captain, but has not been promoted?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—I will lay a return upon the Table, embodying the information desired.

- (4.) Pay to Officer for Non-attendance at Parades:—*Mr. Henry Chapman* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a certain officer, holding a commission in the Partially-paid Artillery, was paid for attendance at parades for the quarter ending 31st December 1893, when he had actually left the Colony *en route* for England?

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(2.) If so, was it with the sanction of the Government?

(3.) If not with the sanction of the Government, by whose authority was clause 126 of the Volunteer Force Regulations violated, and will he cause any such pay to be refunded if issued without their sanction?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Yes; to become efficient for the year, as the officer was on duty.

(2 and 3.) Yes.

(5.) Net-fishing in the Tumut River:—Mr. Travers Jones asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that net-fishing at the junction of the Tumut River with the Murrumbidgee is preventing the fish from going up the river to spawn?

(2.) Is he aware that the Fisheries Commissioners have been petitioned to prohibit net-fishing in the Tumut River from the junction upwards?

(3.) Will he recommend that the whole of the river from the junction to 5 miles above Tumut township be closed against net-fishing, as the portion proposed to be closed by the Commissioners would not prevent the extermination of fish in the river?

Mr. Bruncker answered.—

(1.) The matter is being inquired into.

(2 and 3.) Yes; the Commissioners received the petition referred to, and on consideration recommended the closure of that portion of the river which would be embraced within the limits of a straight line terminating at points distant 5 miles on either side of the centre of the town of Tumut, to effect which steps are now being taken.

(6.) Gundagai to Tumut Railway:—Mr. Travers Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the first section of the Gundagai to Tumut railway has been constructed?

(2.) Will he take into consideration the advisability of further extending the line as surveyed to Tumut?

(3.) Will he have the extension to Tumut reported on by the Public Works Committee, with the object of including the line in the Government railway policy?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) The original Cootamundra to Gundagai line was extended to a point three quarters of a mile nearer the township, and charged to the Gundagai-Tumut vote.

(2 and 3.) The matter will be considered when the railway proposals of the Government are before the Cabinet, but I can make no definite promise in regard to it at the present moment.

(7.) Contract in connection with Kenmore Asylum:—Mr. Bavister, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any contract over £1,000 been accepted on the Kenmore Asylum?

(2.) If so, by whom?

(3.) Is it his intention to apply the principles of his minute *re* rate of wages on all contracts let from his Department?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Yes; but not since I issued my minute in regard to the question of the prevention of sweating on contracts taken under my Department.

(2.) A contract was let to Mr. Baldwin on the 16th February last by the late Minister for Works, for the sum of £12,760 Gs. 5d.

(3.) It is clear that in contracts already let I cannot alter the conditions under which they were entered into, but my minute will apply to all future contracts which come within its terms. I may further inform the Honorable Member that I have determined to considerably reduce the £1,000 limit.

(8.) Influx of Asiatics and other Coloured Races:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Sir Henry Parkes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government, in view of the evils attending the influx of Asiatics, to introduce a "prohibitive law as a matter of urgency," in accordance with the resolution passed on the 16th October, 1894, with the concurrence of Ministers?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am glad the Honorable Member has asked this Question, as it gives me an opportunity of making an explanation. Whilst the Government are thoroughly in accord with the Honorable Member for Cobar that any serious influx of Asiatics would be a matter of the gravest possible concern, I intended to object to the second clause of the resolution, to the effect that "in view of the growing volume of this immigration, the adoption of a prohibitive law is a matter of urgent necessity," as I had made inquiries and ascertained that the immigration of Asiatics during the past few years was not significant enough to challenge notice. I had sent for the papers in order to speak on the motion, but through an inadvertance the question was allowed to pass without any debate.

(9.) Telegrams sent during late Election marked O.S.:—Mr. Bavister, for Mr. Cann, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What number of telegrams was sent marked O.S. of a private character during the last election?

(2.) By whom sent; to which electorates; and what would be the total cost of such telegrams?

Mr. Cook answered,—Messages marked "O.S.," and signed by authorised persons, are seldom scrutinised or questioned, and before these Questions can be answered it will be necessary to collect and carefully examine all telegrams sent "O.S." during the last election, a task which would occupy several days. I have no reason to suppose that there are any others, but if the Honorable Member will give notice of the Question for one day next week, I will have the necessary search made in the meantime.



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- (10.) Storey, witness for Crown in the "Rodney" Trial:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Storey, the principal witness for the Crown in the "Rodney" trial, now taking place at Broken Hill, has served several sentences in the New South Wales gaols?
  - (2.) If so, how many, and what were the offences?
  - (3.) What was the term of sentence, and the time actually served in each sentence?
  - (4.) Has this same witness served certain sentences in the adjoining colonies; and, if so, what were the offences and sentences?

Mr. Gould answered,—This is a Question that has reference to a case which was pending the other day, and it is not a class of Question that Ministers have any right to be called upon to answer in this House. I shall decline to answer it.

- (11.) Improvements on Pastoral Leases in the Central Division:—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Clarke, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he supplement the various papers already on the Table of the House by furnishing another paper, giving the value of the improvements on each pastoral lease in the Central Division as assessed by the various Local Land Boards, and in virtue of which they recommended extensions of leases?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The papers containing this information are with the Land Appeal Court (with but few exceptions), and the compilation of this information would necessitate considerable expense and largely disarrange the ordinary and equally urgent work of the Lands Department.

- (12.) Hawkesbury River Bridge:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the total cost of the Hawkesbury River Bridge?
  - (2.) What was the Departmental estimate for same?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Total cost, £355,163 6s. 9d.

(2.) No Departmental estimate was made for the present bridge, which was the result of competitive tendering and designs.

- (13.) Constable Martin, at Booligal:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Dr. Hollis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has Constable Martin, lately stationed at Booligal, been removed from the Service?

(2.) If so, on what ground?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) For neglect of duty and general unfitness for the Service.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table.—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Mulgoa.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return containing information respecting Captain Kyngdon, New South Wales Artillery.

(3.) Return containing information respecting Lieutenant James Gordon Legge, First Infantry Regiment.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 25th September, 1894,—“Costs in case *Eddy v. Martin*.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Stevenson, a Notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., “the administration of the Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1894 by the Board of Health.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—Mr. Stevenson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 4th September, 1894,—“Senior-sergeant Vaughan,”—and moved, That the document be printed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Gould,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Greene,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Miller,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Storey,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Gormly,	

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Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Newman,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Fowier,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Lees,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Barister.
Mr. Schey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Black,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Hassall.

And so it passed in the negative.

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5. LUNACY CONVENTION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the law relating to the Insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent Colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th October, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

6. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported a *Point of Order* from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the Speaker's decision thereon.

*Point of Order*:—The Chairman stated that clause 8, which provided for a new appraisalment of the rents of pastoral leases and homestead leases in the Western Division, being under consideration, an amendment was proposed to insert after the word "any" in line 2 the words "conditional lease or." The proposed amendment was objected to on the ground that it was irrelevant to the clause, and outside the limits, scope, and frame-work of the Bill. He ruled that the objection was valid. Exception being taken to this ruling, the Committee referred the matter to the House for Mr. Speaker's decision.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker referred to his ruling on a similar point which arose on the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 Further Amendment Bill (No. 2), given on 16th May, 1894, and which ruling had since been submitted to and endorsed by the Clerk of the House of Commons. In the case now submitted he must rule that the amendment proposed to introduce into the clause a new principle not endorsed by the House on the second reading of the Bill, and that it was irrelevant to the clause. He upheld the ruling of the Chairman that the amendment was out of order.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

7. KENMORE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Young then moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the erection of a Hospital for the Insane at Kenmore, near Goulburn.*"

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of a Hospital for the Insane at Kenmore, near Goulburn,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th October, 1894.

The House adjourned at four minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

Act of South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bay View Asylum:—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Secretary,—In connection with the Bay View Asylum inquiry, will he state,—

(1.) What (if any) antecedent professional appointments or experience in lunacy work—whether medical, legal, or administrative—each member has filled outside the Colony?

(2.) What official appointments in this Colony in connection with lunacy each Commissioner has held, or may now be holding?

(3.) The subject or subjects the Commission has been desired to report upon?

(4.) If the inquiry be not limited to one particular medical case, have the services of the Commission been invoked in the direction of affording Government and Parliament information for future guidance touching domestic, structural, disciplinary, educational, recreative, purely medical, and financial arrangements in connection with the inmates of private asylums for the insane?

(5.) Has the Commission been required to offer suggestions or express an opinion on the principle of permitting the existence of private proprietary asylums, or of providing any possibly advantageous substitute for these, likely to be more satisfactory as curative agencies, and free from features calculated to excite the fears of or give pain to the relatives and friends of afflicted inmates?

Mr. Brunner answered,—The Commission was appointed in consequence of the allegations made in Parliament respecting the treatment of patients at the Licensed House for the Insane at Cook's River, known as Bay View House, and to make full inquiry as to the truth or otherwise of such allegations. The Government are of opinion that the members of the Commission possess the necessary qualifications for conducting such inquiry.

- (2.) Clerks of Petty Sessions and Land Agents Commissioners for Affidavits:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many Clerks of Petty Sessions and Land Agents are Commissioners for Affidavits, and did they pay the prescribed fee?

(2.) Have any of such paid the fees collected by them into the Treasury?

(3.) Are such fees not the rightful property of the said Commissioners for Affidavits?

(4.) Will he authorise such fees to be refunded at once to those Commissioners who may have paid such fees in error into the Treasury?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1 and 2.) Clerks of Petty Sessions, as a rule, are appointed Commissioners for Affidavits for the convenience of the public in connection with their office; and before the passing of the Clerks of Petty Sessions Fees Act (50 Vic. No. 32) they were required to pay the fee fixed under the Rules of the Supreme Court on their Commission, but since the passing of that Act, under which they pay the fees for the taking of affidavits to the Treasury, it has been customary for this Department to pay the prescribed fee out of a Vote for Contingencies. By section 22 of the Crown Lands Act, 1887 (53 Vic. No. 21), every Crown Lands Agent is deemed to be a Commissioner for Affidavits for the purposes of the Crown Lands Act and Registration of Deeds Act.

(3 and 4.) The Clerk of Petty Sessions Fees Act of 1887 provides for the payment of all fees received by every Clerk of Petty Sessions to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

- (3.) Cases at Pooncarie, *re* steamer "Rodney":—Mr. Cann asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the cases at Pooncarie, *re* the steamer "Rodney," the cases were adjourned on account of the ill-health of the P.M.?

(2.) Was not the solicitor for the defence asked not to attend again until he was notified by the persons in charge of the cases; and were not the cases taken without the presence of the solicitor for the defence?

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(3.) Did not the persons interested repeatedly ask for an adjournment, to admit of the attendance of their legal adviser; and was not such adjournment refused, and the cases taken without their having a chance of properly defending their cases?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Police Magistrate, Wentworth, as follows:—

(1.) The cases at Pooncarie, *re* the burning of the steamer "Rodney," were twice adjourned; on the first occasion for eight days, at the request of the Police; on the second occasion for three days, owing to the illness of the Police Magistrate.

(2.) On the first adjournment the solicitor for the defence was informed that the Police would notify him when they were ready to proceed, which was done accordingly. The cases were taken on the 29th ultimo, when the Bench received a telegram from the solicitor for the defence to the effect that the telegram sent by the Police was not received by him until after the departure of the Broken Hill coach, and requesting adjournment of the cases until the 3rd instant; as the Police, however, stated that their telegram to the solicitor for the defence was sent in time to reach him thirteen hours before the departure of the coach, and as all the witnesses for the Crown and a number for the defence were in attendance, many of whom were brought a long distance, the adjournment was refused, the solicitor having had ample time to make arrangements for reaching Pooncarie.

(3.) No; they were afforded every opportunity for properly defending cases, in support of which statement it may be mentioned they called seventeen witnesses, and did not ask for an adjournment to obtain other witnesses. The witnesses sworn for the Crown, having identified prisoners as present at the fire, although the witnesses for the defence all sought to prove an *alibi*, a *prima facie* case was, in the opinion of the Police Magistrate, made out.

(4.) Entrance Fee for the City and Guilds of London Examinations:—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Referring to Question No. 6 of 11th instant,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the entrance fee for the City and Guilds of London examinations is only 2s. 6d.?

(2.) Is it a fact that a list of twenty-five students of the Technical College, representing every section but that of mechanical engineering, who have passed the 1894 City and Guilds of London examinations, many with honours, has appeared on the notice board of the Technical College since the 16th August continuously?

(3.) How many students of the College entered for the aforesaid examinations in each section?

(4.) Will he inquire why, out of 193 students in an important section of the College (mechanical engineering), attended to by one lecturer and six teachers, no student should be willing to pay a small fee for the purpose of trying to obtain an award of honor for proficiency?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; a list has appeared which shows that nineteen candidates from Sydney (including students of the Sydney Technical College) passed the examinations referred to. The subjects in which the candidates passed represent, however, but a few sections of the College, and included in the list are subjects not taught in Sydney, viz., iron and steel manufacture and mine surveying.

(3.) Plumbing, 7; brickwork and masonry, 5; electric lighting, 3; carpentry, 2; metal-plate work, 1.

(4.) The Superintendent reports that the students state that such passes do not assist them in obtaining employment.

(5.) Alleged Capitalists perpetrating Frauds on Farmers in the Country Districts:—Mr. Haynes asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to a number of frauds perpetrated on farmers in the interior districts by persons in Sydney, describing themselves as capitalists, pretending a readiness to make advances on mortgages on payment of considerable preliminary fees?

(2.) If his attention has not up to the present been drawn to the matter, will he ascertain from the heads of the Police Department whether their investigations do not reveal cases of fraud, and if steps can be taken to bring the offenders to justice?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that such cases have been reported to the Police.

(2.) Mr. Fosbery further states that, judging from the Police reports, the circumstances so far have not warranted any prosecution.

(6.) Nurses at the Coast Hospital, Little Bay:—Mr. Storey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the junior nurses at the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, who have been there for a number of years, are to be asked to pass an examination on subjects which they have never been lectured on, or even instructed in?

(2.) Are the nurses who fail to pass such examinations to be asked to resign, and nurses from outside be taken in their places?

(3.) Have all the senior nurses passed examinations?

(4.) Will the senior nurses who have not passed any examinations be examined?

(5.) Will they be asked to resign, failing their passing the necessary examination?

(6.) Will he have inquiries made generally into the working of this hospital, and see that justice is done to those who are most entitled to it?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed by the Medical Adviser to the Government that senior nurses at the Coast Hospital have been appointed or promoted to their office in consideration of their having passed qualifying examinations, or on the certificate of the Medical Superintendent and matron that they were suitable for the position. It has been decided that junior and probationary nurses, in order to qualify themselves for promotion on the staff, shall undergo certain test examinations within twelve months, and if they fail to pass the examination it will show that they are not fitted for the vocation of nursing.

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- (7.) The Permanent Artillery Force:—Mr. Henry Chapman asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the total strength of the Permanent Artillery Force—Officers, Warrant-officers, non-Commissioned Officers, and men on the 31st December, 1892?
  - (2.) What was the total strength of the same on the 30th June, 1893?
  - (3.) What was the total strength of the same on the 31st December, 1893?
  - (4.) How many Officers, Warrant-officers, non-Commissioned Officers, and men were struck off the strength, either through death, resignation, discharge, or dismissal for same periods?
  - (5.) How many Officers, Warrant-officers, non-Commissioned Officers, and men were enrolled or placed on strength for same periods?

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

- (8.) Abolition of Duties on Agricultural Produce:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the uncertainty surrounding the date when he proposes to abolish the duty on wheat is having a prejudicial effect on the business transactions connected with the incoming harvest?
  - (2.) To correct this uncertainty, will he inform the country definitely whether the duties on agricultural produce will be removed before the disposal of the harvest of 1895?

Mr. Reid answered,—If the Honorable Member will refer to the published report of my interview with a deputation of millers and farmers a few days ago he will get all the information I am prepared to give at the present time.

- (9.) H.M.S. "Crescent":—Mr. Watkins, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that H.M.S. "Crescent," Flagship of the Australasian Fleet, has been sent away to Singapore?
  - (2.) If so, is it a fact that her duty will be the protection of the British marine in Chinese waters?
  - (3.) If so, what measures have been taken for the defence of Australasian interests in her absence?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) H.M.S. "Crescent" is not the flagship on the Australian Station. She was *en route* to Australia on transport duty, and was diverted to Singapore by Admiralty Order.
- (2.) Her duty in Chinese waters—if she is sent there—will undoubtedly be the protection of British life and property.
- (3.) The strength of H.M. Fleet in Australasia in the meantime remains undiminished.

2. LICENSING ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. James Morgan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend the "Licensing Act of 1882," 45 Victoria No. 14.  
Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Morgan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Licensing Act of 1882,' 45 Victoria No. 14,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th December.

3. NATIVE FLORA PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect, for a certain period, the native flora of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Second Pipe-line from Walka to Buttai for Hunter River District Water Supply*) [*Formal Motion*]:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai, in connection with the Hunter River District Water Supply, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.  
Question put and passed.

5. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Lunacy Convention Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,  
Governor.

Message No. 18.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the law relating to the Insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 23rd October, 1894.

- (2.) Fisheries Act Amendment Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,  
Governor.

Message No. 19.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act of 1881' in certain respects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 23rd October, 1894.

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## 6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Amended By-law under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894; Beattie-street, Balmain, Drain.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873 and Amendment Acts of 1886 and 1890.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Dungog, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Kempsey.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Return respecting the Permanent Artillery Force.

(5.) Table showing the number of Electors on the Electoral Roll, approximate number of Electors qualified to vote, and the number of votes recorded in each Electorate.

7. LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL:—Mr. Tonkin, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the practice of the Legal Profession by amalgamation of the separate branches thereof, and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th December.

8. HOSPITALS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to the management of Hospitals.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 23rd October, 1894.*

9. MINISTERIAL ELECTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fegan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Cook,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Greene,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Aspleck,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Millen,	
Mr. Shipway,	
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Fowler,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Hawthorne.	

Noes, 51.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Knox,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Smiles,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Storey,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Griffith,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Black,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Edden,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Thomas Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Fegan, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 11th October, 1894.*

10. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

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

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 27.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Analyses of Soils made by Officers of the Agricultural Department:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Bavister*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many analyses of soils have been made by the officers of the Agricultural Department during the twelve months ending 30th June, 1894?

(2.) How many analyses of manures have been made during the same period by that Department (showing (a) the number made at the request of manufacturers or agents, and (b) the number made at request of persons using same) for the same period?

(3.) The cost to the Department of the above?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

(1.) Seventy complete and thirty-seven partial analyses were made.

(2.) Thirty-nine. Of these, nineteen were made at request of manufacturers or agents, and twenty by persons using the manures.

(3.) There is no means of estimating accurately the cost, as the above represents only a portion of the work done in the laboratory of the Department, but it probably amounts approximately to £200.

(2.) Progress Reports by Civil Service Inquiry Commission:—*Mr. Piddington* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, in issuing instructions to the Commission for Inquiry into the Civil Service, provide for a progress report to be laid upon the Table of this House upon completion of the inquiry into each Department?*Mr. Reid* answered,—This matter will be carefully considered.(3.) Contracts let in Government and Education Architect's Branches:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the total amount of contracts for buildings let in the Government Architect's Branch of the Public Works Department (apart from furniture) for the year ending 31st August, 1894?

(2.) What is the total amount of contracts for furniture let in the Government Architect's Branch during same period?

(3.) What is the total amount of contracts for buildings let in the Education Architect's Branch of the Public Works Department (apart from furniture) for the year ending 31st August, 1894?

(4.) What is the total amount of contracts for furniture let in the Education Architect's Branch during same period?

(5.) What salaries and other expenses, &amp;c., and cost of stationery, &amp;c., have been paid for the year ending 31st August, 1894, in the Colonial Architect's Department?

(6.) What percentage will the total amount expended for the year ending 31st August, 1894, represent as compared with the salaries and other office expenses?

*Mr. Young* answered,—I have no objection to furnish this information in the shape of a return, if moved for in the ordinary way.(4.) Amalgamation of the Government and Barrack-street Savings Banks:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he be kind enough when making his Financial Statement to state,—

(1.) The date when he proposes to amalgamate the Government and Barrack-street Savings Banks?

(2.) When the Government will take over the note issue?

(3.) If he contemplates issuing a fractional currency?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I will consider this matter

24th October, 1894.

2. **COOTAMUNDRA RACECOURSE BILL**:—Mr. Barnes presented a Petition from Patrick James O'Donnell, Frederick Pinkstone, John Frederick Barnes, James Connell, and Solomon Cohen, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the trustees of the Cootamundra Racecourse to grant leases thereof to any club, and to enable the members of the club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman of the Committee for the time being of the club, and for other purposes. And Mr. Barnes having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Australian Star* and *Cootamundra Herald*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—Petition received.
3. **WOLLONGONG HARBOUR (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Nicholson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
(1.) The various amounts of public money that have been advanced by Government in the form of grants, subsidies, &c., for the construction of a Harbour at Wollongong.  
(2.) Also the dates of such grants, subsidies, &c., from the commencement up to 1st October, 1894.  
Question put and passed.
4. **ADULTERATED SPIRITS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the names of hotelkeepers whose spirits, upon the Government analysis during 1894, have shown deleterious compounds.  
Question put and passed.
5. **LIENS ON STOCK BILL**:—On the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read by Mr. Speaker under Standing Order No. 132,—Mr. Lyne moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
6. **LIENS ON WOOL AND STOCK MORTGAGES BILL**:—  
(1.) Mr. Lyne moved, That the Order of Leave under which the Liens on Stock Bill was brought in be now read.  
Question put and passed.  
And the said Order of Leave (*as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings, No. 6, of Wednesday, 5th September, 1894, Entry 11*) was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.  
(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to preferable Liens on Wool and Mortgages on Stock and Stations*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th December.
7. **CROWN LANDS BILL—DISSENT FROM MR. SPEAKER'S RULING**:—Mr. Millen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House dissents from the ruling given by Mr. Speaker on the 18th instant on the Point of Order referred to him from the Committee of the Whole as to the inclusion of the words "conditional lease or" in clause 8 of the Land Bill, which clause provides for a new appraisalment of the rents of pastoral and homestead leases in the Western Division.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 9.

Mr. Rose,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. Clarke,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Ferguson.

## Tellers,

Mr. Millen,  
Mr. Waddell.

## Nocs, 69.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Lyne,	Dr. Hollis,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Gormly,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Leo,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Stevenson,	Tellers,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Smiles,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Wood,	

And so it passed in the negative.



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24th October, 1894.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Argyle, Mr. Rose, a notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the necessity for the Minister of Public Works to submit any minimum wage schedule prepared by the Board of Reference for the approval of Parliament before introducing the provisions of the same into Government contracts."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. GOULBURN CATHEDRAL VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for giving legal effect to two ordinances passed by the Synod of the Church of England, Diocese of Goulburn, called respectively the "Cathedral Ordinance of 1894," and the "Cathedral Debenture Ordinance, 1894," and for providing for reference to arbitration of a claim by the Incumbent of Saint Saviour's Parish, Goulburn.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 24th October, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

Bill, on motion of Dr. Hollis, read a first time.

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

10. NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act of 1886,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 24th October, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 24th October, 1894.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *After "declare" insert "from time to time"*

Page 1, clause 1, line 13. *Omit "repeal" insert "revoke any"*

Page 1. *After clause 1 insert the following new clause:—*

*Every person who shall take a fishing net or be in a boat containing a fishing net in any part of Port Hacking to the westward of the said spit, or in Burrancar Bay, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than five pounds nor more than ten pounds.*

Page 2, clause 2, line 4. *After "and" insert "by such regulations"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday, 6th November.

11. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1894, A.M.

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

The House adjourned at thirteen minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Municipal Rates on Government Buildings:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was an item of £12,000 "to pay municipal rates on Government buildings" included in the Estimates last passed by Parliament?
- (2.) How many years has money been voted on the Estimates for the said purpose?
- (3.) What is the total amount that has been so voted?
- (4.) Where are the Government buildings upon which rates are thus paid?
- (5.) What are the respective buildings referred to?
- (6.) Have rates been so paid upon Government buildings within any country municipalities; and, if so, where?
- (7.) Does the Government consider that all municipalities should be treated alike in regard to the matter here alluded to; and, if so, will they arrange to have such done in future?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I shall cause this information to be prepared and laid upon the Table in the shape of a return.

- (2.) Leases held by Banks and Loan Mortgage Companies:—Mr. Travers Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many pastoral leaseholds are held by individual lessees?
- (2.) How many pastoral leaseholds are held by Banks and Loan Mortgage Companies?
- (3.) How many occupation licenses and annual leases are held by individual pastoral leaseholders?
- (4.) How many occupation licenses and annual leases are held by Banks and Loan Mortgage Companies?
- (5.) How many homestead leases are held by individual lessees?
- (6.) How many homestead leases are held by Banks and Loan Mortgage Companies?
- (7.) How many conditional purchases are held by individual selectors?
- (8.) How many conditional purchases are held by Banks and Loan Mortgage Companies?
- (9.) How many conditional leases are held by individual selectors?
- (10.) How many held by Banks and Loan Mortgage Companies?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—To furnish the information asked for by the Honorable Member a great many clerks—almost the whole of the staff—would have to be employed, and the expense would run into considerably over £100. For that reason I cannot get the information.

- (3.) Telegrams sent marked O.S.:—Mr. Cann asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What number of telegrams was sent marked O.S. of a private character during the last election?
- (2.) By whom sent; to which electorates, and what would be the total cost of such telegrams?

Mr. Cook answered,—The answers to these Questions involve a considerable amount of research, which is now being prosecuted, and I must ask the Honorable Member to be good enough to postpone his Questions to, say, next Wednesday, when I hope to be in a position to answer them.

(4.)

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- (4.) Subsidy granted to the Children's Hospital, Glebe:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hogue, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the amount of subsidy granted to the diphtheritic Branch of the Children's Hospital, Glebe?
  - (2.) How many patients suffering from diphtheria have been admitted into that branch since its establishment?
  - (3.) What has been the death rate among the said patients?
  - (4.) Is it intended by the Government to allow the branch in question to be continued in its present situation?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) No special subsidy is granted to this branch of the Children's Hospital, but the rent of the building, £250 per annum, is paid by the Government.
  - (2 and 3.) One hundred and ninety-five such patients have been admitted to date, and 100 deaths have occurred.
  - (4.) The matter shall have my early attention.
- (5.) Pitt Town and Richmond Hill Commons:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What has been the cost of surveying the lands for the purposes of sale at Pitt Town Common and Richmond Hill Common?
  - (2.) What quantity of land on these commons was set apart for sale, and the upset price placed on same?
  - (3.) What quantity of these lands has been sold, and the sum realised for sale?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) On Pitt Town Common the cost of subdivision of the parts to be disposed of as special areas, and for auction sale, and of portions to be reserved for public purposes was £587 14s. 8d. On Richmond Hill Common the cost of subdivision of the part for auction sale, and portions proposed to be sold to adjoining proprietors, and portions to be reserved for public purposes, was £141 0s. 6d.
  - (2.) On Pitt Town Common the aggregate area available for selection as special areas was 4,633 acres; the prices ranged from £2 per acre to £8 per acre. The aggregate area offered for auction sale, on 11th August, 1894, was 415 acres 1 rood 35 perches, and the upset prices ranged from £3 per acre to £4 10s. per acre. The aggregate area to be reserved for public purposes was 1,474 acres. On Richmond Hill Common the aggregate area of portions offered for auction sale, on the 11th August, 1894, was 440 acres; the upset prices ranged from £4 per acre to £8 10s. per acre. The aggregate area proposed to be sold under the 66th section of the Crown Lands Act is 88 acres 1 rood 22 perches, and the aggregate area to be reserved for public purposes is 31 acres 1 rood 34 perches.
  - (3.) *a.* On Pitt Town Common twenty portions, containing an aggregate area of 771 acres, have been selected, on which the sum of £278 15s. 5d. was paid as deposits, and £77 18s. 6d. as survey fees. *b.* 67 acres 2 roods 35 perches was sold at auction for £371.
- (6.) Case of *Andrews v. Garvan*:—*Mr. Thomas Brown*, for Mr. Willard, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to the fact that in the action for defamation and damages of *Andrews v. Garvan*, Mr. Garvan has withdrawn every imputation made by him against Andrews, formerly senior-constable at Byron Bay, who was reduced and degraded owing to the representation of Mr. Garvan?
  - (2.) Will he take steps to at least reinstate Constable Andrews, if not, to compensate him for the results of the admittedly unwarranted charges that were levelled against that officer?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—Yes; and Constable Andrews has already been reinstated.
- (7.) Lieutenant Owen, of the Partially-paid Artillery:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Henry Chapman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Was it by direction of the Government that Lieutenant Owen, of the Partially-paid Artillery, proceeded to England?
  - (2.) Is Lieutenant Owen in receipt of any remuneration; and, if so, of what nature?
  - (3.) For what period was this officer sent to England?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) Yes; on the recommendation of the Major-General Commanding.
  - (2.) Yes, £393 per annum; but he paid his own passage money.
  - (3.) Twelve months.
- (8.) Pay to Men of Partially-paid Military Forces:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Shipway, asked the Colonial Secretary:—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Partially-paid Military Forces have not yet been paid for the quarter ending 30th September, 1894?
  - (2.) If not, why not?
  - (3.) When is it likely these men will be paid?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—Owing to the returns not having been received, some of the corps have not yet been paid.
- (9.) Regulations under the "Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act":—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Dr. Hollis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the promise given to the House that the regulations made by the Health Board for carrying out the provisions of the Noxious Trades and Slaughtering Act would be reviewed, will he, should it be decided that such regulations impose unnecessary conditions, consider the advisableness of compensating persons who have already erected premises, &c., in compliance with such regulations?
- Mr. Reid answered,—This is a new form of "compensation for improvements" which it is difficult to recognise. (10.)

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25th October, 1894.

(10.) Printed Forms issued by Road Contractors authorising Payments:—Mr. Piddington asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that road contractors are allowed, by the practice of the Department, to give a printed form authorising payment to another person of sums due by the Government to them?
- (2.) Is he also aware that subsequent orders may be given by the contractor for the same sums due, which orders are recognised by the Department, and take effect as if the previous authorisation for payment had not been given?
- (3.) As these orders are upon forms supplied by the Department, is he not aware that many people advance considerable sums to contractors, believing that the authority thus given is effectual in protecting their interests?
- (4.) Is it not within the knowledge of the Department that this system leaves the way open for undisguised fraud?
- (5.) Will he cause a strict inquiry to be made hereon, framing such regulations for the future as will protect the interests of all concerned?

Mr. Young answered,—Some such form as is referred to is necessary, but I think the public is sufficiently protected by the note which appears at the foot of the form in use. It is as follows:—  
 “It must be clearly understood that this order can be revoked at any time by the party signing same, and that upon either forfeiture of contract or insolvency it will become null and void. The Commissioner will not hold himself in any way bound to pay the moneys mentioned to the payee, but may, if he thinks fit, order payment to be made by local officer to the contractor in person notwithstanding that the abovementioned order may have been received and detained in the Department of Public Works.”

(11.) Issue of Electors' Rights in Metropolitan Constituencies:—Dr. Graham asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The number of electoral rights issued in each of the metropolitan constituencies at the time of the General Election?
- (2.) The number of votes recorded in each of these electorates?
- (3.) The relative expenses incurred in conducting such elections?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The information asked for by the Honorable Member is embraced in the return relative to the last General Election, which was laid upon the Table on the 23rd instant.
- (3.) I will, in a few days, lay upon the Table a return giving the information desired.

(12.) Wool-scouring Plant at Budenda Station, Bogan River:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the wool-scouring plant belonging to Hunt Bros., at Budenda Station, Bogan River, is a great nuisance and source of danger to public health by polluting the river, and thereby causing the water to be unfit for domestic uses?
- (2.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken to have the nuisance abated and suppressed, or the parties criminally prosecuted for endangering the health of the public?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the police in the locality take no notice of the offence; and will he see that such officers are removed from the Police Force?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am not aware, but will cause inquiry to be made, and I hope at some future date to be able to give the desired information.

(13.) Iron Cove Bridge:—Mr. Wilks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was the Iron Cove Bridge, as built, designed to carry a tramway?
- (2.) If not, is it a fact that the intermediate or other girders in connection with the said bridge are now stored in one of the Government Departments?
- (3.) Are these girders, or other portions of the bridge for strengthening purposes, still available for use?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) The main girders in this bridge are strong enough to carry a tramway, but only half the cross girders required for this purpose have been put in. Provision has, however, been made in the girders to receive the extra cross girders. The deck would also require considerable alterations and strengthening, if the bridge were to carry a tramway.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.

(14.) Officers employed at Crown Lands Office:—Mr. Miller asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many officers have been employed at the Crown Lands Office since 1889 to the present time?
- (2.) The salaries paid to each during same period?
- (3.) The travelling expenses of the Land Board Members during same period?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This information can only be given upon resolution in the House. If the Honorable Member moves for a return I shall be very happy to get the information.

(15.) Leases applied for in Cooma Lands Office:—Mr. Miller asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The number of conditional purchases and conditional leases taken up in each year since 1st January, 1889, in Cooma Lands Office?
- (2.) The amount of revenue received in each year during same period for lands held under conditional purchase, conditional lease, annual lease, and occupation license, or any other tenure?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Honorable Member must move for a return in order to obtain this information. I may tell him that the return will cost a great deal of money, and it is questionable whether the information, when it is obtained, will be worth the money which it will cost.

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(16.) *Hansard* circulated in the Tamworth Electorate:—*Mr. Haynes*, for *Mr. O'Reilly*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that shortly before the recent General Election, copies of *Hansard*, containing the speech of Sir George Dibbs on the hanging of Montgomery and Williams, were circulated throughout the Tamworth Electorate at the public expense?

(2.) If this be the case, will he inform the House by whose authority the copies of *Hansard* alluded to were obtained from the Government Printing Office?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—Fifty copies of the *Hansard* referred to were obtained from the Government Printing Office and forwarded to Tamworth by order of the late Chief Secretary, but I am not aware that they were circulated at the public expense.

(17.) Civil Service Commission:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it true that the Government have decided to appoint a Civil Service Commission?

(2.) If so, what will be the scope of the Commission's inquiry?

(3.) What fees will the members of the Commission be paid respectively per sitting?

(4.) How long did the last Civil Service Commission occupy, from their appointment to the production of their final report?

(5.) What was the total sum paid them as fees?

(6.) Have their recommendations been adopted?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I will be in a better position to deal with this matter when making the Financial Statement.

(18.) Case of *Police v. Parkes*, tried at Parramatta:—*Mr. Bavister*, for *Mr. Fegan*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the depositions taken in the recent case, *Police v. Parkes*, for alleged Sunday-selling, in the Parramatta Police Court, on 26th September?

*Mr. Young* answered,—My honorable colleague will have no objection to this being done, if the papers are moved for in the usual way.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*Election Petition—Loughnane v. Greene—Grenfell*):—*Mr. Hayes*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 9th October, 1894, the Petition of Michael John Loughnane in reference to the election and return of George Henry Greene as Member for the Electoral District of Grenfell.

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

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 7th August, 1894, to whom was referred on 9th October, 1894, a Petition from Michael John Loughnane, against the return of George Henry Greene, as Member for the Electoral District of Grenfell, have determined, and do hereby declare:—

"That George Henry Greene, Esquire, who was returned as elected by the Returning Officer, was not duly elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Grenfell.

"That Michael John Loughnane, Esquire, who was not returned by the Returning Officer, was duly elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Grenfell.

"That the Committee make no award as to costs."

"No. 3 Committee Room,

"Legislative Assembly,

"25th October, 1894."

"J. HAYES,

"Chairman.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Hayes*, that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

3. PAPER:—*Mr. Carruthers* laid upon the Table,—Notification of amended Regulation, No. 286, substituted for that at present in force bearing the same number, also additional Regulations Nos. 287 to 296 inclusive, and additional Form, No. 78, under the Crown Lands Acts. Ordered to be printed.

4. COOTAMUNDBA RACECOURSE BILL:—

(1.) *Mr. Barnes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the trustees of the Cootamundra Racecourse to grant leases thereof to any club, and to enable the members of the club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman of the Committee for the time being of the club, and for other purposes. Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Barnes* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the trustees of the Cootamundra Racecourse to grant leases thereof to any club, and to enable the members of the club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman of the Committee for the time being of the club, and for other purposes.*"—read a first time.

5. ADULTERATED LIQUORS NOW OR RECENTLY IN BOND (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Kidd*, for *Mr. Slattery*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in the Department of Justice relating to adulterated liquors now or recently in bond, subsequent to those ordered to be printed by the Legislative Assembly on 31st May, 1894. Question put and passed.

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6. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

*FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1894, A.M.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

7. MEMBER SWORN:—Michael John Loughnane, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Grenfell.

Mr. Speaker stated that, in accordance with the practice in such cases, he would direct the Clerk to amend the Roll of the House, and make a note in that Roll of the causes by which Mr. Greene ceased to be, and Mr. Loughnane became, a Member.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes after Eight o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Philip Henry Morton, Esquire, resigning his seat as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
- (2.) Mr. Speaker then, pursuant to the requirement of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Edmund William Molesworth, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

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

“ PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of  
“ New South Wales, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, I do hereby  
“ appoint Edmund William Molesworth, 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 room of Philip Henry Morton, Esquire, resigned.

“ Given under my Hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney,  
“ this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
“ ninety-four.

“ J. P. ABBOTT,  
“ Speaker.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Quarters at Dawes' Battery:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that quarters at Dawes' Battery were put in repair by the Government for the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces to occupy?
- (2.) What amount of money was expended for this purpose?
- (3.) Has the General Officer Commanding occupied these quarters?
- (4.) Is it a fact that these quarters are now occupied by the Assistant Adjutant-General?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the General Officer Commanding lives at Darling Point, and draws the amount voted for lodging allowance for the Assistant Adjutant-General?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) Yes; for Major-General Richardson.
- (2.) £295.
- (3.) Major-General Richardson formerly resided in these quarters, but they have not been occupied by Major-General Hutton.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) No.

- (2.) Tobacco and Cigars seized for Evasion of Duty:—Mr. Thomson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The weight of tobacco and of cigars seized for evasion of duty during the year 1893?
- (2.) What the duty on same would have amounted to?
- (3.) The total sum realised by sale of same?
- (4.) How much of the total proceeds went to officers and others as rewards; how much in expenses; and how much to the Crown?

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Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Tobacco, 596½ lb. ; cigars, 2,763¼ lb.
- (2.) Tobacco, £89 9s. 6d. ; cigars, £828 19s. 6d.
- (3.) 146 lb. tobacco and 656¼ lb. cigars being unsaleable were destroyed. Amount realised on the sale of balance was:—Tobacco, £68 10s. 6d. ; cigars, £638 9s. 4d.
- (4.) The whole of the proceeds (less 2¼ per cent., auctioneer's commission) were paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund. Awards to officers and others paid from Customs Vote, £343 17s. 9d. ; expenses (other than auctioneer's commission) paid from Customs Vote, £1 10s. 9d.

(3.) Sentences passed by Magistrates:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What is the maximum term of imprisonment, cumulative or otherwise, which Magistrates may inflict in Courts of Petty Sessions, when sentencing and sending prisoners to gaol for minor offences?
- (2.) Will he take steps to prevent Magistrates from inflicting longer sentences than they are empowered (on the cumulative principle) on prisoners for minor, or a series of minor, offences?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) An answer to this Question involves information in the nature of a legal opinion which it is not usual to give, and I might observe that the expression "minor offences" is somewhat indefinite. I may mention, however, that for offences under the Vagrant Act the maximum term of imprisonment is limited to six months. Under certain other Acts, such as the Children's Protection Act and some Excise Acts, the maximum term of imprisonment is fixed at twelve months; under the Drunkards' Punishment Act and Public Instruction Act, at seven days; whilst under the Licensing and several other Acts the maximum term is fixed at three months.
- (2.) In February last the attention of the various Benches of Magistrates throughout the Colony was directed to the provisions of the Justices Act (11 and 12 Vic. c. 43), under which a Magistrate is not empowered to do more than pass a sentence on a sentence which is current at the time of the second sentence.

(4.) Coarse-woolled Sheep purchased by the Chief Inspector of Stock:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Chief Inspector of Stock, during his recent visit to England, purchased some coarse-woolled sheep; if so, how many; from whom; at what price; and the cost of bringing the sheep to the Colony?
- (2.) Upon whose authority was he instructed to purchase such sheep, and for what purpose?
- (3.) What is the Government intending to do with the sheep; what has become of them; and the cost of keeping or looking after them?
- (4.) Out of what fund or vote were such sheep paid for?
- (5.) The number of coarse-woolled sheep at present in the Colony?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes; four rams; one from W. J. Calderwell, Bridgewater, at £11 11s.; one from Garrett Taylor, Norwich, at £15 15s.; two from F. A. Buttar, Coupar Angus—one at £15 15s., one at £10 10s. The cost of bringing the sheep to the Colony was £7 7s. each.
- (2.) The late Secretary for Mines and Agriculture instructed Mr. Bruce to purchase some Romney Marsh sheep, which instructions were afterwards countermanded. Mr. Bruce, however, having seen some sheep which were new to the Colony, and which he thought most suitable, took advantage of the opportunity to obtain some for experimental purposes.
- (3.) To place them on an experimental farm, with a view of testing which is the best English breed for the production of cross-breeds, by putting merino ewes to a ram of each of these breeds. They are at present undergoing terms of quarantine. The cost of keeping and looking after them there is 6d. per day each.
- (4.) Vote for the Agricultural Department.
- (5.) 841,322, according to the last report of the Acting Chief Inspector of Stock.

(5.) Crown-street Pumping-plant:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Bavister, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any of the Crown-street pumping-plant or machinery been sold or disposed of during the present year?
- (2.) If so, was it after he had been consulted on the matter, and with his approval?
- (3.) Will he state (a) to whom was it sold or transferred; (b) the price paid or to be paid; (c) what machinery or plant was it; (d) what was the original cost of same?
- (4.) If none of it has been sold or disposed of, have any overtures been made for that purpose?

Mr. Young answered,—The Board of Water Supply and Sewerage have furnished me with the following information:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No. The plant being dead stock, and taking room up, which could be more advantageously used in the interests of the service, it was disposed of in the usual manner by tender.
- (3a.) G. and C. Hoskins were the successful tenderers.
- (3b.) £260.
- (3c.) 1. Rotative pumping engines, manufactured by Mort and Co., 1878; compound condensing cylinders, 16" and 32" × 48" stroke; pumps, 20" diameter × 30" stroke, with pumping capacity of 183,000 gallons per hour to an elevation of 100 feet. There is a new crank shaft on hand to replace the fractured one in position. There are three boilers, one of which is of sufficient capacity to supply steam.
2. Tangye's patent duplex pumps, one pair. The steam cylinders are 18" diameter × 12" stroke; pumps, 13" × 12"; one pair steam cylinders, 14" × 12"; pumps, 10" × 12". Their conjoint pumping capacity is 90,000 gallons per hour to an elevation of 200 feet.
- (3d.) The cost of Tangye pumps was £1,230 complete. The cost of old rotative engines cannot be ascertained from official records, as they were paid for by City Council.

(4.) All has been disposed of.

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- (6.) Subletting of Contract of Stanmore Public School:—Mr. Edden asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has he granted permission to the contractor for additional buildings at Stanmore Public School to sublet the work of that contract?

Mr. Garrard answered,—No.

- (7.) Lusk's School History of New South Wales:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Now that the late Minister for Education has returned to the Colony, has he applied for and received the proof copy of Lusk's School History of New South Wales?

(2.) Has the revision or publication of the same yet been considered by the Executive Council?

(3.) If so, have they arrived at any decision as to what is to be done in connection with it?

(4.) If not, when will it be likely to be considered?

(5.) Will he have some copies furnished to Members, so that they may form an opinion on it?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) The book has been received.

(2.) No.

(3.) Answered by No. 2.

(4.) The work is now receiving my consideration.

(5.) If the work is published it will be necessary to correct the statistics of the proof copy, and to add to it the history of the last four years, to bring it up to date. The expenses of printing a number of copies of the book in its present state could not be justified.

- (8.) Expenses of Mr. F. B. Suttor to Canada:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did the late Government provide any sum towards the expenses of Mr. F. B. Suttor, ex-Minister for Education, to Canada?

(2.) If so, will he state (a) the amount provided; (b) the amount drawn?

(3.) Was this appropriation of the public funds authorised by Parliament?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £1,000 advanced, 18th May, 1894.

(3.) No; the amount was paid out of the Treasurer's Advance Vote.

- (9.) Cost of entertaining Mr. Mackenzie Bowell, Canadian Minister:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the particulars of the sum of £480 11s. 4d., appearing in the Public Accounts for 1893 as "Cost of entertaining Mr. Mackenzie Bowell, Canadian Minister"?

(2.) The same with regard to the sum of £328 1s. 10d., "for travelling and other expenses of "Ministers when visiting the country," appearing in the same accounts?

Mr. Reid answered,—I find that the information asked for is too long to give in the form of an answer, so that I will presently lay the particulars upon the Table in the shape of a return.

- (10.) Tanks on Travelling Stock Routes:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The number of cubic yards excavated for tanks on travelling stock routes for the Department during the years 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1893?

(2.) The average price per yard?

(3.) The number of yards excavated or still under contract for the present year?

(4.) The average price per yard?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) 1890, 89,922 cubic yards; 1891, 114,479 cubic yards; 1892, 79,713 cubic yards; 1893, 4,968 cubic yards.

(2.) Average price, 1s. 1d. per yard.

(3.) 25,440 cubic yards.

(4.) Average for this year, 10d.

- (11.) Pyrmont Bridge:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and 1 and 2 in the afternoon, the right-of-way on Pyrmont Bridge is closed against vessels, causing considerable interruption to the marine trade in that quarter?

(2.) If it is a fact, will he see that the workmen engaged are directed to keep the bridge opening in readiness for vessels during the hours mentioned?

Mr. Young answered,—Yes; in accordance with the regulations approved by the Governor and Executive Council on 27th May, 1892. If the request of the Honorable Member were acceded to it would result in serious inconvenience to pedestrians, about 2,200 of whom pass over during those periods each day. I may mention that yesterday morning the bridge was opened between 7'45 and 8 o'clock, when, it is stated, 400 people collected on the Pyrmont side.

- (12.) Wharfage Dues charged on Goods shipped from Newcastle:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware there are no wharfage dues or rates charged on goods, such as wool, frozen meat, tallow, &c., shipped from Newcastle, while such dues or rates are charged at Sydney?

(2.) Will he see that a system of uniformity of charges is established in the matter?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will consider this important matter.

- (13.) Cost of Surveys of Proposed Railway to Inverell:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the approximate cost to date of the surveys of the proposed railway line from different junctions of the trunk line to Inverell?

(2.) Are there staffs of surveyors at work still on this proposed line of extension?

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Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Four distinct routes have been surveyed, making a total of 527 miles, exclusive of minor deviations, costing £14,073.

(2.) Yes; the permanent staking from Glen Innes to Inverell is being carried out, and is approaching completion.

(14.) Test for Cement instituted in the Sewerage Department:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a hot-water test for cement has been instituted in the Sewerage Department?

(2.) If so, has it been found that no superior cement in this climate will stand it, and that cement used as good and of undoubted quality is now rejected?

(3.) Has this test, since its application, suspended a number of public works in operation and thrown a large number of workmen out of employment?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) The Deval hot-water test has been used in the Sewerage Branch since August, 1891.

(2.) Since the 1st of January of this year 200 cement tests have been made, fifteen of which failed to pass the hot-water test, and were rejected, the rejected cement being all of the same brand.

(3.) No.

3. THE LAND LAWS:—

(1.) Mr. Slattery presented a Petition from certain residents in the North Coast Districts, praying the House to repair the gross abuse that has taken place under the 24th section of the Land Act of 1884 with regard to the allotment of special areas by reducing the price of all special areas remote from centres of population to £1 per acre.  
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Slattery presented a Petition from certain free selectors residing in the North Coast Districts, stating objections to many of the provisions of the land laws, and praying the House to grant redress, and so amend the conditions under which homes can be acquired from the Crown as will enable future settlers to make homes on the land under more favourable conditions than the Petitioners experienced.  
Petition received.

4. COOTAMUNDRA RACECOURSE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Barnes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Cootamundra Racecourse Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Travers Jones, Mr. Lee, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Watson, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.

5. LINES OF RAILWAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Thomson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) What lines of railway have been authorised by Parliament since the 1st July, 1882.

(2.) What was the estimated cost of each of such lines, including land, at the time of authorisation.

(3.) What was the actual cost of each of such lines, including land, on completion.

(4.) What were the earnings, and what the working expenses and interest, on each of such lines, in the first year after opening.

(5.) What have been the earnings, and what the working expenses and interest, on each of such lines in each subsequent year.

Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Truck Bill postponed until Tuesday, 18th December.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return showing (1) the cost of entertaining Mr. Mackenzie Bowell, Canadian Minister; (2) travelling and other expenses of Ministers when visiting the country.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Smithfield and Fairfield.

(2.) Report of the State Children's Relief Department for the year ending 5th April, 1894.

(3.) Report by Major-General E. T. H. Hutton, A.D.C. to the Queen, Commanding, on the Military Forces of New South Wales for the year 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Return to an Address adopted on 5th September, 1894,—“Shooting of the man Considine at “Broken Hill.”

8. CLAIMS OF MR. THOMAS ROWE, ARCHITECT—SYDNEY HOSPITAL BUILDINGS:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Thomas Rowe, Esquire, architect, in connection with the Sydney Hospital buildings.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hayes, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Rose, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Robert Jones, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

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*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 11th October, 1894.*

9. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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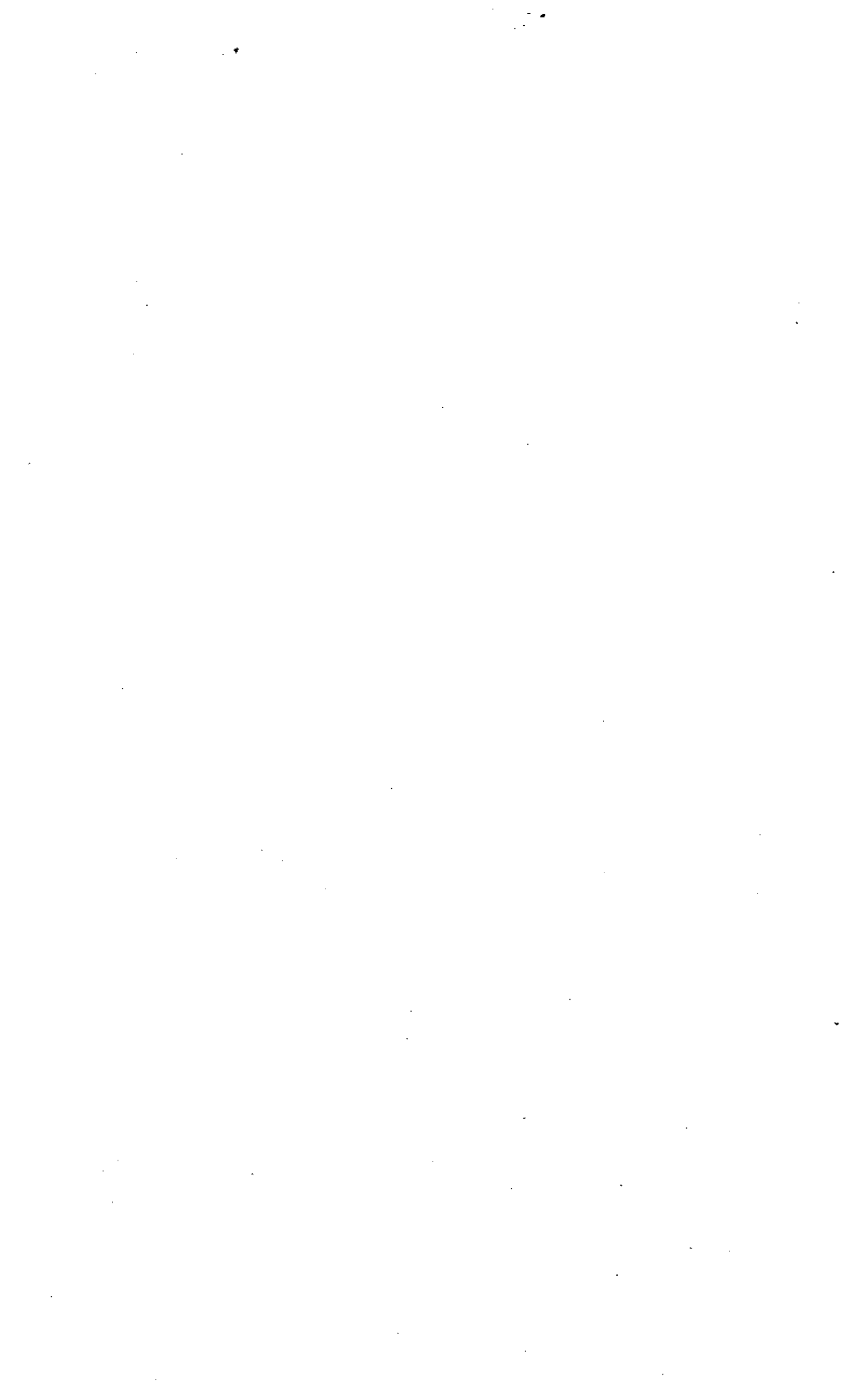
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House adjourned at eight minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Inspection Fee under the Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Wilkinson*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he take steps to reduce the inspection fee of 3d. per head on sheep and lambs, imposed by section 13 of Cattle Slaughtering Act, 5 William IV No. 1, and section 26 of Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1894, to (say) 1d. or  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per head?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—The matter is under consideration. In the meantime, no fees will be collected by Inspectors for sheep.

- (2.) Provisions of the Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act:—*Mr. Piddington* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to a reported decision of the Board of Health regarding the provisions of the Noxious Trades Act—"That the provisions of the Act do not apply to graziers, farmers, and settlers who do not carry on slaughtering operations as a systematic business. For bacon-curing or occasional disposal elsewhere, the slaughtering of beasts will not be considered "business under the Act"?

(2.) If this is correct will he cause instructions to be given to all those in the country districts of the Colony, who are charged with the administration of the Act?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) In view of recent opinions of the Crown Solicitor, the Board of Health have directed that the provisions of the Act do not apply to graziers, farmers, and settlers unless they carry on the business or trade of cattle slaughtering, and that occasional slaughtering and selling does not constitute a business; and further, that farmers or other persons who occasionally kill pigs for the purpose of converting the same into bacon for ultimate sale, do not require to be registered under the Act.

(2.) Special instructions on these points are now being prepared for the information of the various local authorities charged with the administration of the Act.

- (3.) Accouchement Cases treated in Lying-in Hospital (Floodgate), Botany-street:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the number of accouchement cases treated in the Benevolent Asylum Branch Lying-in Hospital (Floodgate), Botany-street, since it was opened?

(2.) What is the number of deaths that have occurred during the same period from puerperal fever, or other causes?

(3.) When will the report of the Medical Board which was appointed to make a searching inquiry into the cause of the outbreak of puerperal fever in the Benevolent Asylum and Branch Hospital be ready, or laid upon the Table of this House?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

(1.) Thirty-three.

(2.) Six.

(3.) I believe the report has been furnished, but has not yet been considered.

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- (4.) Death from Snake-bites :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) In view of the Question asked by Dr. Ross, on 1st March, 1893, relating to deaths from snake-bite, when will the publication of the chromo-lithographs of the snakes in the Colony, distinguishing the venomous from the non-venomous, and promised on that occasion, be likely to be ready and available for the use of public schools and the public?
  - (2.) How far have the Museum authorities proceeded with the work, and when is it likely to be in readiness for publication?
  - (3.) What has been the result of experiments made at the University in regard to the most reliable treatment in cases of snake-bite or poison?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—
- (1.) It is impossible to say.
  - (2.) The Museum authorities are proceeding with the work, but want of funds delays the publication.
  - (3.) I am informed that the work is being continued, but it is not thought desirable to publish the results until something like certainty has been attained.
- (5.) Steamers "Lass o' Gowrie" and "Resolute" :—Mr. Ellis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has he, in accordance with his promise made on the 3rd instant, obtained from the Marine Board a report on the statements made by Mr. Sam Smith, Secretary of the Seamen's Union, with reference to the condition of the "Lass o' Gowrie" and "Resolute"?
  - (2.) Has he ascertained whether the statement made at the same time by the same person—"That the administration of the Navigation Act by the Marine Board is defective,"—is true or otherwise?
  - (3.) If any report has been received, will he lay it upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The administration of the Navigation Act by the Marine Board has not been shown to be defective.
  - (3.) There will be no objection to laying the report in question upon the Table of the House.
- (6.) Alleged Evasion of Beer Duty Act :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, during this month, he authorised the payment of £50 to Mr. F. G. Ward for supplying information *re* the evasion of the Beer Duty Act of 1887 by a Sydney brewery?
  - (2.) What is the name of the brewery?
  - (3.) In what respect has the law for evasion been enforced?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that correspondence has passed between the Treasury and the brewery firm in question?
  - (5.) If so, will he lay such correspondence upon the Table of this House not later than Thursday evening, 1st November?
- Mr. Reid answered,—This matter is about to be referred to the Crown Law Officers, the firm alleging that they had not been guilty of any breach of the law. When a decision has been arrived at, the papers, with that decision, will be laid upon the Table.
- (7.) Land occupied by the Benevolent Asylum :—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to resume the land occupied by the Benevolent Asylum at the corner of Pitt-street and Devonshire-street for railway purposes, and to provide a suitable site for the said Asylum?
- Mr. Reid answered,—This is a question which has not been decided.
- (8.) Men employed at Muddy and Shea's Creeks :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The number of men employed at the present at Shea's Creek?
  - (2.) How many of these are on what is known as the constant staff?
  - (3.) The like information in regard to Muddy Creek reclamation works?
  - (4.) Who is it that has the power of selecting men for the permanent staff at Muddy and Shea's Creeks?
  - (5.) Will he give instructions for the whole of the men to be placed on an equal footing so that all those whose names are on the list as engaged may have a chance of working more frequently than one week in three as is the practice at present?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1 and 3.) About 1,600 men are now receiving employment at Shea's Creek and Muddy Creek.
  - (2.) About 100 picked men are constantly employed; and these, but with few exceptions, are foremen, gangers, carpenters, platelayers, truckmen, timekeepers, storemen, &c., men who cannot possibly be changed every week.
  - (4.) These men have been selected by the Engineer in charge, in some cases with special approval.
  - (5.) It would be impossible to carry out the work if all hands were changed every week. There have been no constant men put on for the last few months.
- (9.) Public and High School Cadets travelling on the Railways :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Are the Public and High School Cadets allowed, when in uniform, to travel free on the railway and tramway for the purpose of practising at the rifle butts?
  - (2.) Are they supplied, free of cost, with ammunition for the purpose of such practice?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—
- (1.) Yes. The Department of Public Instruction subsequently recoups the Railway Department for this service.
  - (2.) Yes.



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(10.) Proposed Bridge over Parramatta River, near Rydalmere:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps are proposed to be taken in regard to the question of providing a bridge for vehicular traffic over the Parramatta River at or near Rydalmere?

Mr. Young answered,—I have directed that the whole of the papers in this matter be placed before me. When this is done, I will come to a decision thereon, and acquaint the Honorable Member.

(11.) Case of Ottaway v. Esau, for issuing an Illegal Publication:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an information was lodged with the Attorney-General's Department by one John Ottaway, of Wilcannia, against one Albert John Esau, for issuing an illegal publication, together with a copy of such publication; on what date was such information lodged, and have any instructions been issued in reference to same?

(2.) Has any prosecution taken place; and, if not, why not?

Mr. Garrard answered,—My honorable colleague is informed that no such information as that referred to, as far as can be traced, has reached his (the Attorney-General's) Department.

(12.) Comment by the *Broken Hill Age* on the Momba Cases:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that a publication issued in Broken Hill, and known as the *Broken Hill Age*, did, in its issue of the 20th October, in an article, use unfair comment when referring to the trial of the Momba cases, such trial being then and is still *sub judice*?

(2.) If so, will he instruct the Crown Law authorities to proceed against the proprietors of such publication as the law directs?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Attorney-General that he is not aware what comment was made by the paper referred to in connection with the trial of Lawless and others for riot, &c., at Momba station. The case was tried and concluded on the 19th instant; the comment which is said to have appeared in the issue of the 20th idem was not therefore made while the case was *sub judice*.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing expenses incurred in conducting the General Election of 1894 in the Metropolitan Constituencies.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 25th October, 1894,—“Adulterated Liquors now or recently in “Bond.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing sums paid for Advertising by Government Departments [to Metropolitan Newspapers, from October, 1891, to July, 1894.

(2.) Memorandum by the Board of Health respecting the administration of Part II of the Noxious Trades and Cattle-slaughtering Act, 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

3. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6, postponed until To-morrow.

5. GOULBURN CATHEDRAL VALIDATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Hollis moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Dr. Hollis, the report was adopted.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at thirteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 31.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**—Mr. Reid said he very much regretted to have to inform the House that the consequences of the railway accident, which took place near Redfern Station on Wednesday morning, 31st ultimo, had proved far more serious than was at first expected; at least ten of the unfortunate passengers having since succumbed to their injuries; he feared, too, that the injuries received by the Clerk of the Assembly, Mr. Webb, were more serious than had been at first reported.

Mr. Reid also referred to the loss of the s.s. "Wairarapa" on the coast of New Zealand, and informed the House that the Government had despatched a message of deep sympathy with the relatives of the unfortunate people who had lost their lives.

2. **QUESTIONS:**—

(1.) Telegrams marked O.S. sent during last Election:—*Mr. Watkins*, for Mr. Cann, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What number of telegrams was sent marked O.S. of a private character during the last election?

(2.) By whom sent; to which electorates; and what would be the total cost of such telegrams?

Mr. Cook answered,—It is most difficult for officials, who, of course, cannot know the circumstances which give rise to the despatch of telegrams, to decide, or even form an opinion, as to whether messages marked O.S. and signed by duly authorised persons, are not what they are represented to be. Since the Honorable Member has given notice of his Questions, all the messages which were marked O.S. and sent during the progress of the last elections have been carefully examined, and it is reported to me that fifty-seven appear, as far as can be judged, to be of a private character. Most of these messages refer to the late Premier's illness and his doings whilst at Tamworth, and, although, as stated, apparently of a private character, they do not appear to have been sent with the object, or to have had the effect, of influencing any election.

(2.) Control of Wharves at Hunter's Hill:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he arrived at any decision in regard to the request made by the Hunter's Hill Municipal Council to hand over the control of the wharves in their borough on certain conditions to the Council?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I have approved of the Land Board recommendations that leases be granted to the Municipal Council for five years, at an annual rental of £2 per annum for each wharf, with the usual right reserved for free use of the wharfs for watermen's and private boats.

(3.) Fees paid by Department of Public Instruction to University for Training of Students:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the amount of fees annually paid by the Department of Public Instruction to the University for the students in training who attend lectures?

(2.) Is this amount paid to the University in addition to the endowment and other State grants?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) £1,600.

(2.) Yes.

(4.) University Examination Fees:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What fees are charged at the present time by the University authorities from candidates for examination?

(2.) What was the total amount of fees paid at the last University examination?

(3.) Have these fees, in very many instances, to be paid by the parents of children attending the public schools.

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- (4.) Are the fees considered exorbitant, and very oppressive in many instances ?  
 (5.) After payment of expenses, what purpose is the balance of fees (if any) put to ?  
 (6.) Has he taken any steps since Mr. Stevenson called attention to the fees charged in March, 1892, to bring about a reduction, so as to afford relief to candidates from the public and other schools of the Colony, which he considered very high at the time, and hoped some arrangement would be arrived at, by which the fees would be considerably reduced ?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) The fees charged at the Public Examinations are :—For seniors, £1 10s. ; for juniors, £1 5s.  
 (2.) £2,060 10s.  
 (3.) In many cases.  
 (4.) The University authorities report that they are not. The officers and teachers of the Department of Public Instruction think they are.  
 (5.) The balance of fees, if any, after paying expenses, is carried forward to the next year. It is anticipated that there will this year be a debit balance.  
 (6.) A letter was addressed to the University authorities on 26th July, 1892, asking that a substantial reduction should be made in the fees charged for the Senior and Junior Examinations. The Senate, however, could not see their way to comply with Mr. Suttor's request.

- (5.) Water from Artesian Wells used for Wool-scouring Purposes :—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that waters from artesian wells in various parts of the country are being extensively used for wool-scouring ; if so, has he had any reports as to the success or otherwise of the experiments in that direction ?  
 (2.) Will his Department take steps to have the waters from the various Government wells analysed with a view of giving the public information as to the suitability or otherwise of such waters for wool-scouring ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that the water from artesian wells in various parts of the country has been used with success in wool-scouring at a certain temperature. There are no official reports upon the success, or otherwise, of the experiments. Messrs. J. B. Christian, of Brindigabba Station, in the Warrego District, New South Wales, have this season washed 1,000 bales of wool with artesian water which brought 1s. 3½d. per lb.  
 (2.) The waters from all the Government Artesian Wells under the control of this Department have been already analysed, and their suitability and adaptability for wool scouring has, with one or two exceptions, been demonstrated. I will presently lay upon the Table of the House copies of the various analyses, and a report upon the question.

- (6.) Fluke in Sheep :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact (and is it with the approval and sanction of the Department of Mines) that the District Stock Inspector and Goulburn Stock Pasture Board are about to make a trial of an alleged remedy (belonging to one Mr. Hugh McCormick) for fluke in sheep ; if so, have such men ever obtained a certificate from any Veterinary School of Medicine to entitle them to undertake such an important task ?  
 (2.) Will he see that such an experiment is entrusted to the Government Veterinary Surgeon, together with three other qualified veterinary surgeons, and not left to pure laymen ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) The District Stock Inspector is not going to make a trial. I am not aware of the intentions of the Goulburn Pastures and Stock Protection Board. Mr. McCormack alleges that he has a cure for fluke, and when the remedy is to be tried the local Inspectors will be asked to note condition of and health of sheep experimented upon. I am unaware of Mr. McCormack's veterinary attainments. The local Inspector has passed the necessary departmental examination.  
 (2.) At its present stage it is a private matter. Should the Government at any time determine to experiment they will take the necessary steps to appoint efficient officers.

- (7.) Offices used by the Hunter River Water and Sewerage Board :—Mr. Fegan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Whose premises does the Hunter River Water and Sewerage Board rent for their offices ?  
 (2.) What is the annual rent paid by the Board for such offices ?  
 (3.) Would not the old Court-house now used as a Technological Museum be suitable for the convenience of the above Board ?  
 (4.) If so, what rent would the Minister accept from the Board for the use of such offices ?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) The premises referred to are the property of A. A. Dangar, Esq.  
 (2.) £300 per annum.

As regards Questions Nos. 3 and 4, my Honorable Colleague, the Minister for Lands, furnished me with the following replies :—

- (3.) I see no reason why these premises should not be suitable.  
 (4.) Any reasonable rent to be agreed upon.

- (8.) Land along Foreshore between Newcastle and Cockle Creek :—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table a report showing,—

- (1.) The names of companies or persons owning lands along the foreshore of the Pacific Ocean, from Newcastle to Lake Macquarie Heads ?  
 (2.) Have any of such companies or persons, owning land as aforesaid, the right to fence down to the water's edge ?  
 (3.) If so, give the names of such companies or persons ?  
 (4.) The same information regarding the foreshores from Lake Macquarie Heads to Cockle Creek ?

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Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1 and 4.) This information can be given in the form of a return if ordered by resolution of the House.

(2 and 3.) This is a legal question to answer which would necessitate investigation of the title of the owners.

(9.) Officers Commanding Artillery Forces and Permanent Artillery Regiment:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The names of the officers at present commanding the Artillery Forces and the Permanent Artillery Regiment?

(2.) How long have they been in the Service?

(3.) What is their salary per year?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I will cause a return to be prepared and laid upon the Table giving the desired information.

(10.) Sydney Hospital:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the first contract sum for the completion of the Sydney Hospital under Mr. Kirkpatrick?

(2.) What will be the total cost of such contract (including all extras) upon completion?

(3.) Did Mr. Rowe undertake to complete the work for £56,000?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—A return will be prepared giving the information required, and probably laid upon the Table of the House next week.

(11.) Partially-paid Military Forces:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When is it intended to pay the men of the Partially-paid Military Forces for the quarter which ended 30th September, 1894?

(2.) If the delay in making this payment is owing to some returns not having been received, will he cause inquiry to be made why such returns have not been sent in?

(3.) Will he give instructions that the men of those corps whose returns have been received be immediately paid?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) All have been paid except 2nd Garrison Division Artillery.

(2 and 3.) Yes.

(12.) Supply of Horses, &c., to the Military Forces:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all tenders and prices received 12th September, 1894, for the supply of horses, vehicles, &c., New South Wales Military Forces, together with the name of the successful tenderer?

(2.) Is it the intention of the successful tenderer to carry out the contract; if not, will fresh tenders be called?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in a few days.

(13.) Positions held by Manager of Waverley Cemetery:—*Mr. Miller*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does the Government pay a sum of £300 yearly to the Waverley Council, or otherwise, as salary to the manager of the Waverley cemetery?

(2.) Does the Waverley Council employ this Government servant to do engineering work in their municipality; if so, will the Government see that the officer is notified that he must fill one or other office only?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No.

(14.) Legally Qualified Medical Practitioners:—*Mr. Miller*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the register of the legally qualified medical practitioners of New South Wales?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I will lay upon the Table the register referred to on Tuesday next.

(15.) Lying-in Department, Benevolent Asylum, George-street:—*Mr. Miller*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the published statements as to the prevalence of puerperal fever in the Lying-in Department of the Benevolent Asylum, George-street?

(2.) If so, does he propose any action in the matter?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter is now receiving attention.

## 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Order made on 25th October, 1894,—“Adulterated Liquors now or recently in bond.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Return respecting analyses of water from Artesian Bores.

Ordered to be printed.

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4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*Election Petition—Macdonell v. Willis—The Barwon*):—Mr. Hayes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 26th September, 1894, the Petition of Donald Macdonell, in reference to the election and return of William Nicholas Willis, as Member for the Electoral District of The Barwon.

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

The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 7th August, 1894, to whom was referred on 26th September, 1894, a Petition from Donald Macdonell against the return of William Nicholas Willis, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of The Barwon,—have agreed to the following Report:—

- “(1.) That William Nicholas Willis, Esquire, the sitting Member, has been duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of The Barwon.  
“(2.) That the Petition of Donald Macdonell, Esquire, is not frivolous nor vexatious.  
“(3.) That the sum of £48 16s., out of the sum of £50 already lodged by the Petitioner, be awarded as witnesses' expenses.”

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“31st October, 1894.

“J. HAYES,  
“Chairman.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hayes (after debate), that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

5. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Bruncker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare valid certain proclamations issued under the Municipalities Act of 1867; to make further provision for the constitution of municipalities under the said Act; and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Bruncker then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to declare valid certain proclamations issued under the ‘Municipalities Act of 1867,’ and to make further provision for the constitution of Municipalities under the said Act; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*”—which was read a first time.

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

6. GOULBURN CATHEDRAL VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Dr. Hollis, read a third time, and passed.

Dr. Hollis then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act for giving legal effect to two Ordinances passed by the Synod of the Church of England, Diocese of Goulburn, called respectively the ‘Cathedral Ordinance of 1894,’ and the ‘Cathedral Debenture Ordinance, 1894; and for providing for reference to arbitration of a claim by the Incumbent of Saint Saviour’s Parish, Goulburn.*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act for giving legal effect to two Ordinances passed by the Synod of the Church of England, Diocese of Goulburn, called respectively the ‘Cathedral Ordinance of 1894,’ and the ‘Cathedral Debenture Ordinance, 1894; and for providing for reference to arbitration of a claim by the Incumbent of Saint Saviour’s Parish, Goulburn,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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7. DEPOSITIONS, POLICE *v.* PARKES (OF “WHITE HORSE HOTEL,” PARRAMATTA)—SUNDAY SELLING (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the depositions taken before the Parramatta Police Court, on 26th September, in the case Police *v.* Parkes (of the “White Horse Hotel”), for alleged Sunday selling.

Question put and passed.

8. SHOOTING THE MAN CONSIDINE AT BROKEN HILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Address,—“Shooting of the man Considine at Broken Hill,” laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 30th October, 1894, be printed.

Question put and passed.

9. GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT’S DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O’Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The total amount of contracts for buildings let in the Government Architect’s Branch of the Public Works Department (apart from furniture) for the year ending 31st August, 1894.

(2.) The total amount of contracts for furniture let in the Government Architect’s Branch during same period.

(3.) The salaries and other expenses, &c., and cost of stationery, &c., which have been paid for the year ending 31st August, 1894, in the Colonial Architect’s Department.

(4.) The percentage of cost on the total amount expended for the year ending 31st August, 1894.

Question put and passed.

10. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Disapproval of Warrant*:—Mr. McGowen moved, That this House disapproves of Mr. Speaker’s Warrant, laid on the Table on Tuesday, 30th October, 1894, appointing Edmund William Molesworth, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Loughnane,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Barnes.
Mr. Carroll,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Nicholson,	

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Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Afleck,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. William Morgan,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Pyers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Anderson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. BRIDGE OVER SOLITARY CREEK AT RYDAL:—Mr. Young (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the custody of the Department of Public Works the Return to Order,—“Bridge over Solitary Creek at Rydal,” laid upon the Table of this House on the 19th April, 1894.  
Question put and passed.

12. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

13. KENMORE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to sanction the erection of a Hospital for the Insane at Kenmore, near Goulburn,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 1st November, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

The House adjourned at nineteen minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*





New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Money distributed through Members of Parliament amongst the Poor:—Mr. Sleath asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any sum or sums of money been paid direct from the Treasury during the years 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1894, to any Member or Members of Parliament for the alleged purpose of distribution amongst the poor in their electorates?

(2.) If so, how much; and in what years was the money paid?

(3.) The names of the Members receiving same; the amounts each Member received; and the dates upon which each amount was received?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) So far as can readily be traced, £150, paid on the undermentioned dates, viz.:—14th November, 1891—Mr. H. Taylor and Mr. S. Maxted, for relief of influenza patients, Parramatta, £50. 30th March, 1893—Mr. J. N. Bruncker, for relief to sufferers by floods at Hexham, £60. 7th July, 1893—Mr. J. Cook, relief of distressed people at Lithgow, £40; total, £150.

- (2.) Contract for supply of Newcastle Coal for Government Departments:—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the contract entered into for the supply of Newcastle coal for Marine Board, Customs, Water Police, N.S.S. "Sobraon," and Quarantine Service, with J. and A. Brown?

(2.) Is "A. Brown" identical with Mr. Alexander Brown, a Member of the Legislative Council?

(3.) If so, is this not a violation of section 28 of Schedule I of the Constitution Act?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) I understand that Mr. Alexander Brown is not now a member of the firm of J. & A. Brown.

- (3.) Members of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Secretary,—What number of Members of the Legislative Council are holding positions of emolument under the Crown?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—As far as can be ascertained, there are eleven Members of the Legislative Council holding positions of emolument under the Crown.

- (4.) Workmen employed in the Greta Colliery:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the class of workmen now employed in the Greta Colliery?

(2.) If so, is it his intention to make inquiry in reference to men now employed as to competency?

(3.) Is he aware that the two colliery overmen absolutely refused to continue in charge of the men, owing to the fact that the men in question were incapable of taking care of themselves underground?

(4.) If so, what action does he intend to take in the matter?

(5.) Are the men referred to those that the Government are paying Police to protect?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes; by a letter from the Mayor of Greta.

(2.) There is no power under the Act to inquire into such a matter.

(3.) The manager, Mr. Cater, says he gave the overman and deputy fourteen days notice of dismissal on 20th October, and they both resigned at once, and did not work their notice.

(4.) There is no power under the Act to interfere unless there is some violation of the Act or of the General or Special Rules.

(5.) This is a matter that is dealt with by the Chief Secretary.

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(5.) Dr. T. P. Anderson Stuart, Medical Adviser to the Government:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Davis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The total salary and emoluments derived by the Medical Adviser to the Government from (a) his salary as Medical Adviser; (b) his salary as Professor of Anatomy at the Sydney University; (c) the amount received from students and lecture fees (if any), and from any other official sources whatsoever, specifying the amounts under each of the foregoing headings separately?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Medical Adviser to the Government was authorised by the University authorities, and by the Government which appointed him, to accept the post of Medical Adviser for one year only, with the understanding that he should devote his whole time to the University at the expiration of that period?

(3.) Is it a fact that, in consequence of the Medical Adviser's connection with the Government Service, a great portion of the work which previously attached to his position at the University has now to be performed by other persons, and that considerable dissatisfaction exists in consequence among the students and authorities of the University generally?

(4.) Is it true that Dr. Manning resigned his post as Medical Adviser because he could not, for want of time, faithfully perform the duties attached to that office and to the position of Inspector-General of Insane as well, and that in consequence of such resignation, Dr. Manning suffered a considerable loss of salary?

(5.) Has Professor Anderson Stuart had any experience as a general practitioner to qualify him to fill the post of Medical Adviser, and is the Government of opinion that a mere Professorship of Physiology at the University without such general practice is a sufficient qualification for the important position of Medical Adviser, who is generally regarded as the head of the medical faculty in New South Wales?

(6.) Has not a report on Cook's River Asylum, forwarded by Professor Stuart in his capacity as Medical Adviser, been traversed by Dr. Manning, the acknowledged expert in these matters, in a counter report, and found by him to be inaccurate in almost every important particular; and is it not mainly in consequence of such inaccuracies and the serious charges arising out of them that the Government has found it necessary to appoint a Royal Commission, which will probably cost a large sum for clerical work and witnesses' expenses, &c., to inquire into the management of the Cook's River Asylum?

(7.) Does he consider it in the Government interest that Professor Stuart should continue to hold the dual offices of Professor of Anatomy at the Sydney University and Medical Adviser to the Government of New South Wales?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

(1.) Dr. T. P. Anderson Stuart receives no salary as Medical Adviser to the Government, but is paid—(a) salary as President of the Board of Health, £489 per annum; (b) salary as Professor of Physiology at the Sydney University, £900 per annum; and (c) received during 1893—lecture fees, £377 19s. 6d.; examination fees, £10 10s.; total, £1,777 9s. 6d.

(2 and 3.) No.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) The only record in the Chief Secretary's Department respecting the qualifications of Professor Anderson Stuart is contained in the Executive authority for his appointment, which reads as follows:—"It is highly desirable in the interest of the Colony that the successor of so eminent an officer as Dr. Manning has been, should be a man of the highest abilities, and respected by the medical profession at large."

(6.) No.

(7.) The propriety of members of the Civil Service in high and important positions holding dual offices is a subject requiring serious consideration, and will probably be dealt with after full inquiry into the general state of the Service.

(6.) Water Conservation Branch:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does he propose to retain the Water Conservation Branch, now in existence, in connection with his Department?

(2.) Is there at the present time any justification for the retention of the services of the two leading officers of that branch?

(3.) What salaries are paid to Messrs. McKinney and McMordie; and is not one of the officers able to discharge the whole of the duties now required of both?

*Mr. Young* answered,—It has been determined to hand over, at once, this branch of my Department to that of the Mines; and my honorable colleague the Secretary for Mines will take into consideration in due course whatever changes may be necessary in the conduct of that branch of the Service. The salaries paid to Messrs. McKinney and McMordie are £740 and £650 per annum respectively.

(7.) Colonel Spalding, C.M.G.:—*Mr. Watson*, for Mr. Shipway, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has Colonel Spalding, C.M.G., the officer commanding the New South Wales Artillery Force, any credential or certificate from any Imperial officer testifying to his qualifications in any respect as an artillery officer?

(2.) Has Colonel Spalding in his possession a certificate from Colonel Bingham, R.A.?

(3.) What is the nature of such certificate, and when was it granted?

(4.) Has Colonel Bingham, R.A., any recognised position in connection with the War Office or Royal Artillery at the present moment, and what is such position?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; from Lieutenant-Colonel Bingham, R.A.

(3.) Colonel Spalding has the first class certificate after four months course of instruction in drill and elementary repository work, dated 4th June, 1888.

(4.) Lieutenant-Colonel Bingham, who left the Colony in 1889, is now Chief Instructor and Commandant, School of Instruction, Plymouth, dated 22nd March, 1894.

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(8.) Report by Major-General Hutton on the Forts of the Colony :—*Mr. Watson*, for *Mr. Shipway*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true, as stated in the report of Major-General Hutton, that on arrival here he found the equipment and gun ammunition of the forts incomplete?
- (2.) Have the equipment and gun ammunition of the forts since been completed?
- (3.) Is it true that there are not in the Colony full service charges for use in connection with 6-inch hydro-pneumatic guns which have during the last few months been chase-hooped?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—

- (1.) Yes; and all details of these deficiencies have been recorded by a Military Board assembled for the purpose.
- (2.) Yes; for practical requirements the forts are now complete. The balance of deficiencies are being dealt with.
- (3.) Service charges for the 6-inch guns recently chase-hooped are available in the Colony, and will be made up as soon as required. A new scale of full service charges is under consideration for future adoption.

(9.) Appointment of Deputy-Registrar and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Swansea :—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the residents of Catherine Hill Bay, Lake Macquarie, Cooranbong, Dora Creek, and vicinity, are put to considerable inconvenience in cases of registration, being compelled, in cases of deaths or births, to ride to Gosford, over 70 miles in many instances?
- (2.) Will he cause the Registrar-General to appoint a Deputy Registrar of Births, Marriages, and Deaths at Swansea, there being a population of over 500 souls residing at Catherine Hill Bay alone?
- (3.) Was the Registrar-General requested to appoint the C.P.S. at Swansea, some time back, and has the appointment been made?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The following Answers have been furnished by the Registrar-General :—

- (1.) There were only twenty registrations for the districts named during 1893. In no case did the informant attend personally; the "forms of information" having been forwarded by post. I may say that the Honorable Member in his Question states that persons living at Catherine Hill Bay have to travel over 70 miles in many instances. But the Honorable Member must be aware that there is nothing like a distance of 70 miles between Catherine Hill Bay and Newcastle, where all the means of registration exist.
- (2 and 3.) On this basis the number of Deputy Registrars throughout the Colony—already 220—would require to be increased very considerably, and the application for the appointment of the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Swansea was declined for that reason.

(10.) Evasion of the Beer Duty :—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) On what date during September did the excise officers make a demand on the firm of Messrs. Tooth & Co?
- (2.) On what date did Messrs. Tooth & Co. pay into the Treasury the sum of money demanded?
- (3.) What was the amount paid by Messrs. Tooth & Co.?
- (4.) Did the Collector of Customs compute the sum of money due by Messrs. Tooth & Co. to the Government by checking their output of beer against the quantity on which they paid excise duty?
- (5.) If yes, over what period did the evasion of paying excise duty extend?
- (6.) If no, how did the excise officer or Collector of Customs determine the amount due to the Treasury?
- (7.) Referring to the Answer given to *Mr. Rose's* Question, on 31st October, why was a fine enforced on Messrs. Tooth & Co. first and a consultation with the Crown Law Officer held subsequently?
- (8.) Was the case referred to the Crown Solicitor prior or subsequent to the payment of £50 to *Mr. Ward*?
- (9.) On what date was the protest made by Messrs. Tooth & Co.?
- (10.) Is it usual to receive money at the Treasury under protest?
- (11.) Is the Crown Law Officer instructed to immediately report on this case?
- (12.) Will the papers be laid upon the Table of the House not later than next week?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

- (1.) On September 26th.
- (2.) Beer duties are not paid direct to the Treasury. Beer excise stamps representing the amount of duty were cancelled.
- (3.) £508 18s. 3d.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) The disputed liability covers a period from 1st January, 1891, to 31st August, 1894.
- (6.) Answered above.
- (7.) No fine was enforced.
- (8.) Subsequently.
- (9 and 10.) The protest referred to was in the shape of the application for reconsideration of the case, which has been referred to the Crown Solicitor.
- (11 and 12.) The papers were referred to the Crown Solicitor on 3rd instant, and if ready will be laid upon the Table within the time stated.

(11.) Cost of case *Proudfoot and Fletcher v. The Railway Commissioners* :—*Mr. Wall*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the full amount paid to *Proudfoot and Fletcher* in settlement of their recent litigation against the Railway Commissioners?

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- (2.) What expenses were incurred by the Railway Commissioners (other than legal) in connection with the said actions?  
 (3.) What was the amount of fees paid to counsel in the case?  
 (4.) What was the amount paid as costs (not including counsels' fees) to Robert Smith, solicitor?  
 (5.) Do the answers to the foregoing Questions cover the whole cost and expense in any way arising out of the said actions?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) I am informed the total amount of claims made was:—

	Claims made by contractors.			Amount paid.
	£	s.	d.	
Relaying and reballasting and ballast supply, and extra claims, Mudgee	595,885	14	3½	} 15,124
Raising line, Maitland	21,346	9	1	
Singleton deviations	72,787	0	11	
Lapstone deviations	30,000	0	0	
Manoa grades	74,833	1	1	
Mumbil grades	7,932	12	0	
	£802,784	17	4½	

In addition claims were made for quarries, plant, and ballast, as under:—

Quarries and plant	£56,025
Coolabah ballast	2,958
	£58,983

It was agreed that the whole of the contractors' working plant for plate-layers, plant for relaying purposes generally, as well as the engines, crushing plant, &c., in connection with the two quarries established by Proudfoot and Co., should be taken, as well as a large supply of ballast, for a total sum of £16,876. This arrangement was an advantageous one for the Department, and the Engineer's report that the plant at this amount is taken at a low valuation. The total sum paid in full settlement of all claims and purchase of plant and materials was £32,000.

(2.) Practically the whole of the expenses that can be shown are covered by the law costs. A very considerable amount of time and labour were spent by the Commissioners' officers in dealing with the case during the time it was under settlement, but the time, &c., so involved was in the ordinary course of business, and no separate account was kept of the value of same. The direct payments made on account of the case amount to £126 10s.

(3.) £4,131 15s.

(4.) The costs to Mr. R. Smith, including printing, technical witnesses, fees, shorthand writing, &c., have not been taxed, but the maximum will be under £8,100.

(5.) Yes; so far as can be ascertained.

(12.) Bankrupt Estate of Cyrus Edgar Fuller:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Davis, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has Mr. Augustus Morris, acting in his capacity of Official Assignee of the bankrupt estate of Cyrus Edgar Fuller, disposed of a business known as Stationers' Hall, George-street, Sydney, an asset in the said estate?

(2.) What was the date of the sale of such business, if any, and the terms of such sale, and the name of the purchaser or purchasers?

(3.) Have the terms of such purchase been carried out, and the whole of the purchase money been paid the Official Assignee?

(4.) How were such payments of purchase money paid to the Official Assignee, and by whom?

(5.) Upon what date did the Official Assignee cease to have any interest, or exercise any control over the business known as Stationers' Hall?

(6.) For what period of time was the sale of such business advertised?

(7.) Did the alleged purchaser of such business accept the vendor's estimate of the value of the stock in such business as the basis of such purchase, and take possession of such business without taking stock of the goods in such business?

(8.) Was a member of the Committee of Inspection of such bankrupt estate interested in the purchase of such business, and did he, whilst so interested, authorise the sale of such business?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Registrar in Bankruptcy that he has no official knowledge of this matter, but that he has received the following information from Mr. Morris, the Official Assignee in the estate:—

(1 and 2.) The business referred to was sold on the 17th April, 1893, to Mr. D. D. Henderson.

(3 and 4.) The terms, as approved by the Committee of Inspection, were £3,000, to be paid from time to time as the claims of Mr. James E. Black's creditors and others become due. There are still liabilities for costs, but they are not ready for settlement, also a liability for £600 on the lease.

(5.) From date of sale.

(6.) Tenders were advertised for ten days.

(7.) No tenders were sent in on the advertised date in March, 1893. A tender was subsequently made in the interests of Mr. C. E. Fuller, which was £800 less than the amount afterwards arranged to be paid by Mr. Henderson, and the terms asked for were extended ones. Stock was taken, but unfortunately for the purchaser he contented himself with a verification of quantities, while many of the goods turned out to be very old and of nominal value. Notwithstanding that Mr. Henderson purchased at more than value, the indemnifying creditors and the Official Assignee—so far as he was not indemnified for advances in carrying on the business—are considerable losers.

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(8.) No member of the Committee of Inspection was or could be interested in the purchase beyond the fact that one of the Committee, being an indemnifying creditor, lost heavily by the price which had to be accepted. The estate was largely robbed, but the loss of the books of account by fire rendered the success of a criminal investigation almost impossible. The Committee of Inspection, consisting of the principal creditors, have instructed the Official Assignee at every step.

2. COOTAMUNDRA RACECOURSE BILL:—Mr. Barnes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 30th October, 1894, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barnes then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 18th December.

Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence between the Chief Commissioner of Railways and the Government, respecting back pay and re-engagement for a second term.

(2.) Statement of Assets and Liabilities, including Income and Expenditure, together with General Balance Sheet of the Wollongong Harbour Trust, for the year 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Officers Commanding the Artillery Forces and the Permanent Artillery Regiment.

(2.) Register of Medical Practitioners for the year 1894.

(3.) Return respecting Tenders and Prices for the Supply of Horses, &c., to the Military Forces.

(4.) Report of the National Park Trust for the year 1893.

(5.) By-laws of the Borough of Enfield, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

4. LAND ALONG OCEAN FORESHORE, NEWCASTLE TO COCKLE CREEK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The names of companies or persons owning lands along the foreshore of the Pacific Ocean, from Newcastle to Lake Macquarie Heads.

(2.) Which, if any, of such companies or persons, owning land as aforesaid, have the right to fence down to the water's edge.

(3.) The same information regarding the foreshores from Lake Macquarie Heads to Cockle Creek.

Question put and passed.

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Samuel Edward Lees, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

“ By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative  
“ Assembly of New South Wales.

“ PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of  
“ New South Wales, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, I do hereby  
“ appoint Samuel Edward Lees, 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 room of Philip Henry Morton, Esquire, resigned.

“ Given under my Hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney,  
“ this sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
“ ninety-four.

“ J. P. ABBOTT,  
“ Speaker.”

6. NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act of 1886.’* ”

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
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7. **FRANCHISE EXTENSION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hogue moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Young moved, That this Debate be now adjourned

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 68.

Mr. Reid,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Stevenson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Piddington,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Edden,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Price,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Ewing.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Travers Jones,  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Willis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 4th December.

8. **CATTLE SLAUGHTERING LAW AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Affleck moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Law,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Griffith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Affleck.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Willis,  
Mr. Copeland,  
Mr. James Morgan,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Mr. Lyne,  
Mr. Travers Jones,  
Mr. Tonkin,  
Mr. Hassall,  
Mr. McFarlane.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Price,  
Mr. Waddell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

*And*

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*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 11th October, 1894.*

9. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

Mr. Bruncker moved (*with the concurrence of the House*), "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of adding certain words at the end of clause 4; to amend subsection (III) of clause 11, the last paragraphs of clauses 16 and 18, new subsection (III) of clause 23, new subsection (b) of clause 24, the second proviso of clause 32, the third paragraph of clause 42, the last paragraph but one of clause 44; and for the reconsideration of clauses 6, 15, 21, 22, 26, 39, 40, 48, and the new clause inserted to follow clause 16."

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

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of adding certain words at the end of clause 4; to amend subsection (III) of clause 11, the last paragraphs of clauses 16 and 18, new subsection (III) of clause 23, new subsection (b) of clause 24, the second proviso of clause 32, the third paragraph of clause 42, the last paragraph but one of clause 44; and for the reconsideration of clauses 6, 15, 21, 22, 26, 39, 40, 48, and the new clause inserted to follow clause 16,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup> with further amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Seven o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

1. [Illegible]

2. [Illegible]

3. [Illegible]

4. [Illegible]

5. [Illegible]

6. [Illegible]

7. [Illegible]

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

HOSPITALS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,  
Governor.

Message No. 20.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to the management of Hospitals*"—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, 31st October, 1894.

2. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR PERIOD 1ST JANUARY TO 30TH JUNE, 1895, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1894 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

By Deputation from His Excellency.  
FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895, together with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1894 and previous years.

Government House,  
Sydney, 5th November, 1894.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Road between Cudal and Cargo, *via* Day's Plains:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any report yet been received, and when is the road between Cudal and Cargo, *via* Day's Plains (applied for by an influentially-signed petition from the inhabitants of Cudal and Cargo), likely to be proclaimed and opened for public traffic?

Mr. Young answered,—Several reports have been received, and the matter is now in the hands of the Lands Department for consideration; but, so far as my Department is concerned, the opinion is that the traffic is not sufficient to justify the large expenditure which would be necessary to make this road trafficable; and in any case the opening of the road is a question between the Lands Department and the Cudal Municipality.

(2.) Bridge over the Little River at Balderodgery, near Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any steps yet been taken, or plans and specifications prepared for the erection of a bridge over the Little River at Balderodgery, near Molong; if so, when is the work likely to be proceeded with?

(2.) Is he aware that the river is a dangerous one to cross, and that several lives and valuable property belonging to settlers have been lost for the want of a suitable bridge, and will he see that the work is pushed forward with the least possible delay?

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- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) Yes, steps have been taken, but as yet plans and specifications have not been prepared. It cannot be stated at present when the work will be proceeded with, as a question of deviating the road through private property is involved, which must be settled first.
  - (2.) There seems to be some necessity for a bridge, and the matter will receive full consideration. I am not aware that lives and property have been lost for the want of this bridge.
- (3.) Public Service Inquiry Commission :—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Over what period of time did the labours of the last Public Service Inquiry Commission extend ?
  - (2.) What did such Commission cost the country, and were any of the recommendations carried out ?
  - (3.) What will be the probable cost of the proposed new Commission of Inquiry into the Public Service ?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) From the 16th December, 1887, to the 16th December, 1888, when it was discontinued, and reappointed on the 18th July, 1889, sitting till the 12th January, 1892.
  - (2.) £7,918 5s. 6d. Yes, some were.
  - (3.) The sum of £2,500 is on the Estimates towards this service.
- (4.) Railway Commissioners :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) At what date will the period of service for which the Railway Commissioners have been engaged expire ?
  - (2.) Will he, before concluding any fresh arrangements for the management of the Railways, submit the matter to Parliament for its approval ?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) The date on which the period of service for which the Chief Commissioner for Railways has been engaged will expire in October next.
  - (2.) If the Honorable Member refers to the appointment of Commissioners for the second term, that is an Executive act, and therefore not one to submit for the approval of the House.
- (5.) Late Commissioner for Railways (Mr. Goodchap) :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it true that when the Commissioners for Railways were being appointed the late Commissioner for Railways (Mr. Goodchap) was offered one of the positions, and declined to take it ?
  - (2.) Is it true that he now receives a pension ; and, if so, what is the annual amount paid ?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) I believe so.
  - (2.) Yes. £937 10s.
- (6.) Salaries and Allowances paid to Chairmen of Land Boards, and District Surveyors :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What are the salaries paid respectively to the Chairmen of the Land Boards ?
  - (2.) What equipment allowances do they receive respectively ?
  - (3.) And what travelling allowances per day ?
  - (4.) Also the same information with respect to the district surveyors ?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a return giving the information the Honorable Member has asked for.
- (7.) Caretaker at Darlinghurst Court-house :—Mr. Waddell asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) What salary is paid to the caretaker at Darlinghurst Court-house ?
  - (2.) Does the caretaker supply refreshments and charge for the same ?
  - (3.) If so, who receives the money ?
  - (4.) Who pays the attendants ?
  - (5.) Who supplies the materials for cooking ?
  - (6.) Who audits the accounts ?
- Mr. Gould answered,—I have received the following replies from the Sheriff in this matter :—
- (1.) £52 per annum.
  - (2.) No.
  - (3.) The caterer.
  - (4.) The assistants in kitchen are paid by the caterer—the Court attendants by the Government.
  - (5.) The caterer.
  - (6.) There are no accounts to audit; the caterer is paid so much per meal. The Government have no responsibility.
- (8.) Salary and Allowances paid to the Sheriff :—Mr. Waddell asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) What is the salary paid to the Sheriff ?
  - (2.) Does he get any allowances besides ; and, if so, what are the amounts, and what are they given for ?
  - (3.) Is he supplied with a residence free ?
  - (4.) If so, what is the estimated annual value of such premises ?
- Mr. Gould answered,—I have received the following replies from the Sheriff in this matter :—
- (1.) £785 per annum.
  - (2.) Yes ; forage allowance, £52 per annum, and travelling expenses at the rate of £2 per diem.
  - (3.) Yes (as agreed on acceptance of the office of Sheriff).
  - (4.) £150 per annum.

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- (9.) Resumption of 40 acres of Land at Mount Drysdale:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House all the papers in connection with the application to resume 40 acres of land at Mount Drysdale?
  - (2.) If not, will he lay them upon the Table of the House to-morrow?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—Copies of the papers required will be laid upon the Table of the House if moved for in the usual manner.
- (10.) Refund of Parliamentary Allowance by Members of Parliament:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many of the thirty-one Members of Parliament who recently voted for the introduction of a Bill to abolish payment of Members have returned the remuneration of last month to the Treasury?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I do not think anything of the kind suggested by the Honorable Member has happened since the division alluded to.
- (11.) Accounts in connection with the Erection of the Sydney Hospital:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have all the accounts in connection with the erection of the Sydney Hospital been paid?
  - (2.) Is it true that one account for the sum of £2,000 has been paid twice over?
  - (3.) To whom was the said money so paid; on whose certificate; and does he intend to take any action to obtain a refund of the said sum?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2 and 3.) Full information on this subject will be found in the papers, which will be laid upon the Table of the House, probably to-morrow, in reply to a Question on the same subject by the Honorable Member for Canterbury.
- (12.) Extension of Southern Breakwater at Newcastle:—Mr. Ellis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any decision been arrived at by the Government with reference to the extension of the southern breakwater at Newcastle?
- Mr. Young answered,—The Loan Estimates are now being dealt with, and the matter will not be overlooked.
4. HOLT'S WINGELLO ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Bavister presented a Petition from Alfred William Holt, of Prospect Hall, Summer Hill, near Sydney, gentleman, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to rectify a certain indenture of lease dated the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and to empower Alfred William Holt, his executors, or administrators, to assign or to underlet certain lands and hereditaments therein comprised without first obtaining a certain license in writing.
- And Mr. Bavister having produced the *Government Gazette*, and *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Goulburn Herald*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—Petition received.
5. DOG ACT:—Mr. Millen presented a Petition from certain rabbiters of the Colony, representing that they are engaged in the destruction of rabbits, in which occupation they have to use large numbers of dogs, and that the registration fees charged on such dogs is a grievous burthen on Petitioners; and praying for an amendment of the law, so that dogs declared to be kept for the purpose of hunting rabbits may be exempted from paying fees.
- Petition received.
6. NEPEAN COTTAGE HOSPITAL BILL:—Mr. Lees presented a Petition from George Brian Besley and George Brown, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the trustees of the Nepean Cottage Hospital certain lands of the Penrith District Hospital, and to enable the said Trustees to deal with the said lands for the purposes of the said Nepean Cottage Hospital.
- And Mr. Lees having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Nepean Times*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—Petition received.
7. PAPER:—Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 24th October, 1894,—“Adulterated Spirits.”
8. FIRE BRIGADES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Hollis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the “Fire Brigades Act, 1884”; to declare valid the constitution of certain Fire Brigades Boards; and to make other provision in connection with such Boards.
- Question put and passed.
9. APPLICATIONS FOR GOLD LEASES AT MOUNT GRAY, PARISH OF BOMBAH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, reports, &c., in connection with applications Nos. 509, 510, and 511, for gold leases situated at Mount Gray, in the parish of Bombah, county of Georgiana.
- Question put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENT:—The following Order of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—Cattle Slaughtering Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
11. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on the Bill,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That the report be now adopted.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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12. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
Mr. Bruncker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Bruncker (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick, a notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the action of Government in regard to the costs in the case *Eddy v. Martin*."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Crick moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Clarke,  
Mr. Travers Jones,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Hughes,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Wall,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Stevenson,  
Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Willis.

Tellers,

Mr. Black,  
Mr. Crick.

Noes, 45.

Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Afleck,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Tellers,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Knox.
Mr. Cameron,	

And so it passed in the negative.

14. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,168 to defray the expenses of the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the half-year, January to June, 1895.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
15. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
16. PAPERS:—Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1895.  
(2.) Statement showing the Revenue for 1894, as estimated on 31st January, 1894, the actual Revenue for the period from 1st January to 31st October, 1894, the estimated Revenue for November and December, 1894, the total Revenue of 1894, actual and estimated, and the differences between the Revenue as estimated on 31st January, 1894, and as now estimated.  
Ordered to be printed.
17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at four minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Accommodation for Court of Petty Sessions at Swansea:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the inadequate accommodation for the public and the Bench for the holding of the Court of Petty Sessions at Swansea?

(2.) Is he aware that there is a fair amount of business transacted every Court day, and that the only building is the constable's quarters?

(3.) Can he state what action, if any, is being taken to provide ordinary accommodation and shelter from the weather for witnesses and others who are compelled to attend the Court?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member has on several occasions complained of the accommodation for holding the Court of Petty Sessions at Swansea as insufficient, and has urged that a long wooden building be erected alongside the Police station to serve as a Court room. In reply he has been informed that the necessary vote for this year has been exhausted, and that the matter must stand over for the present.

(2 and 3.) The amount of business transacted at Swansea is not large. The business of the Court is conducted at the Police barracks in a room 15 x 14, and the witnesses and others attending the Court are in no worse condition than at numerous other places where the business is transacted under precisely similar circumstances. Inquiry is, however, being made of the Government Architect as to what would be the cost of adding such a room as asked for.

- (2.) University Examination Fees:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Referring to the Answers given to Mr. Stevenson's Questions, respecting University examination fees, will he state,—

(1.) To whom are the fees paid, and the amount paid to each person?

(2.) What services are rendered by each of the recipients for the emolument received?

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

- (3.) Pitt Town Labour Settlement:—Mr. Black asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the deputation from Pitt Town Settlement which recently waited on the Minister only represented thirty-nine settlers?

(2.) Is it a fact that since the ganger system was discontinued the daily result at Pitt Town is very considerably lessened?

(3.) Is it a fact that favouritism is shown in the distribution of clothing?

(4.) Is it a fact that some of the women are so ill-clad as to be ashamed to go out of doors?

(5.) Is it a fact that men may be seen at work there with bags tied around their feet in lieu of boots?

(6.) Is it a fact that the weekly allowance is 4s. per man, 2s. per woman, 1s. per child?

(7.) Is it a fact that the time-payment system is in vogue at the settlers' store?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Chairman of the Board of Control has furnished the following replies:—

(1.) The Board has no information on this subject.

(2.) The Board is not aware of the discontinuance of the ganger system.

(3.) Not that the Board is aware of.

(4.) An alleged case of this character was brought under notice on the 6th instant, and instructions were at once forwarded for the necessary relief to be provided.

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(5.) Not that the Board are aware of, the Superintendent having been instructed to supply working settlers with boots.

(6.) The weekly allowance is as follows:—For each adult male, 5s.; for each adult female, 2s.; for each boy under 14 years, working, 4s.; for one child over 6 years, 2s.; for more than one child over 6 years, 1s. 9d.; for one child over 12 months and under 6 years, 1s. 6d.; for more than one child over 12 months and under 6 years, 1s. 4d.; for each child over 6 months and under 12 months, 1s.

(7.) Only as regards small articles of clothing, &c., to be paid for out of their weekly ration allowance by small weekly payments.

(4.) Lieutenant Owen, of the Partially-paid Artillery:—Mr. Henry Chapman asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) For how many attendances at parades while absent from the Colony was Lieutenant Owen, of the Partially-paid Artillery, paid?

(2.) What was the total amount he received for such parades?

(3.) What was the date of last parade for which he received pay?

(4.) What amount has he received as salary to date?

Mr. Brunner answered,—The following Answers have been furnished by the Military authorities,—

(1.) Fifteen half-day and three whole-day parades.

(2.) £11 2s. 6d.

(3.) 22nd September, 1894.

(4.) Since Lieutenant Owen's absence from the Colony, from 1st November, 1893, he has been paid the sum of £407 4s. 2d., to the 15th of the current month, as salary.

(5.) Evasion of the Beer Duty:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) On what date did Tooth & Co. ask for a reconsideration of their case?

(2.) Why was the law not set in motion against Tooth & Co. for defrauding the Customs when they paid the sum of £508 demanded by the excise officers?

(3.) Why are the fines attendant on their payment not now enforced?

(4.) Why is it necessary to obtain the advice of the Crown Law Officer after the firm have acknowledged their guilt?

(5.) Upon how many hogsheads did the excise officers base their demand?

(6.) Is he aware that Tooth & Co. have only paid about one-third of what is legally due to the Treasury?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) 20th October.

(2.) It is not a case of fraud at all, for there is in my opinion room for an honest difference of opinion as to whether the extra duty was payable or not.

(3.) Fines have not been imposed.

(4.) As I have said, it is not a question of guilt; it is simply a question as to the liability of the firm.

(5.) 6,785½ hogsheads, at 1s. 6d. per hogshead.

(6.) No.

(6.) Issue of Special Leases under the Mining on Private Lands Act:—Mr. Millen asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that the issue of special leases under the Mining on Private Lands Act is delayed in the Mines Department through the failure of the Crown Solicitor to determine the form of such leases?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—There has been no failure in preparing the form of special lease by the Crown Solicitor, but extreme care has been necessary. The forms are now ready, and only awaiting final revision by the Crown Solicitor.

(7.) Subjects taught at the Technical College:—Mr. O'Reilly, for Mr. Wilks, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the total number of subjects taught at the Technical College, distinguishing between trades or handicrafts and others?

(2.) How many of the above are included in the list of subjects examined in by the City and Guilds of London Institute, and what are they?

(3.) Is not the City and Guilds of London Institute recognised as an authoritative body for practically testing the efficiency of technical students; and are not its certificates of proficiency generally regarded as satisfactory proofs of efficiency on the part of those who obtain them?

(4.) Is it not a fact that prior to the times appointed for holding the Institutes test examinations lists of the subjects and information as to the procedure to be followed are displayed on the official notice boards of the Technical College?

(5.) Have the students in any other department of the Technical College but that of mechanical engineering reported that the Institute's certificates are not of assistance to them when seeking employment?

(6.) If so, will he take steps to make known publicly the real nature and value of the aforesaid examinations?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) Forty-three, including twenty-three trades or handicrafts classes.

(2.) Eight, viz., Plumbing, Electric Lighting, Mechanical Engineering, Carriage Building, Lithography, Photography, Carpentry and Joinery, Brickwork, and Masonry.

(3.) (a) Yes; (b) Yes, but it must be borne in mind that these examinations are primarily framed to meet the requirements of students of the United Kingdom.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) No.

(6.) This Department cannot undertake to advocate the interest of examining bodies in different parts of the world.

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2. **EXCISE DUTY ON TOBACCO**:—Mr. Gould presented a Petition from residents of the Singleton District, pointing out that the excise duty on tobacco had tended to destroy the very large tobacco growing and manufacturing industries, and to close many local factories in the country districts, and praying that the duty may be repealed.  
Petition received.
3. **PAPERS**:—  
Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Return respecting University Examination Fees.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Return showing salaries and allowances paid to Chairmen of Local Land Boards and District Surveyors.
4. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**:—  
(1.) **HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
*By Deputation from His Excellency.*  
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 22.*  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*  
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the procuring and laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai, in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in and the control and management of the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto.  
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*Sydney, 7th November, 1894.*  
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
- (2.) The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
(1.) **LAND AND INCOME ASSESSMENT BILL**:—  
*By Deputation from His Excellency.*  
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 23.*  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*  
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a tax on land and a tax on income; to provide for the creation of taxation districts; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.  
*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 8th November, 1894.*  
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
- (2.) **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL**:—  
*By Deputation from His Excellency.*  
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 24.*  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*  
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to establish Local Government over that part of New South Wales which is outside the boundaries of municipalities; to make further provision for the constitution of municipal districts, and for the alteration of the areas of existing municipalities; to amend the law relating to municipal loans and municipal rates, and the recovery thereof; to amend and to extend the provisions of the "Municipalities Act of 1867"; to amend other Statutes in order to give effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.  
*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 8th November, 1894.*  
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
5. **LAND AND INCOME ASSESSMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a tax on land and a tax on income; to provide for the creation of taxation districts; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.  
Question put and passed.
6. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish Local Government over that part of New South Wales which is outside the boundaries of municipalities; to make further provision for the constitution of municipal districts, and for the alteration of the areas of existing municipalities; to amend the law relating to municipal loans and municipal rates, and the recovery thereof; to amend and to extend the provisions of the "Municipalities Act of 1867"; to amend other Statutes in order to give effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.

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7. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the procuring and laying of a second pipe line from Walka to Buttai, in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in and the control and management of the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
8. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare valid certain proclamations issued under the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' and to make further provision for the constitution of municipalities under the said Act; and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare valid certain proclamations issued under the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' and to make further provision for the constitution of municipalities under the said Act; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th November, 1894.*
9. NEPEAN COTTAGE HOSPITAL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lees moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest in the trustees of the Nepean Cottage Hospital certain lands of the Penrith District Hospital, and to enable the said trustees to deal with the said lands for the purposes of the said Nepean Cottage Hospital.  
Question put and passed.  
Mr. Lees having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to vest in the trustees of the Nepean Cottage Hospital certain lands in the Penrith District Hospital and to enable the said trustees to deal with the said lands for the purposes of the said Nepean Cottage Hospital,*"—read a first time.
10. HOLT'S WINGELLO ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to rectify a certain indenture of lease, dated the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and to empower Alfred William Holt, his executors, or administrators, to assign or to underlet certain lands and hereditaments therein comprised, without first obtaining a certain license in writing.  
Question put and passed.  
Mr. Bavister having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to rectify a certain indenture of lease dated the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and to empower Alfred William Holt, his executors, or administrators, to assign or to underlet certain lands and hereditaments therein comprised, without first obtaining a certain license in writing,*"—read a first time.
11. APPLICATION TO RESUME LAND AT MOUNT DRYSDALE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with an application to resume 40 acres of land at Mount Drysdale.  
Question put and passed.
12. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT OF DANIEL HAYES OF DUBBO (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. James Morgan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, and correspondence in connection with the cancellation of the contract of Daniel Hayes, of Dubbo (No. 41 T).  
Question put and passed.
13. POSTPONEMENT:—The following Order of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—Cattle Slaughtering Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
14. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Disapproval of Warrant*:—Mr. McGowen moved, That this House disapproves of Mr. Speaker's Warrant, laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 6th November, 1894, appointing Samuel Edward Lees, Esquire, to be a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.  
Debate ensued.  
*Point of Order*:—Mr. Wall drew attention to the terms of Standing Order 110 requiring notice to be given of any motion initiating a subject for discussion, and submitted that no debate should be permitted on the motion now moved without notice.  
Mr. Speaker, while recognising that the words of the Standing Order seemed to be somewhat in conflict with the provision of clause 121 of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act which authorised the moving of this motion without notice, did not consider that he would be warranted in not allowing Debate.  
Debate continued.  
Question put.



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The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Schey,  
Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. Davis,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. Wilks,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Hawthorne,  
Mr. Pyers,  
Mr. Hughes,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Macdonald.

Tellers,

Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. McGowen.

Noes, 59.

Mr. Clarke, Mr. Wright, Mr. James Morgan, Mr. Brunker, Mr. See, Mr. Young, Mr. Wall, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Afleck, Mr. Hayes, Sir George Dibbs, Dr. Ross, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Cook, Mr. Gould, Mr. Storey, Dr. Graham, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Henry Chapman, Mr. Crick, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Molcsworth, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Martin, Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Wise, Mr. Parkes, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Perry, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. McLean, Mr. Shipway, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dick, Mr. Millard, Mr. Robert Jones, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Newman, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ashton, Mr. William Morgan, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Garrard.
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Tellers,

Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Russell Jones.

And so it passed in the negative.

15. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Watson moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 17" instead thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Milten, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Gould, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Young, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Reid, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Cook, Mr. Archibald Campbell, Dr. Graham,	Mr. Lee, Mr. Shipway, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Millard, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. Harris, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Newman, Mr. Collins, Mr. Storey, Mr. McLean, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Dick,  Mr. Hawthorne, Dr. Hollis.
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Tellers,

Mr. Hawthorne,  
Dr. Hollis.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Hogan, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Crick, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Travers Jones, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Pyers, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Perry, Mr. Carroll, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Law, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Davie, Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. McGowen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Schey, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wood, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Ashton, Mr. O'Sullivan.
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Tellers,

Mr. Clarke,  
Mr. Rose.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Milten, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Gould, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Young, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Reid, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Travers Jones, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Cook, Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Smailes, Mr. Watkins, Dr. Graham,	Mr. Lee, Mr. Newman, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Collins, Mr. Storey, Mr. McLean, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Dick, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Henry Chapman, Mr. Shipway, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Millard, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. Harris, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Edden,
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Noes, 7.

Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Clarke,  
Mr. Pyers,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Perry.

Tellers,

Mr. Rose,  
Mr. Price.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Bill read a third time.

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Bill do now pass.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further regulate the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of Crown lands; for the protection of certain homesteads; to enable the Crown, by purchase, resumption, exchange, and surrender, to acquire alienated lands; to amend the law relating to conditional purchasers in certain respects; to provide for forfeitures and validations in certain cases; to prevent impounding and actions for trespass upon unfenced holdings; to amend the law as to Local Land Boards and the Land Appeal Court; and to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further regulate the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of Crown lands; for the protection of certain homesteads; to enable the Crown, by purchase, resumption, exchange, and surrender, to acquire alienated lands; to amend the law relating to conditional purchasers in certain respects; to provide for forfeitures and validations in certain cases; to prevent impounding and actions for trespass upon unfenced holdings; to amend the law as to Local Land Boards and the Land Appeal Court; and to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th November, 1894.*

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 35.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Decision of Elections and Qualifications Committee in Case *Loughnane v. Greene*:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the decision of the Elections and Qualifications Committee with reference to the appeal of Mr. Loughnane against the return of Mr. Greene for the Electorate of Grenfell?

(2.) Did the Governor have a reasonable opportunity of issuing a validating notice between the time of the discovery of the technical default of the Returning Officer and the presentation of the Report of the Elections and Qualifications Committee?

(3.) Will he take steps to amend the present Electoral Act?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No representation appears to have been made for the validation of the election, and until that is done it is not usual to take action.

(3.) The matter has not yet been considered.

- (2.) Fees for Registration under the Dog Act:—*Mr. Thomas Brown* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the fees charged for registration under the Dog Act?

(2.) Is he aware that a difference obtains in some country districts as to the amount of such charges?

(3.) Is it a fact that in some instances registration is refused unless accompanied by a form or an additional charge of 6d. for said form?

(4.) Will he see that uniformity of practice is observed in this matter?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) 2s. 6d.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3 and 4.) The Dog Registration Act, 6 Wm. 4 No. 4, section 2, provides that every such registration must be accompanied by a description embracing the several particulars contained in the form in the Schedule to this Act, and the attention of Clerks of Petty Sessions has been directed by circular addressed to the several Benches of Magistrates, dated 3rd January, 1888, to the fact that in the opinion of the Minister of Justice the practice of Clerks of Petty Sessions selling to the public printed forms for the registration of dogs is objectionable, and should be discontinued.

- (3.) Amendment of Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act:—*Mr. Thomas*, for Mr. Nicholson, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of Government to introduce (at an early date) an amending Conciliation and Arbitration Bill, making it compulsory on all parties to a labour dispute to submit their case to a Board of Conciliation or Arbitration before a strike or lock-out is declared?

(2.) If not, will the Government at once take steps to disestablish the sinecure offices created by the existing Conciliation and Arbitration Act?

Mr. Gould answered,—This matter is now under the consideration of the Government.

- (4.) Civil Servants holding more than one Position:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House, for the information of Members, previous to the consideration of the Estimates, a return giving a complete list of names of all persons now paid a salary by the Government who hold more than one office and receive a separate salary for each office?

(2.)

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(2.) Will he also show by such return each separate office held by such person, and the salary attached to each separate office, as well as the total sum for all the offices combined?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to remedy this state of things by discontinuing it, unless in the case of country Police Magistrates, Clerks of Petty Sessions, and Crown Lands Agents?

Mr. Reid answered,—(1 and 2.) The Schedule to the Estimates, laid annually upon the Table of the Assembly, shows the various positions, &c., of officers who hold more than one office, and the remuneration paid for each.

(5.) Abatements deducted from Salaries of Civil Servants:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How much of the £7,478 on the Supplementary Estimates for 1894, to meet the abatement which should be deducted from the salaries of the Civil Servants, has been paid up to date?

(2.) Will the Minister authorise the proportion not yet paid of that amount to be retained by the Departments until it is voted by Parliament?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Colonial Treasurer to issue notice to those now receiving the benefit of these abatements that after the 31st of December next no further abatements will be allowed or paid?

(4.) Will the Minister lay upon the Table of this House, before proceeding with the Estimates, a list of the names of those to whom the £7,478 is proposed to be paid, with the respective amounts proposed to be paid to each person separately?

Mr. Reid answered,—The sum in question is the total of the votes proposed under the respective Departments to meet the abatement which should, in terms of the Civil Service Act, be deducted from the pensions payable to officers whose services have been dispensed with. It is the practice of the Government to meet the abatement in cases where the officers have been retired for retrenchment purposes. The abatement now proposed is payable to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund. £92 17s. 10d. has already been paid, that amount having previously been voted, but erroneously written off.

(6.) The Public Works Committee:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the present political Public Works Committee is costing the country rather more than £100 per week?

(2.) Is he aware that one-third the number of Members of Parliament could investigate the merits of proposed public works?

(3.) Will he carry out a scheme of retrenchment by amending the few necessary clauses of the Act so as to reduce the number of members from thirteen to three or five?

Mr. Reid answered,—The rate of remuneration to, and the number of members of, the Parliamentary Public Works Committee have been determined by Act of Parliament.

(7.) Sale of Ammunition to Fruit-growers to destroy Flying-foxes:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Hughes, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Department of Agriculture to sell ammunition at half-price to fruit-growers for the purpose of destroying flying-foxes and other fruit pests, as has been the practice of that Department for some time?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—There is no money available for this purpose.

(8.) Lepers in Little Bay Hospital:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Hughes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return containing information under the following heads, respecting the lepers in the Little Bay Hospital:—

(1.) Total number of patients in lazaret since 1890, sex, and age?

(2.) How many at present in Hospital, sex, and age?

(3.) What nationality?

(4.) Are all the cases (in the opinion of the highest medical experts) true leprosy?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table the return asked for.

(9.) Bay View Asylum Inquiry:—Mr. Bavister, for Mr. Gardiner, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are any members of the Commission appointed to conduct the inquiry into the management of the Bay View Asylum to receive payment for their services?

(2.) What members, if any, are to receive payment?

(3.) At what rate will the payments be made?

(4.) What is the estimated cost of the inquiry?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1, 2, & 3.) No.

(4.) It will be impossible to give the full amount of the expenses that will be incurred until the inquiry is over. At present the only expense is the Secretary's salary.

(10.) Proposed Hospital at Nyngan:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he come to any decision yet with reference to an application for a special grant to help to build a hospital at Nyngan?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The sum of £100 has been placed on the Estimates as a special grant towards the erection of a hospital at Nyngan.

(11.) Penny Postage in Country Towns:—Mr. Lee asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it the practice of the Department to grant a penny postage, within a radius of 13 miles, to country towns, where the post and telegraph revenue exceeds £2,500 per annum?

(2.) Is it not the cause of much discontent to the residents of those towns that happen to have a smaller revenue?

(3.) Will he take steps to either extend the system to all parts of the Colony, or abolish it?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) No; but the advantage has been afforded to some few localities where the revenue has reached £2,500 per annum.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The matter will receive early consideration.

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2. NEPEAN COTTAGE HOSPITAL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lees moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That the Nepean Cottage Hospital Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Martin, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Law, and the Mover.  
 Question put and passed.
3. HOLT'S WINGELLO ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That Holt's Wingello Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Russell Jones, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Cann, Mr. Rose, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Hassall, and the Mover.  
 Question put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—  
 (1.) Cattle Slaughtering Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until To-morrow.  
 (2.) Carriages Regulation Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Tuesday, 29th January, 1895.
5. PAPERS :—  
 Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Lepers in Little Bay Hospital.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return showing the expenditure on the completion of the Sydney Hospital.  
 Ordered to be printed.
6. SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER :—  
 (1.) Sir Henry Parkes moved, without Notice, That it is a case of urgent necessity that the Debate on the resolutions in reference to Federation, No. 1, on the Notice Paper, No. 33, in Sir Henry Parkes's name be continued, without interruption by Government Business, at Seven o'clock.  
 Question put and passed.  
 (2.) Sir Henry Parkes then moved, without Notice, That the Sessional Order adopted on the 11th October, 1894, providing that Government Business only shall be taken after Seven o'clock p.m., on Tuesdays, be suspended for this day, to allow of the consideration and determination of the motion of the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, with reference to the Federation of the Australasian Colonies.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Bruncker,	Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Kidd,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Piers,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Harris,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. See,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Chanter.
Mr. Cullen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Wall,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Willard,
Mr. Loughnane,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Law.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Watson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. NATIVE FLORA PROTECTION BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to protect for a certain period the native flora of New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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8. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That in view of the rapid growth of Australia in the elements of national life, and the number of questions arising out of that growth which can only be dealt with adequately by a National Legislature, it is in the highest sense desirable that Parliament, without loss of time, should resume the consideration of the federation of these Colonies under one National Government.  
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Copeland,	Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Bavister,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Ewing,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Edden,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Sleath,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Lyne.
Mr. Storey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Price.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Wall,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Willard,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Law.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Thomas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*And the Business having been disposed of for the consideration of which the Sessional Order adopted on the 11th October, 1894, had been suspended, Government Business only proceeded with.*

9. LAND AND INCOME ASSESSMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a tax on land and a tax on income; to provide for the creation of taxation districts; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.  
 Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Knox,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Dr. Hollis,	Dr. Graham,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Willard,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Ferguson,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Donnelly,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Miller.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Wall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon

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

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

Ordered, that the reception of the resolution stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

## 10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish Local Government over that part of New South Wales which is outside the boundaries of municipalities; to make further provision for the constitution of municipal districts, and for the alteration of the areas of existing municipalities; to amend the law relating to municipal loans and municipal rates, and the recovery thereof; to amend and to extend the provisions of the "Municipalities Act of 1867"; to amend other Statutes in order to give effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to establish Local Government over that part of New South Wales which is outside the boundaries of municipalities; to make further provision for the constitution of municipal districts, and for the alteration of the areas of existing municipalities; to amend the law relating to municipal loans and municipal rates, and the recovery thereof; to amend and to extend the provisions of the "Municipalities Act of 1867," to amend other Statutes in order to give effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to establish Local Government over that portion of New South Wales which is outside the boundaries of municipalities; to make further provision for the constitution of municipal districts, and for the alteration of the areas of existing municipalities; to amend the law relating to municipal loans and municipal rates, and the recovery thereof; to amend and extend the provisions of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867'; to amend other Statutes in order to give effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 21st November.

The House adjourned at a quarter past Four o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*





New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Kenmore Hospital for Insane Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,  
Governor.

Message No. 25.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of a Hospital for the Insane at Kenmore, near Goulburn*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 13th November, 1894.

- (2.) Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act Amendment Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,  
Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act of 1886'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 13th November, 1894.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 6th November instant, appointing Samuel Edward Lees, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Lees to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.

(2.) *Member sworn*:—Mr. Lees came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Frederick Turner, F.L.S.:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was Mr. Fredk. Turner, F.L.S., in the Government employ, and dismissed as one of the retrenched officers?

(2.) Is it a fact that the work accomplished by him was considered of the greatest value to the country, and was favourably reviewed over nearly the whole world?

(3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Turner was the first person in Australia to popularise the economic botany of this country by illustrations and popular descriptions through the public press and the Department?

(4.) Is it true that after Mr. Turner was retrenched his position was given to Mr. J. H. Maiden?

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- (5.) Was Mr. Maiden at the time in the Public Service—(a) what position did he hold; (b) what salary did he receive; (c) and what salary does he now receive?
- (6.) Is it a fact that Mr. Turner has named and described a great number of plants for Mr. Maiden, and that a great part of the book published by Mr. Maiden was written by Mr. Turner?
- (7.) Is it a fact that plants have recently been figured and described in the *Agricultural Gazette*, which Mr. Turner figured and described in the *Town and Country Journal* years ago, and no acknowledgments given to the original author?
- (8.) Will he appoint an independent commission to inquire into the causes which led to certain officers in the Agricultural Department being retrenched, and if the best officers for the positions now occupied were retained?
- (9.) What was the cost to the Department for officers' salaries previous to the retrenchment scheme, and what is the present cost?
- (10.) Who are the persons in the Agricultural Department at present receiving dual salaries; the amounts paid to each previous to the retrenchment; and that now received?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Mr. Turner did some good work while in the Department, and his work has been favourably commented upon in other countries.
- (3.) I cannot say.
- (4.) Mr. Maiden took up the work.
- (5.) Yes, as Curator of the Technological Museum. He now receives from this Department the same salary, namely, £100 per annum.
- (6.) Mr. Maiden says that neither statement is a fact.
- (7.) This is denied.
- (8.) This matter has not been considered by the Government.
- (9.) The salaries paid during 1893 amounted to £14,212 for the Agricultural Department, and to £14,032 7s. for the Forestry Department. Since the retrenchment scheme has been carried out, the two branches have been worked together, and the amount paid in salaries has been £18,458 15s.
- (10.) The Consulting Botanist only.

(2.) The Art Society of New South Wales:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What is the amount of the subsidy annually paid by the Government to the Art Society of New South Wales?
- (2.) What supervision (if any) does the Department of Education exercise over the expenditure of this money?
- (3.) Will the Government take into consideration the advisability of appointing representatives on the Council of the Art Society?
- (4.) Is the Minister able to furnish Parliament with any information as to the character of the teaching afforded by the Art Society?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the Selection Committee of the Art Society are themselves large exhibitors at the annual exhibitions, and that they are the judges of their own pictures as well as the pictures of their pupils?
- (6.) Are the pupils of the Art Society ever subjected to any examinations by Government Inspectors, for the purpose of testing the value of the teaching afforded by the Society?
- (7.) Who is the Director of the Art Society; who are the teachers; and what salary does each receive?
- (8.) Is the science of perspective taught in the classes of the Society?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) Five hundred pounds (£500).
- (2.) None; but the Auditor-General sees that the money is spent in educational purposes.
- (3.) The question will receive consideration.
- (4.) Classes are held in drawing from the antique, drawing from life, and painting.
- (5.) Yes; the Selection Committee is a Committee of the whole Council, which is very largely composed of artists, several of whom have pupils. All works sent in are judged by the Selection Committee.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) There is no Director. The Society is governed by a President, Vice-President, Honorary Treasurer, Council of twelve, and a Secretary. There is one teacher only—Mr. J. R. Ashton. He receives £250 per annum.
- (8.) Linear perspective is not taught.

(3.) Land used by Messrs. Phippard Brothers in Moore-street:—Dr. Hollis asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) On what terms were Messrs. Phippard Brothers allowed the use of the land in Moore-street, adjoining that on which the new premises are being erected for the Mutual Life Insurance Society of New York?
- (2.) What is the estimated annual value of this land?
- (3.) How long have Messrs. Phippard Brothers had the use of it?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Messrs. Phippard Brothers were allowed the use of the land free, during the Minister's pleasure, or until sale was effected. The agreement contains covenants compelling Messrs. Phippard Brothers to make good all damages (if any) caused to site, and to properly maintain necessary fences. This concession was granted as it was, I understand, considered by the then Minister to be good policy on the part of the Government to grant all reasonable facilities for carrying out the building operations. It was also considered that the fencing in of the land would protect the public against injury during the erection of this lofty pile of buildings.
- (2.) It has no annual value until built upon.
- (3.) Since the commencement of the buildings referred to, viz., on 15th May, 1893.

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- (4.) Case of *Bradford v. Powell*:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Black, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Why the judgment in the *Bradford v. Powell* will case has not been delivered?
  - (2.) If this matter is to be argued again does the Government intend to pay the expenses of such argument?
  - (3.) Has the Curator of Intestate Estates any, and what, authority to employ private attorney, and why does the Curator not employ the Crown Solicitor?
  - (4.) Probate having been granted of Thomas's will, how is it that the Curator is still receiving the rents of the property?
  - (5.) Is it a fact, through the action of the Curator, that Miss Bradford is almost starving, and had to close her shop through not having funds to carry on?
  - (6.) Is it a fact that Miss Bradford has been kept out of her rights under the will over twelve months?
  - (7.) What power had the Curator to order all Mr. Thomas's papers to be destroyed when he took possession of the estate?
- Mr. Gould answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware.
  - (2.) No; the Government is not responsible for any costs incurred by the parties to the suit.
  - (3.) Yes; the Curator, by the order of the Probate Judge, under section 75 of the Probate Act, has the same powers as an ordinary administrator, and therefore authority to employ a private attorney, but is personally responsible for such employment. He is not entitled to employ the Crown Solicitor.
  - (4.) Although the validity of the will has been established before the Probate Judge, and probate ordered to issue, the Curator, at the request of the next of kin,—and having obtained the necessary authority to appeal—is appealing against such decision, and is, under the authority conferred on him, under section 75 of the Probate Act, collecting the rents for the benefit of the persons ultimately entitled thereto.
  - (5.) I am not aware.
  - (6.) As the will is being disputed it is impossible to say whether Miss Bradford has any rights thereunder.
  - (7.) The Curator, acting within his power as administrator, authorised Miss Bradford to destroy a number of papers, which he, after personally examining in the presence of Miss Bradford and some of her friends, considered worthless.
- (5.) Roads and Bridges Vote for 1893:—*Mr. Travers Jones* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that £216,400 18s. 6d. was written off as savings on vote of £600,000 for Roads and Bridges, 1893; if so, was not the whole amount required at the time it was written off to maintain the roads and bridges of the Colony in a state of repair?
  - (2.) Will he have that amount placed on the Estimates for 1895 to be revoted for the same purpose?
- Mr. Reid answered,—The sum of £216,400 was reserved in January, 1894, by the late Government out of the 1893 vote of £600,000 to be written off on the 31st December next as not required, and as I have found that the whole amount was required at the time it was so reserved, and is still required for the purpose for which it was voted by Parliament, I do not propose to write it off at all, and have re-charged it to the account for 1893.
- (6.) Roads and Bridges Votes from 1891 to 1894 in the Tumut Electorate:—*Mr. Travers Jones* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What were the votes for roads and bridges in the Tumut Electorate in 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1894?
  - (2.) What portion of the amount voted was expended each year?
  - (3.) Was any portion of the vote for each year erroneously written off as savings when the whole vote was required at the time it was written off to maintain the roads and bridges of the electorate; if so, how much?
  - (4.) Who is responsible for the votes not being expended in keeping the roads and bridges in repair for traffic, and by whose authority were the unexpended votes written off?
  - (5.) On whose recommendation were the maintenance men withdrawn from the roads of the electorate in many instances, and who is accountable for the damage and injury done through the men being taken off, and the impassable state of the roads now?
  - (6.) Will he endeavour to have the money written off revoted to repair the damage done to the roads, and put them in order for traffic, as the ordinary road vote will not be sufficient?
- Mr. Young answered,—A return will be prepared giving the desired information in relation to the whole of the Road Districts of the Colony, as soon as possible, and laid upon the Table of the House.
- (7.) State of Main Road between "White Bay Hotel" and the Iron Cove Bridge:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the attention of his Department been drawn to the dangerous state of the main road from Sydney, between the "White Bay Hotel" and the Iron Cove Bridge; if so, will he give instructions for its immediate repair?
- Mr. Young answered,—Yes; and on the 23rd February last, the Council Clerk, Balmain, was informed that this road, being within the municipal limits of Balmain, was legally under the charge of his Council, and there was considered to be no justification for proclaiming it as a main road as asked. In consideration, however, of the through traffic, the Department was prepared to allow the Council the same rate per mile as is voted for the portion of the road under the charge of the Department, which is as follows:—Sixty chains at £160 per mile per annum = £120. The offer contained in the above letter was not accepted; and the Council Clerk was informed, on the 7th June, and again on the 15th September, that no further Government expenditure would be made on this road.

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- (8.) Dogs poisoned at Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that owners of valuable dogs in Molong (all of which have been duly registered under the Dog Act) have lately suffered most severely through a class of vindictive, malicious-minded persons scattering poisoned baits about the streets and public places, with the view of poisoning valuable dogs belonging to peaceable residents, no notice having been given of the same?  
 (2.) Will he see that instructions are given to the Police to keep a more strict watch and supervision over such cases (especially the sale and use of poison) in order that valuable property may be protected, and such mischievous practices put a stop to?  
 Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am not aware, but will cause inquiry to be at once made.
- (9.) Leave of Absence to William Mingaye, of the Railway Service:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Is William Mingaye employed as a clerk in the Mechanical Engineer's Branch of the Railway Service; and, if so, at what salary?  
 (2.) What leave has he had from 1st January, 1893, to date; and how many times has he been allowed off duty in addition to attend races during the same period?  
 Mr. Reid answered,—I am to point out that the clerk referred to is employed under the Railway Commissioners, and is subject to the regulations of the Service.
- (10.) Public School at Mount Drysdale:—Mr. Waddell asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—  
 When will the public school be opened at Mount Drysdale?  
 Mr. Garrard answered,—There is no building available at Mount Drysdale which can be leased. It will be necessary to erect buildings, and steps are now being taken with that object.
- (11.) Remuneration to Members of Police for Extra Duties under the new Electoral Act:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is it his intention to give special remuneration to members of the Police force who have had extra duties imposed on them under the new Electoral Act?  
 (2.) If so, when; and what amounts will be paid?  
 Mr. Bruncker answered,—This matter is now under my consideration. I may tell the Honorable Member that I have been in communication with the Inspector-General of Police on the subject.
- (12.) The Public Works Committee:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Referring to Answers given to Mr. Rose's Questions on 13th November, does the Colonial Treasurer definitely say that he proposes to permit the continuance of thirteen Members of Parliament drawing £100 per week on the Public Works Committee?  
 (2.) If so, where will his theory of retrenchment commence?  
 Mr. Reid answered,—I have no opportunity of personally superintending the operations of this Committee to see whether they should be retrenched; but I hope my honorable friend will take the earliest opportunity of taking a seat on the Committee to give me the benefit of some practical knowledge on this subject, from a better point of view than he enjoys at present.
- (13.) Subsidy for Stock and Pastures Board for 1895:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Rose, asked the Secretary for Mines,—What amount does he propose to place on the Estimates as subsidy for the Stock and Pastures Board for the year 1895?  
 Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The sum of £1,250, for period 1st January to 30th June, 1895, being half the sum voted for 1894.
- (14.) Road through Bullio Mountains to the Wombeyan Caves:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Rose, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) Does he contemplate cutting a road, *via* Berrima, through the Bullio Mountains, to the Wombeyan Caves?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that already a splendid road exists, *via* Marulan and Taralga, to the Wombeyan Caves?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that, by the route referred to, the caves are now within five hours journey of railway transit?  
 Mr. Young answered,—  
 (1.) No; I have no present intention of doing so.  
 (2.) A road does exist, but it cannot be called a good one.  
 (3.) I am informed that the journey cannot be accomplished in the time named.

## 4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—  
 New and Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.  
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.  
 (2.) Abstract of Crown lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.  
 (3.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

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5. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Native Flora Protection Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 12th February, 1895.
  - (2.) Homestead Protection Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Tuesday, 29th January, 1895.
  - (3.) Conspiracy and Protection of Property Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday, 4th December.
  - (4.) Early Closing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the supervision and regulation of shops, and for the limitation of the hours of trading and working therein, and for other purposes;—until Tuesday, 15th January, 1895.
6. **RESIGNATION OF SEAT BY A MEMBER**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from John Willard, Esquire, resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Tweed.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Grenfell, Mr. Loughnane, a Notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "to direct attention to the insanitary condition of the township of Wyalong." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—Mr. Loughnane moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.

8. **LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act' and the 'Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th November, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 14th November, 1894.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 5. *Omit "Acts hereby amended" insert "Labour Settlements Act and the "Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894"*
- Page 1, clause 1, line 12. *After "authority" insert "of the said Acts and"*
- Page 1, clause 1, line 13. *Omit "and of the Acts hereby amended"*
- Page 1, clause 1, lines 19 to 21. *Omit "(III) Who is an unmarried person over the age of twenty-one years (which term includes a bachelor, a spinster, a widower, or a widow)—forty-five pounds"*
- Page 2, clause 1, line 2. *Omit "passing" insert "commencement"*
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 2 and 3. *Omit "this Act" insert "the Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894"*
- Page 2, clause 2, line 11. *Add "s" to "Act" second occurring.*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Referring to this Message, Mr. Speaker said that this Bill was clearly a Money Bill, and that the Assembly had, ever since 1857, maintained that the Council had no power to make any alterations in a Money Bill, and had protested against any interference by the Council. Recently the Legislative Council and Assembly of Queensland had petitioned Her Majesty the Queen, who was pleased to refer the same to the Privy Council, as to the powers of the Council to amend Money Bills, and whether the Constitution Act of Queensland (which is identical with the Constitution Act in force in this Colony) confers on the Council powers co-ordinate with the Assembly in amending Money Bills; and the Privy Council had decided in the negative. In the face of this decision the amendments of the Council in this Bill should not be entertained by the Assembly. On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the Bill was laid aside.

9. **PAPER**:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Joint Case submitted by the Legislative Council and Assembly of Queensland in 1885, respecting the rights and powers of the Legislative Council with respect to Money Bills, and the decision of the Privy Council thereon.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. **LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL**:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—the Chairman of Committees moved, That the resolution be now received.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 67.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Loughnane,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Wilks,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McMillan,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Cameron.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 25.

Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Perry,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. See,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. James Morgan.
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Barnes,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Clarke.

*Tellers,*

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Ewing.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution was then read a first time as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a tax on land and a tax on income; to provide for the creation of taxation districts; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.

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

- (2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a tax on land and a tax on income; to provide for the creation of taxation districts; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments; and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects*,"—and moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 66.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Loughnane,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Stephen,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Piddington,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Shipway,	
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Harris,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Law,	
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Young,	Dr. Hollis,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Perry,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. See,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Clarke,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Chanter.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Ewing.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that the Bill be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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11. POSTPONEMENTS :—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.
  12. CATTLE SLAUGHTERING LAW AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
  13. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 37.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

## QUESTIONS:

- (1.) Cases dealt with at Court of Petty Sessions at Swansea:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Justice,—Since the Court of Petty Sessions was established at Swansea in 1891, will he state how many cases were dealt with during the years 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1894, up to present date?

Mr. Gould answered,—The cases dealt with at Swansea amounted to 60 in 1891, 55 in 1892, 63 in 1893, and 72 in 1894 to present date.

- (2.) Railway Revenue:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he ascertain from the Auditor-General, and communicate to this House,—

(1.) What were the average returns which the net revenue of the railways yielded per annum to the capital invested during the last six years of their administration by Mr. Goodchap?

(2.) What are the average returns which the net revenue of the railways has yielded per annum to the capital invested during the six years of the present Commissioners' administration?

(3.) What was the number of miles of additional railway opened for traffic during the last six years of Mr. Goodchap's administration?

(4.) What was the number of miles of additional railway opened for traffic during the six years of the present Commissioners' administration?

(5.) Was any amount voted by Parliament during Mr. Goodchap's administration to repay the estimated cost of carrying Members of Parliament and others free by railway?

(6.) What has been the total amount voted by Parliament on this account during the administration of the present Commissioners?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am obtaining the information asked for, and when I receive it I will lay it upon the Table in the form of a return.

- (3.) The Codlin Moth:—Mr. Travers Jones asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Codlin moth is causing great destruction and loss to fruit-growers in many parts of the Colony?

(2.) Will he have an expert sent to the infected districts to report, and advise on the best means of protecting fruit-trees from the pest?

(3.) Will he consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent the Codlin moth from spreading into other districts?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Department has already circulated as widely as possible full information as to the most approved methods of dealing with this pest, both by lectures, field demonstrations, and the distribution of pamphlets bearing on the subject. The fruit expert will visit infected districts and give advice as often as possible.

(3.) A Bill has been prepared, and will be introduced when public business will permit.

- (4.) Cancer and other Diseases among Stock:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Are any steps being taken by the Scientific or Veterinary Branch of the Department with the view to discover the cause, or probable cause, or the increased prevalence of cancer and other diseases among stock in the Colony; if so, to whom has such an inquiry been entrusted, and when is the report likely to be completed?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Stock Department is making a special inquiry as to the prevalence of cancer and if it is increasing in the several sheep districts of the Colony, but all the replies have not yet been received. The Inspector of Stock for each district has been asked to report, and within a fortnight it is expected the information will be available.

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(5.) Wages of Maintenance Men in the Kempsey District:—Mr. Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount of money is expended out of the ordinary road vote for payment of maintenance men's wages within the Kempsey district?

Mr. Young answered,—The approximate amount of money expended:—Twenty regular maintenance men, about £2,000; extra maintenance men, about £500; total, £2,500.

(6.) Petition from New Australia Party at Paraguay:—Mr. Law asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the intention of the Government relative to the petition forwarded to him by Mr. Law, M.P., on 25th ultimo, from seventy men, women, and children of the New Australia Party at Paraguay, who solicit the Government's aid to enable them to return to the Colony?

Mr. Reid answered,—I regret to say that, so far as I am at present advised, I do not see my way to take the step the Honorable Member desires me to take.

(7.) Western Road between "White Bay Hotel" and Iron Cove Bridge:—Mr. Law asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government have always kept the Western Road between the "White Bay Hotel," Balmain, and the Iron Cove Bridge, in repair?

(2.) Is it a fact that the aforesaid road is full of holes, and in a dangerous condition?

(3.) Is it a fact that the thousands of sheep and cattle travelling along that road to the Government Abattoirs contribute largely to the cutting up of such road?

(4.) If so, will he see that the said road is repaired without delay?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) The road was maintained by the Department to the end of last year.

(2.) I am informed that this road is greatly out of repair.

(3.) It is estimated that one-fifth of the stock travelling to the Abattoirs passes over this road.

(4.) In reply to a somewhat similar Question asked by the Honorable Member for Ryde yesterday, I informed the House as to the steps the Government had taken in the matter. The decision therein referred to was come to by my predecessor, and I find it was arrived at after the matter had been referred to the Crown Solicitor for advice. That officer reported that the Government were under no legal liability to repair this road, and could not be sued for damages arising from its non-repair. He further advised that he saw no legal objection to the course the Department proposed to adopt. I have carefully reconsidered the matter, and, taking into account the prospect of the speedy passing of a measure for Local Self-Government, I have decided that the Department shall, for the present, at any rate, repair this road, so that when it is handed over to the local authorities they will have the advantage of assuming control of it in a proper state of repair.

## 2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) (*Election Petition—Rae v. Fitzpatrick—The Murrumbidgee*):—Mr. Hayes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 4th September, 1894, the Petition of Arthur Rae, in reference to the election and return of Thomas Fitzpatrick, as Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee.

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

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 7th August, 1894, to whom was referred on 4th September, 1894, a Petition from Arthur Rae, against the return of Thomas Fitzpatrick, as Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee, have determined and do hereby declare:—

"That Thomas Fitzpatrick, Esquire, the sitting Member, has been duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee.

"That the Petition of Arthur Rae, Esquire, is not frivolous nor vexatious.

"That the sum of £10 be awarded to Thomas Fitzpatrick, Esquire, the sitting Member, towards his costs and expenses, such amount to be paid by the Petitioner.

"No. 3 Committee Room,

"Legislative Assembly,

"14th November, 1894."

"J. HAYES,

"Chairman.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hayes, that the Report, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices be printed.

(2.) (*Election Petition—Kelly v. Willard—The Tweed*):—Mr. Hayes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred on 4th September, 1894, the Petition of Joseph Bede Kelly, in reference to the election and return of John Willard, as Member for the Electoral District of The Tweed.

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

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 7th August, 1894, to whom was referred on 4th September, 1894, a Petition from Joseph Bede Kelly against the return of John Willard as Member for the Electoral District of The Tweed, have determined and do hereby declare:—

"That John Willard, Esquire, who was returned as elected by the Returning Officer, was unqualified at the time of such election to be elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of The Tweed.

"That the Petition of Joseph Bede Kelly, Esquire, is not frivolous nor vexatious.

"That Joseph Bede Kelly, Esquire, the Petitioner, be awarded the sum of £50 as costs and expenses."

"No. 3 Committee Room,

"Legislative Assembly,

"14th November, 1894."

"J. HAYES,

"Chairman.

Ordered,

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Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hayes, that the Report together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices be printed.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that under the authority of the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications just read he would issue a new Writ.

Referring to the letter from Mr. Willard resigning his seat in the House, which he had yesterday reported, Mr. Speaker said it was evident that the Constitution Act, which originally contained all the provisions for elections and the issue of Writs, should be read with the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, and it was for the House to determine what action should be taken upon the receipt of the resignation of a Member against whose seat a claim was then pending before the Elections and Qualifications Committee. The practice of the House of Commons, as laid down in May, 10th edition, page 596, was that "a Writ will not be issued, if the seat which has been vacated be claimed on behalf of another candidate," and again on page 614 this passage occurred—"a Member cannot abandon the seat petitioned against, which may be proved to belong of right to another, and thus render void an election which may turn out to have been good in favour of some other candidate."

- (3.) (*Election Petition—O'Connor v. Black—Sydney—Gipps Division*):—Mr. Hayes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 26th September, 1894, the Petition of Daniel O'Connor in reference to the election and return of George Black, as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney—Gipps Division.

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

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 7th August, 1894, to whom was referred, on 26th September, 1894, a Petition from Daniel O'Connor, against the return of George Black, as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney—Gipps Division, have determined and do hereby declare:—

"That George Black, Esquire, the sitting Member, has been duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney—Gipps Division.

"That the Petition of Daniel O'Connor, Esquire, is not frivolous nor vexatious.

"That the sum of £20 be awarded to George Black, Esquire, the sitting Member, towards his costs and expenses, such amount to be paid by the Petitioner.

"No. 3 Committee Room,  
"Legislative Assembly,  
"14th November, 1894."

"J. HAYES,  
"Chairman.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hayes, that the Report, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices be printed.

- (4.) *Adjournment of the Committee*:—Mr. Hayes then moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Eleventh Report on the Creation, Inscription, and Issue of Stock under the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Cattle Slaughtering Law Amendment Bill, reported; adoption of report;—until Tuesday next.

(2.) Claims of Mr. Thomas Rowe, Architect—Sydney Hospital Buildings;—until Tuesday, 12th February, 1895.

5. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY (PARTIAL DUPLICATION) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the procuring and laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai, in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in and the control and management of the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the procuring and laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai, in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in and the control and management of the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto.

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

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(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the procuring and laying of a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai, in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to provide for transferring to and vesting in the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board the property in and the control and management of the said work; and for purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

6. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at ten minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Cost of Harbour Picnic to Miss Shaw:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Haynes*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he ascertain from the Department concerned what was the cost of the harbour picnic tendered to Miss Shaw, recently on a visit to this country, and to what account the cost has been charged?

(2.) Has it been distributed among the military accounts, the item for rockets being swelled for the purpose?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I am unable to trace any expenditure in connection with the matter referred to. I may add that nothing is known about it in the Military Department.

- (2.) Expenditure on National and Local Works between 1860 and 1893:—*Mr. Clarke* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the fact that the Local Government Bill is now under consideration, will he cause to be prepared and lay upon the table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The amount of money expended throughout the various districts of the Colony in works of a national character between the years 1860 and 1893?

(2.) The same with regard to works of a local character?

*Mr. Young* answered,—To prepare the information asked for by the Honorable Member will involve a large amount of work, and take considerable time. I think, therefore, if obtained at all, it should be moved for in the usual way, when Parliament will determine whether it is desirable to incur the necessary expense in procuring the information.

- (3.) Water Supply at Mount Drysdale:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the water supply at Mount Drysdale is quite insufficient to supply the wants of the field, and that the residents are threatened with a water famine in the near future?

(2.) Will he, in view of the large population on the field, and the revenue derived from it, consider the advisability of having provision made as soon as possible for an ample water supply?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—The matter is being inquired into, and will receive prompt attention.

- (4.) Major Bayly, Adjutant of the Second Infantry Regiment:—*Mr. Shipway* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What examinations, if any, have been passed by Major Bayly, Adjutant of the Second Infantry Regiment?

(2.) Is it a fact that this officer has not qualified by examination for the rank he now holds?

(3.) Is it necessary that he should so qualify, and will steps be taken to cause him to do so?

(4.) What is the date of his first appointment in the Military Forces of this Colony?

(5.) What position did he occupy prior to that appointment?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Qualified as Lieutenant in North Yorkshire Militia, 1878-9; qualified for Lieutenant in Second Battalion, South Yorkshire Light Infantry Regiment, 1880; passed eighth out of 300 candidates for Commissions in the Army in competitive examination at Burlington House, London; qualified in Military Law and Drill, 1880, in competitive examination at Aldershot; holds certificate of having undergone course and passed examination in Musketry.

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- (2.) This officer holds the local rank of Major while Commandant of the Infantry School of Instruction.
- (3.) It is not necessary for this officer to qualify by examination for his present local rank.
- (4.) 13th May, 1885.
- (5.) Civil employment, Engineer-in-Chief's office, Railway Department, New South Wales, and previously for three years as Lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Light Infantry.
- (5.) Payments in connection with Sydney Hospital Building:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it true that an account for £2,000 in connection with the erection of the Sydney Hospital has been paid twice over?
- (2.) To whom was the said payment so made, and on whose certificate?
- (3.) Will he lay the papers in connection with the matter upon the Table of the House?
- (4.) What steps does he intend to take to procure a refund of the said sum of money?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1 and 2.) On the certificate of the architect, Mr. Kirkpatrick, the contractor, Mr. Allan, was allowed a payment in advance, in consideration of certain work having been done, and material being on the ground. On the insolvency of the contractor, which occurred very soon after, it was found that the architect had guaranteed Messrs. Lassetter and Co. payment for this material to the extent of £2,000 5s. Part of this, however, was for extras not in the contract, and the Minister, on the advice of the Crown Solicitor, then authorised that payment.
- (3.) The papers have already been laid upon the Table.
- (4.) The contractor being insolvent it does not seem apparent that a refund can be procured, but the Department will be recouped to some extent by the deposit of £1,000 made by the contractor, and by the remainder of the work being completed for a less sum than the contract amount—thus reducing the total loss to £563 14s. 5d., as shown by the papers.
2. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Storey presented a Petition from the Reverend George MacInnes, of Sydney, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Presbyterian Church Property Management Act of 1881," and to declare certain mortgages valid. And Mr. Storey having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Daily Telegraph*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 398th Standing Order,—Petition received.
3. CLAIM OF PATRICK HANNAM:—Mr. Wall presented a Petition from Patrick Hannam, a miner, representing that while employed in the Harbours and Rivers Department in the year 1877 his right eye was so injured that it had to be removed, and that for this loss he has never been compensated; that failing to obtain employment under Government he went prospecting and discovered a payable reef at Temora, but a portion of his interest in this reef was illegally transferred by the Registrar, and a Select Committee which was appointed to inquire into the case reported in his favour, but the compensation subsequently awarded to him was quite inadequate; that during the year 1893, while in Sydney, engaged in interviewing the Government relative to the loss sustained by the illegal transfer referred to, Petitioner was accidentally so severely injured that the sight of his other eye has been impaired, and he has since been an inmate of various charitable institutions, being completely incapacitated for any labour; and praying the House to consider the whole of his case and afford him such further measure of relief as to them may seem meet.  
Petition received.
4. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 26th September, 1894,—  
"Establishment of Land Office at Uralla."
- Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order made on 16th October, 1894,—"*Civil Service Superannuation Act.*"
- (2.) Return respecting municipal rates on Government buildings.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Braidwood.
- Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 1st November, 1894,—"*Depositions, Police v. Parkes (of 'White Horse Hotel,' Parramatta), Sunday selling.*"  
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during October, 1894.
- (2.) Supplement to the Railway Commissioners' Annual Reports, giving a short review of the policy adopted by the Commissioners in administering the Railways and Tramways.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. USURY LIMITATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McFarlane moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on the next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to limit the charges for interest, bonus, or reward by persons lending money; and to regulate the rights and obligations of parties to bills of sale, assignments, or other securities over personal property, and the applicability thereto of the Acts relating to distresses for rent and bankruptcy; and for the protection of persons making or giving securities for loans.  
Question put and passed.
6. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on the next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the "*Mining on Private Lands Act, 1894,*" and for other purposes in connection therewith.  
Question put and passed.

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7. IMPORTED STOCK ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on the next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Imported Stock Act of 1871" and the "Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884," and for other purposes in connection therewith.  
Question put and passed.
8. GOULBURN CATHEDRAL VALIDATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
R. W. DUFF, *Message No. 27.*  
*Governor.*  
A Bill, intituled "An Act for giving legal effect to two Ordinances passed by the Synod of the Church of England, Diocese of Goulburn, called respectively the 'Cathedral Ordinance of 1894,' and the 'Cathedral Debenture Ordinance, 1894'; and for providing for reference to arbitration of a claim by the Incumbent of Saint Saviour's Parish, Goulburn,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.  
*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 20th November, 1894.*
9. CATTLE SLAUGHTERING LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Affleck moved, That the report be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. LAW OF LIBEL AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Whickdon,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Harrie,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Miller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Lync,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Sco,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Schey,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. McGowen,
Dr. Graham,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Gorinly.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Thomas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 26th February, 1895.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 11th October, 1894.*

11. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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12. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Joseph Francis Cullen, Esquire, resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Willoughby. Whereupon Mr. Reid moved, That the seat of Joseph Francis Cullen, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Willoughby, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Joseph Francis Cullen.  
Question put and passed.
13. PAPERS:—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Copy of Royal Commission to inquire into the Public Service of the Colony.  
(2.) Copy of Royal Commission to inquire into the best means of developing the Marine and other Fisheries of the Colony.  
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at nine minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Senior and Junior University Examinations:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What is the reason for the late alterations that have taken place in the standard of proficiency or examinations in connection with the Senior and Junior University annual examinations, and why is the standard altered from A and B to A, B, and C passes?

Mr. Garrard answered,—No alteration has been made this year in the standard of proficiency required for a pass in the Junior and Senior public examinations. The Junior candidates have been divided this year into three classes (A, B, and C) instead of into two classes (A and B), as on former occasions, in order to afford additional information as to the degree of proficiency attained by candidates in individual subjects.

- (2.) Examinations held at the Technical College:—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) On what date were the examinations under the auspices of the City and Guilds of London Institute first held in New South Wales?

(2.) Were any technological examinations held in this country under the auspices of the Society of Arts or of any other recognised English institute or incorporated body at a prior date; if so, when?

(3.) Under what circumstances was the system of holding examinations of either of the above kinds introduced into New South Wales?

(4.) Referring to paragraph 3 of Answer to Question No. 7, of 8th instant, will he say wherein the requirements of trained men in trades or handicrafts in the United Kingdom differ from those expected and recognised as necessary in this country?

(5.) Is it not a fact that the programme of the City and Guilds of London Institute states under the heading of "Mechanical Engineering" that "Care will be taken that the examination shall be of such a nature as to be passed by an intelligent workman at any mechanical engineering trade, who, with some knowledge of the science subjects mentioned below, has really studied and read books relating to the trade"; and do not the science subjects referred to imply a course of study calculated to result in great efficiency on the part of the student?

(6.) Are the science subjects referred to above included in the course of instruction given in the Mechanical Engineering Branch of the Technical College; if any are not so included, what are they?

(7.) Will he cause inquiry to be made as to whether at any examination by the Technical College of its students, the use of notes taken during the course of instruction is or has been permitted in any class under examination; if so, in what class or classes?

(8.) Referring to paragraph 6 of Answer to Question No. 7, of 8th instant, will he say what (if any) interest of the City and Guilds of London Institute can be served by any action of the Technical College of New South Wales?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) In May, 1887.

(2.) I am unable to say.

(3.) Arrangements for holding these examinations were made by the late Board of Technical Education.

(4.) This is a matter of opinion, as there are no recognised standards for comparison.

(5.) I am unable to say.

(6.) Answered by No. 5.

(7.) Yes.

(8.) I am unable to say.

(3.)

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(3.) Civil Servants holding more than one Position :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In accordance with the reply given to Question No. 4, of the 13th instant, when will he lay upon the Table of this House the Schedule to the Estimates, showing the positions held by the various officers in the Civil Service?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Schedule referred to will be laid upon the Table next week.

(4.) Salaries and Allowances paid to Officers of New South Wales Permanent Military Forces :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Shipway, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the return, ordered by this House on the 17th October last, respecting "Salaries and Allowances paid to Officers of New South Wales Permanent Military Forces," be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The Major-General Commanding the Military Forces reports that this return, which is a voluminous one, is in course of preparation and will be forwarded shortly.

(5.) Working Hours of crew of Government Steamer "Dawn" :—Mr. Wilks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the crew of the Government steamer "Dawn" work eleven hours per diem without extra remuneration?

(2.) Is it a fact that this is one hour per diem longer than any other crew employed in the Government Service?

(3.) If so, will overtime pay be allowed the crew of this steamer in future?

Mr. Young answered,—The following reply has been furnished to me by the Head of the Branch concerned :—The "Dawn" was built chiefly to carry workmen to and from the Fitzroy Dock, and the crew have to give the time on the journeys (about 40 minutes) each day. The workmen at the dock are not allowed anything for their time lost while being conveyed on the "Dawn." For years past the crew of the "Dawn" have gladly performed this duty, the light intermittent work of the day being considered by them as an equivalent for the extra time taken to convey the dock workmen. No complaint has hitherto been made; on the contrary, employment on the "Dawn" is eagerly sought as of the best in the service. If the men are dissatisfied they can be transferred to other vessels at their present rate of pay.

(6.) Interest on Deposits in Savings Bank of New South Wales :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—As on the Supplementary Estimates for 1894, a further sum of £2,217 is set down to pay interest at 4½ per cent. on special deposits by the Savings Bank of New South Wales, will he say what these special deposits consist of, and how they obtain a higher rate of interest than other deposits in the Savings Bank?

Mr. Reid answered,—The £2,217 is on account of 1893, and represents interest in excess of the vote for that year. In July, 1892, the Government agreed with the Savings Bank to renew and take deposits to the extent of £1,100,000 at 4½ per cent., £750,000 of which were represented by Treasury Bills. In March, 1894, a further agreement was made to accept special deposits amounting to £500,000 at 4 per cent., of which £345,000 has already been received.

(7.) Road Vote for 1894 :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How much of the Road Vote for the year 1894 remains unexpended?

(2.) If the annual vote has been exhausted, how and in what way are district road superintendents and their staff at present employed, and what works are being carried on to engage their services?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) £191,081 7s. 8d. The expenditure of the greater part of this is arranged for, and tenders are being invited for the balance.

(2.) Officers are engaged in supervising the expenditure of Road Votes and performing other duties pertaining to their positions.

(8.) Allowances to the Sheriff :—Mr. Waddell asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What was the total sum paid to the Sheriff last year for salary, forage, and travelling allowance?

(2.) Is the Sheriff provided with a free pass over the Government Railways?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Salary, £785; forage, £52; and travelling allowance, £76. Total, £913.

(2.) Yes.

(9.) Sale of Postage Stamps :—Mr. Waddell asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it true that he has decided to reduce the commission allowed on the sale of postage stamps from 2½ to 1½ per cent.?

(2.) Is it a fact that, owing to this change, numbers of persons who hitherto kept postage stamps for sale are about to discontinue doing so, and that much inconvenience is likely to be felt by the public, especially during the hours post-offices are closed?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes; from the 1st January next.

(2.) Not so far as I am aware; on the contrary, only 7 out of the 1,300 vendors have, since the notification of reduction, intimated their intention to resign, whilst no less than 44 new applications have been made for licenses to sell stamps.

(10.) Expenditure in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board :—Mr. Dick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total expenditure of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board from 1st January to 31st October, 1894?

(2.) What was the total expenditure during the same period for fuel, forage, maintenance of works, and salaries of mechanical staff?

(3.) What was the total income of the Board during the same period?

(4.) What have been the total legal expenses of the Board from its inception up to date?

Mr. Reid answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(11.)

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- (11.) Road from Tranjie to Bundemar:—Mr. James Morgan asked The Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) What is the cause of the delay in opening the road from Tranjie to Bundemar?  
 (2.) In view of the great obstruction to traffic, will he give instructions to have this road made available for public use as soon as possible?  
 Mr. Carruthers answered,—  
 (1.) In order that a report may be obtained on certain objections to the position of the road as surveyed.  
 (2.) So soon as these objections have been dealt with, steps will be taken to have the road made available for traffic without delay.
2. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
 R. W. DUFF, Message No. 28.  
*Governor.*  
 In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the "Labour Settlements Act" and the "Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894."  
*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 21st November, 1894.*  
 Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
3. PAPERS:—  
 Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 17th October, 1894,—  
 "Re-establishment of District Courts and Courts of Quarter Sessions at Warialda."  
 Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Return respecting claims for resumption of land at Woolloomooloo Bay.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (2.) Papers (Originals) respecting resumption of lands at Woolloomooloo Bay for wharfage purposes.
4. HAY IRRIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Schedule to the "Hay Irrigation Act."  
 Question put and passed.
5. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Storey moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Presbyterian Church Property Management Act of 1881," and to declare certain mortgages valid.  
 Question put and passed  
 Mr. Storey having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Presbyterian Church Property Management Act of 1881,' and to declare certain mortgages valid,"—read a first time.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 12th March, 1895:—  
 (1.) Usury Limitation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill.  
 (2.) Eight Hours Bill; second reading.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Canterbury, Mr. Parkes, a notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and its relation with the Public Works Department."  
 And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
 Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
*Point of Order*:—Mr. Wall submitted that it was not in order for the Honorable Member to refer to the evidence taken before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on a subject which had been submitted to them by this House, and was still pending before them, and thus to anticipate the Report of the Committee to Parliament.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Speaker, although with some doubt, said that he was not satisfied that the reference was out of order, as he had been unable to find any ruling which precluded reference being made to matters while they were pending before a Select Committee.  
 Mr. Speaker subsequently stopped Honorable Members from reading the evidence given before the Committee which had not been laid upon the Table of the House, because other Honorable Members had no power to inspect such evidence.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and negatived.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—  
 (1.) Public Works Acts Further Amendment Bill:—  
 MR SPEAKER,—  
 The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend Part I of the 'Public Works Act of 1888,' the 'Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889,' and the 'Public Works (Committees' Remuneration) Act of 1889,'"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 21st November, 1894.*  
 JOHN LACKEY,  
 President.  
 Bill, on motion of Mr. Knox, read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 26th March, 1895. (2.)

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## (2.) The King's School Council Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend The King's School Council Act, 56 Victoria, and to declare the trusts of a scholarship of the said school known as 'The Burton Scholarship'; and for other purposes in connection with the scholarships held for the benefit of the school,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

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Sydney, 21st November, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

9. HAY IRRIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Carruthers, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Schedule to the Hay Irrigation Act,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act' and the 'Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of '1894,'*" through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

## 11. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "*Labour Settlements Act*" and the "*Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894.*"

Question put and passed.

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

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the "*Labour Settlements Act*" and the "*Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894.*"

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

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act' and the 'Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894'*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, that the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

## (3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, *passed*.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act' and the 'Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act' and the 'Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st November, 1894.

12. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

## 13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Coroner's Inquests held for Metropolitan District:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many inquests were held by the Coroner for the Metropolitan District from the 1st January to the 30th September last, both days inclusive?
- (2.) What was the average time consumed in holding each separate inquest?
- (3.) The same information with regard to the Deputy Coroner?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1 & 3.) During the period stated the City Coroner held ninety-two inquests and thirty magisterial inquiries, and the Deputy City Coroner forty-two inquests and thirty-four magisterial inquiries. The City Coroner, however, was absent on sick and ordinary leave for about seven weeks, during which period the Deputy City Coroner held thirty-nine inquests and magisterial inquiries.

(2.) I am unable to say, as no record is kept in the City Coroner's Office of the time occupied in holding each inquest.

(2.) Post and Telegraph Office, Randwick:—Mr. Storey asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a post and telegraph office at the corner of Allison and Avoca Streets, Randwick, on the land which was resumed for that purpose some years ago?
- (2.) What is the reason of the delay which has taken place?
- (3.) What did the land cost?
- (4.) How much has it cost the country in interest on the purchase money since being resumed?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Not at present.

(2.) Notice of resumption was published on the 7th April, 1891, but no funds were then available, and there was, moreover, no immediate necessity for the erection of a new building. It subsequently transpired that the completion of the matter had been delayed pending the furnishing of certain particulars regarding the title.

(3.) I understand the amount allowed on valuation was £3,394 7s.

(4.) Nothing has yet been paid.

(3.) Supply of Timber for 1895:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Who was the lowest tenderer for the supply of timber to the Government for the year 1895?
- (2.) Whose tender was accepted?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Mr. John Wood Eaton.
- (2.) Mr. Eaton's.

(4.) Dismissal of James Cook from the Tramway Department:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers, correspondence, &c., having reference to the dismissal of James Cook (late conductor) from the Tramway Department?

Mr. Reid answered,—I cannot see that any good purpose can be served by these papers being produced. Cook was dismissed over four years ago, and his case was fully investigated by the Railway Commissioners at the time, and decided after Cook had appealed to them as provided for by the Railway Act.

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- (5.) Mr. J. J. Spruson of the Patents Office:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that the duties of Mr. J. J. Spruson, in the Patents Office, are so light that he can spare time during the day to canvass on behalf of his son, who is now seeking municipal honors?

Mr. Gould answered,—From information furnished to me by Mr. Spruson, the Registrar of Copyright, I have reason to believe that there is no foundation for the suggestion conveyed in the Honorable Member's Question.

- (6.) Settlers at the Pitt Town Labour Settlement:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the settlers at Pitt Town do not now work under the inspection of gangers?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the work of the last three months compares very unfavourably with that of any prior period in the history of the settlement?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the present superintendent, in company with certain settlers, openly displays his disregard for the anti-liquor regulations of the settlement?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the settlers can now, on application, have their labour tokens liquidated in hard cash, instead of, as formerly, in goods only?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This Question has been referred to the Chairman of the Pitt Town Settlement Board, and I have not yet received his reply.

- (7.) Dawes Point Reserve:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is the Dawes Point Reserve under Governmental control?
- (2.) If so, will he take into consideration the advisability of making the approaches safe?
- (3.) Will he further consider the advisability of levelling the reserve in order to provide a recreation ground for one of the most people-crowded quarters of the city, and of placing a sum on the Estimates for either or both of the purposes?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I have not yet received the information to enable me to answer this Question. The Dawes Point Reserve is an Imperial Reserve, and the information has to be obtained from the Principal Under Secretary.

- (8.) Major Bayly, Adjutant of the Second Infantry Regiment:—*Mr. Shipway* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has Major Bayly, Adjutant of the 2nd Infantry Regiment, passed any, and if so, what examinations in connection with the Military Forces of New South Wales?
- (2.) Referring to the Answer to Mr. Shipway's Question No. 4 of the 20th instant, which states that it is not necessary for this officer to qualify by examination for his present local rank of Major, what clause, paragraph, or section of the Act or Regulations exempts this officer from so qualifying?
- (3.) What position in the Engineer-in-Chief's Office, Railway Department, New South Wales, did this officer hold prior to his appointment in the Military Forces of the Colony, and what salary was he in receipt of?
- (4.) What is his present salary (inclusive of all allowances)?
- (5.) Has he ever qualified by examination for the rank of Captain?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) There is nothing in the Act or Regulations referring to examinations for local rank, such as Major Bayly holds as Commandant, Infantry School of Instruction.
- (3.) Assistant draftsman, £150 per annum.
- (4.) £565 13s. 11d. per annum.
- (5.) No.

- (9.) Stock and Station Agents Members of Local Land Boards:—*Mr. Robert Jones*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Does he approve of persons in business as stock and station agents being on the Land Boards?
- (2.) If he does not, will he see that where such a state of things exists a change is immediately made?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) This is a matter of opinion, not a matter of fact. I will not express an opinion upon it at the present time.
- (2.) This also is a matter of opinion, not a matter of fact. I cannot express an opinion upon it now.

2. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Storey* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Presbyterian Church Property Management Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Waddell, Mr. McGowen, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of The King's School Council Act Amendment Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

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22nd November, 1894.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Hume, Mr. Lyne, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the resumption of and payment for the Woolloomooloo Bay resumptions."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn;  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.

5. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Report on seaworthiness of steamers "Lass o' Gowrie" and "Resolute."  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1883, of land, parish of Whymoul, county of Wakool, for a way of approach to bridge over Barber's Creek.

6. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Sydney Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) **Mining on Private Lands Act Amendment Bill**:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

*Message No. 29.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend and extend the "Mining on Private Lands Act, 1894," and for other purposes in connection therewith.

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

(2.) **Imported Stock Acts Further Amendment Bill**:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

*Message No. 30.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the "Imported Stock Act of 1871" and the "Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884," and for other purposes in connection therewith.

*Government House,**Sydney, 22nd November, 1894.*

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

7. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to declare valid certain proclamations issued under the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' and to make further provision for the constitution of municipalities under the said Act; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,**Sydney, 22nd November, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

**MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL.***Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd November, 1894.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 20. *Omit* "before the passing of this Act"

Page 2, clause 1, line 2. *After* "shall" *insert* "whether the procedure appointed and the conditions imposed by the said Act have been followed and complied with or not"

Page 2, clause 1, line 2. *After* "have" *insert* "and be deemed to have had from the date thereof"

Page 2, clause 1, line 9. *After* "thereof" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "Provided always that nothing in this section shall affect or have any application in respect of any proceeding either at law or in equity instituted before the tenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four."

Page 2, clause 2, line 15. *Omit* "after the passing of this Act"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

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8. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1894, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Molesworth reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Molesworth also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Molesworth (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

Mr. Molesworth then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(2.) *Resolved*.—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the half-year, January to June, 1895, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £1,168, for the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor.

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

The House adjourned at three minutes after Six o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bankrupt Estate of C. E. Fuller:—*Mr. Sleath*, for Mr. Davis, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) What assets of the bankrupt estate of C. E. Fuller passed to Mr. D. D. Henderson on sale of the business known as Stationers' Hall, on 17th April, 1893?
  - (2.) Was the cash at bankers (if any) to credit of such estate included in such assets?
  - (3.) Were any promissory notes given by Mr. Henderson on the purchasing of such assets; and, if so, were such promissory notes, or any of them, endorsed by a member of the committee of inspection of such bankrupt estate?
  - (4.) What was the estimated value of the assets of such estate for which Mr. Henderson was to pay £3,000?
  - (5.) Was Mr. Geo. Coates, senr., a member of the committee of inspection of such bankrupt estate; and, if so, was an agreement entered into in June, 1893; between Mr. Henderson, Mr. Coates, and the official assignee of such bankrupt estate, and what was the nature of the agreement?
  - (6.) What amount of money was received by the official assignee of such bankrupt estate by way of compensation from fire insurance companies in January, 1893?
  - (7.) What was the actual amount of damage to such estate by fire in January, 1893?
  - (8.) What amount was claimed for goods not covered by fire policies, and to whom was such amount paid?
  - (9.) Has such amount been refunded to the insurance companies?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have already furnished the Honorable Member with certain information in connection with this case, and I would now point out to him that the matters referred to are not of public but private concern, and can readily be ascertained by the parties interested upon application in the regular way.

- (2.) Pay to Roads Maintenance Men:—*Mr. Morton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it the custom of the Department not to pay roads maintenance men for the time they are absent from work through illness?
  - (2.) Is it the custom of the Works Department, and all the other Departments, not to pay other Civil Servants who are in receipt of high pay when absent from their work through illness?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes; unless they are incapacitated by accident in the discharge of their duty, when they are paid in accordance with a special scale of allowances, as under, viz.:—First month, full pay; second month, two-thirds pay; third month, one-third pay.
- (2.) Salaried officers of the Government are paid their salaries for reasonable periods covered by sickness; but then, on the other hand, they do not obtain payment, except in special cases, for overtime, as is the case with mechanics and others who are paid daily wages.

- (3.) Public School Fees:—*Mr. Shipway*, for Mr. Russell Jones, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has the Department of Public Instruction given orders to public school teachers not to accept school fees in other coin than silver, as it is the custom in one district for the masters to refuse coppers?

Mr. Garrard answered,—No; no teacher has any right to refuse any current coin of the realm when tendered in payment of school fees.

(4.)

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- (4.) Salaries and Allowances paid to Officers of New South Wales Permanent Military Forces:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the return ordered by this House on the 17th October last respecting “Salaries and Allowances paid to Officers of New South Wales Permanent Military Forces” be laid upon the Table before the Military Estimates are dealt with?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am informed by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces that the return will, in all probability, be completed early this week.

- (5.) Report on Technical College Exhibits sent to the Chicago Exhibition:—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to paragraphs in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Evening News* of Monday, 19th instant, in reference to a report alleged to have been made by an official Committee of the Chicago Exhibition, upon exhibits forwarded from the Technical College?

(2.) (a) Has any such report been received by the Department of Public Instruction; (b) if so, will he lay it upon the Table of the House, and (c) publish the names of all students mentioned therein as an encouragement to the general body of students at the College?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) The information published in the paragraphs referred to was supplied by my Department.

(2.) (a) Yes; (b) I will presently lay a copy on the Table; (c) the published paragraphs contain the names of all the students mentioned in the report.

- (6.) Grant to the Sydney Grammar School:—*Mr. Sleath*, for Mr. Watson, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the amount of the statutory grant to the Sydney Grammar School?

(2.) Is it a fact that the whole of such sum, and nearly £200 in addition, is absorbed by one person (the head master) in salary, fees, and allowances?

(3.) If so, and in view of the fact that such sum more than doubles the salary of the head master of Sydney High School, is he prepared to omit from this year's Estimates the sum of £250, which has for the last eight years been granted to the head master of the Grammar School for house rent?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) Statutory grant, £1,500. Annual votes: (a) Towards salaries of junior teachers, £550;

(b) Allowance to head master in lieu of residence, £250.

(2.) The head master is paid a salary of £500, together with a capitation allowance which, in 1893, amounted to £865.

(3.) The sum of £250 per annum is paid to the head master as rent in lieu of the school residence vacated by him, which was required for school purposes.

- (7.) Refreshments for Jurors on the Trial of Broken Hill Rioters at Deniliquin:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it true that when the Broken Hill rioters were tried at Deniliquin the caretaker at Darlinghurst and a staff of assistants, with cooking utensils, were sent to Deniliquin to provide refreshments for the jurors?

(2.) If so, by whose authority was such expense incurred?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) The Sheriff informs me that several of the staff, not including the caretaker at Darlinghurst, were taken to Deniliquin to provide the necessary assistance for the proper conduct of the Court, care of the accused, and providing necessary attendance and meals for jurors. The cooking utensils required were obtained in Deniliquin.

(2.) The Sheriff states that the expense was incurred under authority of the then Minister of Justice.

- (8.) Settlers at the Pitt Town Settlement:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the settlers at Pitt Town do not now work under the inspection of gangers?

(2.) Is it a fact that the work of the last three months compares very unfavourably with that of any prior period in the history of the settlement?

(3.) Is it a fact that the present superintendent, in company with certain settlers, openly displays his disregard for the anti-liquor regulations of the settlement?

(4.) Is it a fact that the settlers can now, on application, have their labour tokens liquidated in hard cash, instead of, as formerly, in goods only?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Board of Control have furnished the following replies:—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) They are not aware that irregularities of this character have taken place.

(4.) No.

- (9.) Bradford-Thomas Will Case:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Black, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) With further reference to the Bradford-Thomas will case, is it a fact that the Full Court sitting in August last reserved their judgment?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Court to await the return of Mr. Justice Foster, before delivering judgment?

(3.) If not, is it a fact that the Court has decided to permit the case to be re-argued?

Mr. Gould answered,—The Prothonotary of the Supreme Court furnishes me with the following information:—

(1.) Judgment has been reserved in this case.

(2 and 3.) As to the intention of the Court, this will be ascertained upon application, by the parties interested, to the Court in open Court.

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- 1 0.) Dawes Point Reserve:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) Is the Dawes Point Reserve under Governmental control?  
 (2.) If so, will he take into consideration the advisability of making the approaches safe?  
 (3.) Will he further consider the advisability of levelling the reserve in order to provide a recreation ground for one of the most people-crowded quarters of the city, and of placing a sum on the Estimates for either or both of the purposes?

*Mr. Carruthers* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2 and 3.) The matter shall receive consideration.

2. RICHMOND RIVER HARBOUR WORKS:—*Mr. Pyers* presented a Petition from residents of the Richmond River District alleging that certain irregularities and improprieties have taken place in connection with the expenditure of public money and the employment and discharge of men employed on the Richmond River Harbour Works, and praying that a full and thorough investigation may be made by an impartial Committee of Inquiry.  
 Petition received.

3. DEFINITION OF "EFFICIENT MINING" UNDER MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS ACT:—*Mr. Tonkin* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in order to more explicitly define the meaning of the words "efficient mining," contained in the Mining on Private Lands Act, the following words should be added to the interpretation clause thereof, viz., "Efficient mining to mean that at least one man shall be kept regularly employed to every 2 acres held up to 10 acres, and one man to every 3 acres contained in any lease over that area."

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

<i>Mr. Brunker,</i>	<i>Mr. McLean,</i>
<i>Mr. Frank Farnell,</i>	<i>Mr. Afleck,</i>
<i>Mr. Reid,</i>	<i>Mr. Barnes,</i>
<i>Mr. Sydney Smith,</i>	<i>Mr. Cann,</i>
<i>Mr. Cook,</i>	<i>Mr. Black,</i>
<i>Mr. Garrard,</i>	<i>Mr. Pyers,</i>
<i>Mr. Young,</i>	<i>Mr. Carroll,</i>
<i>Mr. Gould,</i>	<i>Mr. Wilks,</i>
<i>Mr. Travers Jones,</i>	<i>Mr. Clarke,</i>
<i>Mr. Price,</i>	<i>Mr. Gormly,</i>
<i>Mr. Waddell,</i>	<i>Mr. Austin Chapman,</i>
<i>Mr. Piddington,</i>	<i>Mr. O'Sullivan,</i>
<i>Dr. Ross,</i>	<i>Mr. FitzGerald,</i>
<i>Mr. Anderson,</i>	<i>Mr. Stevenson,</i>
<i>Mr. Hogue,</i>	<i>Mr. Fowler,</i>
<i>Mr. Henry Chapman,</i>	<i>Mr. Bavister,</i>
<i>Mr. Shipway,</i>	<i>Mr. Gardiner,</i>
<i>Mr. Moore,</i>	<i>Mr. Kidd,</i>
<i>Mr. Carruthers,</i>	<i>Mr. O'Reilly,</i>
<i>Mr. Crick,</i>	<i>Mr. Law,</i>
<i>Mr. Thomas,</i>	<i>Mr. Macdonald,</i>
<i>Sir Henry Parkes,</i>	<i>Mr. Edden,</i>
<i>Mr. Lyne,</i>	<i>Mr. Schey,</i>
<i>Mr. Stephen,</i>	<i>Mr. Thomas Brown,</i>
<i>Mr. Hughes,</i>	<i>Mr. Newman.</i>
<i>Mr. Perry,</i>	
<i>Mr. Smailes,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Dr. Graham,</i>	<i>Mr. James Morgan,</i>
<i>Mr. Harris,</i>	<i>Mr. Tonkin.</i>
<i>Mr. Rigg,</i>	

Noes, 4.

*Mr. Fitzpatrick,*  
*Mr. Wood.*

*Tellers,*

*Mr. Ferguson,*  
*Mr. Sleath.*

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. GEORGE HILL'S ESTATE BILL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

*MR. SPEAKER,*—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the trustees for the time being of the Will of the late George Hill, deceased, to purchase, mortgage, and grant leases of lands; to provide for the application of the moneys borrowed on mortgage, and of the rents and profits arising from leases; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 27th November, 1894.*

*JOHN LACKEY,*  
*President.*

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

5. PAPER:—*Mr. Garrard* laid upon the Table,—Copy of award received from the Chicago Exposition on "Publications and Students' Work," exhibited by the Sydney Technical College.  
 Ordered to be printed.

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6. SHOALING AT THE MOUTH OF NORTH CREEK, NEAR BALLINA:—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of certain farmers on the North Creek, near Ballina, to compensation for losses sustained by them in consequence of the shoaling of the mouth of that creek, brought about by the construction of the harbour works.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Edden, and the Mover.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
7. AMENDMENT OF THE MINING LAWS:—Mr. Austin Chapman moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the mining laws and regulations, with a view of making necessary amendments.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cann, Mr. Edden, Mr. Newman, Mr. Wall, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Price, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Miller, and the Mover.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
8. AGENT-GENERAL OF THE COLONY:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Agent-General of the Colony, in London, should not be held by any one occupant for a period exceeding five "years."  
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
 Mr. Reid moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "years" of the words "except by express re-appointment."  
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.  
 Debate ensued.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 11th October, 1894.*

9. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.  
 On motion of Mr. Brunker, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—  
 MR. PRESIDENT,—  
 The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare valid certain proclamations issued under the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' and to make further provision for the constitution of municipalities under the said Act; and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
 Sydney, 27th November, 1894.*
10. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Lyne moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
11. ANJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Proposed Railway from Narrabri to a Point between Collarendabri and Walgett:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Before submitting the railway policy of the Government, will he consider the advisableness of having a trial survey made of a line from Narrabri, *via* Wee Waa and Pilliga, to a point between Collarendabri and Walgett, so that it may be included amongst the pioneer railway lines?

Mr. Young answered,—I have given authority for the proposed route to be examined.

- (2.) Haul of Fish made in closed Waters of Port Hacking:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large haul of fish was made on the 16th November, 1894, by licensed fishermen in the closed waters of Port Hacking?

(2.) If so, were these fishermen authorised by any person; and by whom?

(3.) Is it intended to prosecute the fishermen or the person who so authorised them?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) No; but when spoken to by the National Park Superintendent, the fishermen stated that a Member of Parliament had informed them that the waters had been thrown open by law for net fishing.

- (3.) Valuations for proposed Resumption of Land in connection with new Pymont Bridge:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did Mr. Waller, Government Valuator, lately value land in Darling Harbour, which it was proposed to resume in connection with the proposed new Pymont Bridge?

(2.) If so, on what date did he so value it?

(3.) What was his valuation?

(4.) Did Richardson and Wrench and other auctioneers value the same land?

(5.) If so, on what date?

(6.) What was their valuation?

(7.) What was the difference (if any) between the valuation of the Government Valuator and that of the other valuers?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The exact date cannot be given, but it was towards the end of May.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) The beginning of June.

With regard to Questions 3, 6, and 7, I think the Honorable Member on reflection will see that it is not desirable in the public interests to give the information asked in a matter of this kind, which is *sub judice*.

(4.)

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(4.) Long Cove Canal:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When is the present Long Cove Canal likely to be completed to Marion-street, Leichhardt?
- (2.) Will he take immediate steps to ascertain the practicability of extending the present canal to Cook's River, so that a navigable connection may be made between Long Cove and Botany Bay?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) In about six weeks time a channel, with a minimum depth of 6 feet, will be cut by the dredge as far as Marion-street. The reclamation will not, however, be complete, as more silt will have to be pumped on to the land to bring it up to the proper level.
- (2.) I cannot promise this at present.

(5.) Expenses in connection with proposed Easter Encampment:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, before the Military Estimates are dealt with, lay upon the Table of the House a return showing all the items which go to make up the amount mentioned in the Estimates for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895,—“Expenses in connection with proposed encampment at Easter, £26,405”?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Yes; I will presently lay upon the Table the return referred to.

(6.) Grants to Municipalities for Roads:—Mr. Collins, for Mr. FitzGerald, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Under what authority are grants made to municipalities for portions of main and minor roads within municipal boundaries?
- (2.) What authority has the Minister to alter the amounts of such grants or to withhold payment thereof to municipalities until certain conditions in the Departmental circular 92-20,611 are complied with?
- (3.) Has the Department paid over any such grants to any Municipal Council without compliance with circular conditions referred to?
- (4.) If so, the names of any such Municipal Councils?
- (5.) Will he cause the said circular to be withdrawn?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Under the ordinary power and authority of a Minister responsible to Parliament for the expenditure of votes placed at his disposal.
- (3 and 4.) No.
- (5.) Certainly not.

2. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Storey, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 22nd November, 1894, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Storey then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Governor's Salary Reduction Bill postponed until Tuesday, 8th January, 1895.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 8th November, 1894,—“Application to resume land at Mount Drysdale.”

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Schedule to the Estimates-in-Chief for 1895, showing the total remuneration received by all public officers who hold more than one office, or who received any fees, special allowance, quarters, fuel, or light, in addition to their fixed annual salaries, during the year 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Schedule to Military and Naval Estimates—Expenses in connection with Easter Encampment. Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) By-law of the Municipal District of Five Dock.
- (3.) By-law of the Borough of North Sydney under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wilcannia, Mr. Sleath, a Notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., “the treatment by the Government of the accused and their witnesses in what is known as the ‘Rodney’ Case.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

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Question put.

The House divided:

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Nicholson.

Tellers,

Mr. Joseph Abbott,  
Mr. Miller.

Noes, 60.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. See,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Law,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. FitzGerald,	Sir George Dibbs,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Buvister,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Austin Chapman.
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Wood,	Tellers,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Sleath.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act,' and the 'Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894,'"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th November, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 28th November, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, lines 20 to 22. Omit "(III) Who is an unmarried person over the age of twenty-one years (which term includes a bachelor, a spinster, a widower, or a widow)—forty-five pounds"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

7. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

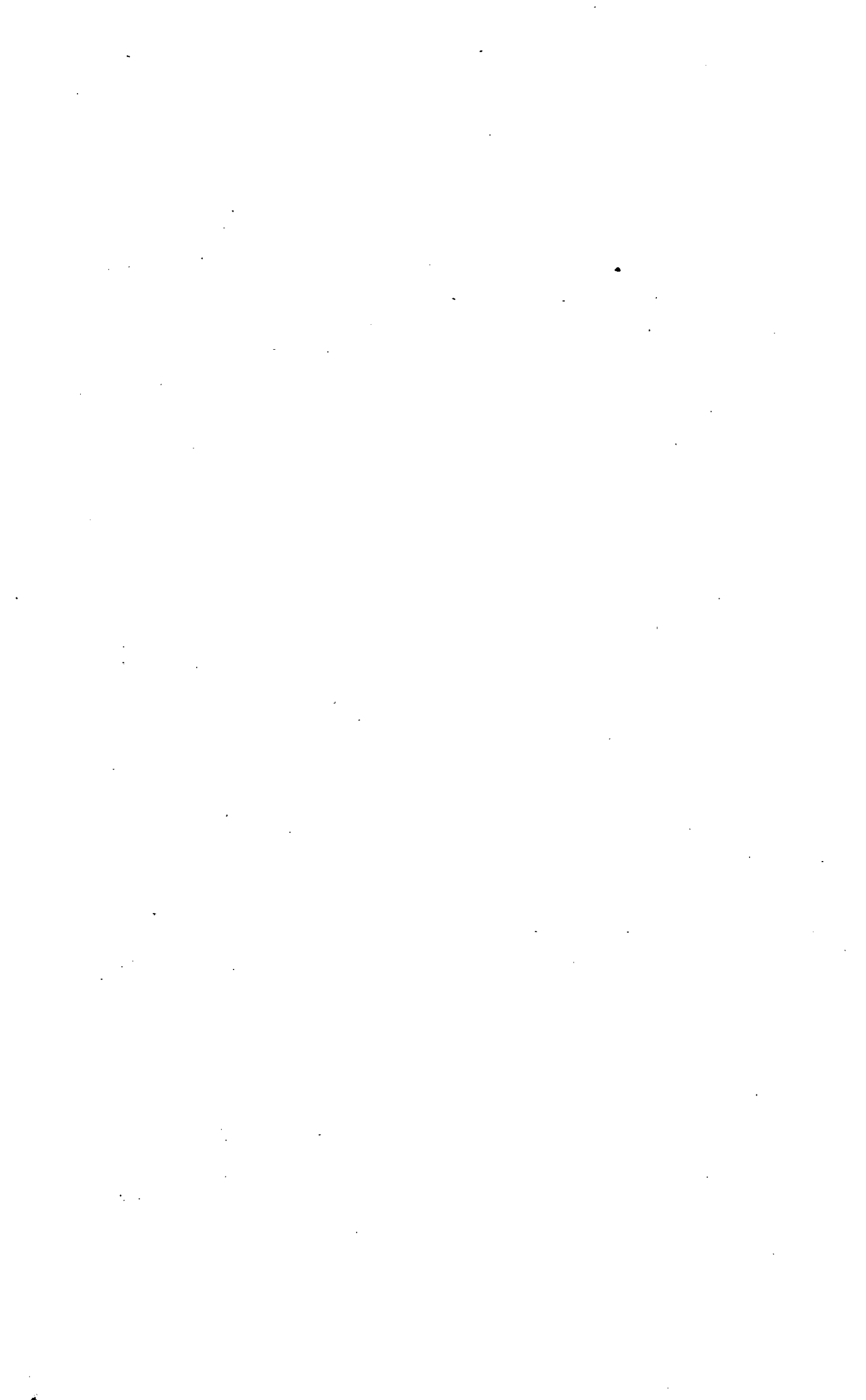
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.





New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Clerks employed at Darling Harbour Goods Shed:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many clerks are employed at Darling Harbour goods shed?
  - (2.) Have any extra hands been employed during the busy time, say for the past three months; if so, how many?
  - (3.) What has been the number of hours per day the clerks have been on duty for the past three months?
  - (4.) Have they received any extra remuneration for the busy time during the past three months?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—This should be moved for in the shape of a return.

- (2.) Case of John Ashton and William Ewen, convicted at Booligal:—Mr. Ashton asked the Minister of Justice,—In the case of John Ashton and William Ewen, convicted at Booligal, during the recent shearing trouble, of preventing men from following their lawful avocation, and sentenced to six months imprisonment,—
- (1.) Is it true that an application was made for the release of the men under the provisions of the First Offenders' Probation Act?
  - (2.) Did the Police Magistrate who sentenced the men, in answer to such application, say that he would recommend that the men be released if it could be shown that he had power to do so?
  - (3.) Did it subsequently transpire that owing to the application not being made before the men entered upon their sentences the application could not be granted?
  - (4.) Was a petition afterwards presented for the release of the men under section 409 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883?
  - (5.) Was the prayer of that petition refused?
  - (6.) If so, will he kindly state the reason for such refusal, seeing that the granting of the prayer of the petition would have secured only the same end that the Police Magistrate who tried the case expressed himself in favour of, and which he was only prevented by a technicality from bringing about?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but not until nearly a month after conviction, and the service of the sentences had been entered upon, when the Police Magistrate had no power to grant the application.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The suspension of sentences under the "First Offenders' Probation Act of 1894" can only be ordered by the Court at the time of passing sentence.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) The prayer of the petition was refused because a careful inquiry into the circumstances of the case failed to show any reason whatever to justify an interference with the finding of the Magistrate or with the sentence imposed. I may add for the information of the Honorable Member that the depositions disclosed the fact that several men employed on Alma Station were on the night of the 3rd of September, forcibly and against their will, taken from the station to the shearers' camp at Mossgiel by a large body of men estimated at fully 200 persons, acting under the guidance and control of the defendants, where they were kept under restraint until the arrival of the police four days later.

(3.)

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(3.) Cost of Cartage of Wool from Redfern or Darling Harbour to Circular Quay :—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the amount paid by the Railway Department for the cartage of wool from Redfern Station or Darling Harbour to Circular Quay during the year 1893?
- (2.) The same information for the years 1890, 1891, and 1892?
- (3.) The estimated amount for 1894?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—I am informed that it would be impossible to separate the amounts paid for the cartage of wool to Circular Quay alone, but the total amounts paid for the delivery of wool from Darling Harbour to the whole of the wool stores was as under :—1890, £5,987 19s. 10d.; 1891, £6,612 16s. 11d.; 1892, £7,810 16s. 5d.; 1893, £8,403 2s. 9d.; 1894, £9,347 16s. 8d. (approximate). It is to be added also that amounts paid since July, 1892, include the handling of the wool and delivery from the railway trucks to the drays as well as cartage. The deliveries in 1894 will be, approximately, 560,000 bales.

(4.) Mail Delivery at Wyalong :—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Black, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that mails leaving Sydney at 9 p.m. and arriving at Wyalong at 5 p.m. on the next day are not available to the public till 9 a.m. on the day following arrival?
- (2.) If so, will he endeavour to have the letters handed over to the public between 7 and 8 p.m. on the day of arrival?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—

- (1.) The mails from Sydney are due at Wyalong 6.30 p.m., and only occasionally reach Wyalong as early as 6 o'clock.
- (2.) The Postmaster has not been delivering mails on day of arrival, but, for the future, this will be done.

(5.) Prosecutions under the Fisheries, Licensing, and Customs Acts :—*Mr. Austin Chapman* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many prosecutions were there in Sydney and suburbs under the Fisheries Act in the years 1892, 1893, 1894?
- (2.) Was any solicitor engaged for the prosecution?
- (3.) If so, the name or names, and the amounts paid to each, and the amounts allowed in each case as professional costs by the Court?
- (4.) The like information as to prosecutions under the Licensing Act?
- (5.) The like information as to prosecutions in connection with betting and wagering?
- (6.) The like information as to prosecutions under the Distilleries and Customs Acts?
- (7.) Will he consider the propriety of all prosecutions being conducted by an officer from the Justice Department?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—The information asked for will be furnished in the shape of a return if moved for in the usual way.

(6.) Annual Payments as Civil Servants Salaries and Wages :—*Mr. Edden*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the amount of money annually paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the shape of salaries for Civil Servants; also the amount annually paid in wages?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—This should be moved for in the shape of a return.

2. PAPER :—*Mr. Bruncker* laid upon the Table,—Schedule to Military and Naval Estimates—Further particulars respecting Easter encampment.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Reid*, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

*Point of Order* :—*Mr. Copeland* submitted that the provisions of clauses 68, 69, and 70, for the recovery of the Land Tax by the letting and sale of land were beyond the Order of Leave, and were not foreshadowed in the Title; and contended that the Bill, on that ground, was out of Order.

Debate ensued.

*Mr. Speaker* said that in deciding on objections of this character, each case must be determined without reference to rulings on similar points on other Bills, as possibly no two cases were quite similar. He ruled that the objection taken was not tenable, as the Title was sufficient to put Honorable Members on their guard that the provisions for levying the Tax would have to be enforced. He considered the Bill was not out of order.

*Sir George Dibbs* moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "now" with a view to the addition of the words "this day four months."

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 62.

Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Loughnane,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gardiner,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Wood,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Knox.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Stevenson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Rose.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Loughnane,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Edden.
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Mr. Thomas Brown,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Lees.
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Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Rawlinson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Perry.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business, and all the Orders of the Day of General Business (*by consent*), postponed until Tuesday next.
4. RESUMPTION OF LAND, WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY :—Mr. James Morgan moved, pursuant to *amended Notice*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the resumption and payment for land at Woolloomooloo Bay, including the Challis Estate, Hill & Co.'s, Lahiff's, Brown's, and McQuade's properties.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bavister, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lees, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Clarke, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Wall, Mr. Cann, and the Mover.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Young,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Loughnane,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. McFarlane,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. O'Reilly.
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Wood,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dick,	Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. McLean,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Wilks,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. Thomas Brown.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Shipway,  
Dr. Hollis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Further correspondence respecting Anti-ant Composition used by the Department of Public Works.  
Ordered to be printed.

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

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1894.

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

**ELECTORATE OF WILLOUGHBY:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 20th November last, declaring the seat of Joseph Francis Cullen, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member, to serve in the room of Mr. Cullen, and that such Writ had been duly returned with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Edward Mann Clark, Esquire; to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Willoughby.

2. **PAPER:**—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising the transfer of an amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service in connection with the Department of Mines, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. **QUESTIONS:**—

(1.) **Signalmen and Conductors in the Tramway Service:**—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some signalmen in the Tramway Service are working seven days a week?
- (2.) If so, what is the reason?
- (3.) Are there any conductors in the same Department working seven days a week?
- (4.) If so, what is the reason?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the men are required to work according to the necessities of the service; but the Commissioners are anxious to give all men, as far as the exigencies of the service will permit, one day off each week, and a long time ago authorized arrangements for largely reducing the individual work of the men so as to allow as many as possible to have one day off duty in seven, and the Sunday working has been greatly reduced. All men working on Sunday are paid for the time worked.

(2.) **Examinations of the Technical College:**—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he cause inquiry to be made prior to the published date for commencing the 1894 examinations of the Technical College (1st December), whether it is or has been the practice to permit students in manual trades and handicrafts classes to execute work intended for submission to the examiners prior to the commencement of an examination, and to submit such work for approval as an examination test of their ability?
- (2.) If so, in what class or classes, if any, has such a practice been pursued or permitted, and will it be permitted during the coming examinations?
- (3.) Is not the practice referred to, if pursued or permitted, calculated to lower the value of certificates gained by students who perform their test work in the time allotted, under the supervision of the examiners?
- (4.) Will he cause the names of all successful students at the coming examinations, together with the grades and classes in which they may pass, to be published in the Press, as an encouragement to the whole body of students and teaching staff of the college?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Inquiry has been made. It is not, and has not been, the practice. Some examiners, in addition to examining the test work in the time allotted, look over the work of the class done during the year; but the certificates to students are awarded upon the examination tests only.

(2 and 3.) Answered by No. (1).

(4.) The information will be supplied to the press, but the Department will not incur the expense of advertising. The results are posted at the Technical College and at the branch schools as soon as the reports of the examiners are received.

(3.)

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- (3.) Resignation of Police Magistrates:—Mr. Travers Jones asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Minister of Justice in 1887 or 1888 requested several Police Magistrates to resign in consequence of their being over sixty years of age?
  - (2.) If so, who were the Police Magistrates called upon to resign?
  - (3.) What Police Magistrates sent in their resignations as requested?
- Mr. Gould answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2 and 3.) The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be found in a return tabled in this House on 14th August, 1889.
- (4.) Nowra Water Supply:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have the works for the Nowra Water Supply been finished?
  - (2.) When will they be handed over to the Nowra Council?
  - (3.) What was the original estimate for the works?
  - (4.) What will be the actual cost of the same when completed?
  - (5.) How much extra cost has been incurred through getting pipes and other ironwork made in the Colony?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) On and after the 4th December, 1894, the date upon which the works are gazetted as completed.
  - (3.) £9,650.
  - (4.) £11,318 8s. 6d., extra works having been asked for.
  - (5.) £1,280.
- (5.) Road from South Coast Road to North Huskisson:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has anything been done during the past few months to the road from the main South Coast Road (near the Falls) to North Huskisson, Jervis Bay?
  - (2.) Is the road in question now in good order for traffic?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) About 4½ miles of this road is not scheduled, consequently no money has been spent on it, except that a maintenance-man has occasionally been sent over the road, and attended to it for a few days. The remaining 2½ miles is part of the schedule road—Tomerong to Jervis Bay—and has received attention until the end of September last, when there was very little a maintenance-man could do on it. Tenders will close on the 17th instant to form and metal about 7½ chains of the road, which will absorb the available funds.
  - (2.) The 4½ miles referred to as "not scheduled" is, at the present time, in very fair order. Of the remaining 2½ miles on the scheduled road—Tomerong to Jervis Bay—about 1½ mile is always in a bad state after much wet weather, but at the present time it is in fairly good order. The question of a grant for the purpose of metalling this portion of the road is under consideration.
- (6.) Road from Illaroo Road to Budgong:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the road from Illaroo Road to Budgong been cleared to Budgong Creek?
  - (2.) Has the same been formed?
  - (3.) Has anything been done towards making approaches on both sides of the Budgong Creek?
  - (4.) If not, when will the matter be attended to?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) It is all cleared to within 27 chains of Budgong Creek.
  - (2.) Two miles 53 chains of the road have been formed.
  - (3.) Nothing has been done as yet.
  - (4.) The question of a grant for the purpose is under consideration.
- (7.) Patent Grip used on Cable Tram:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is a patent grip in use on the recently opened cable tram?
  - (2.) Is it working successfully or satisfactorily?
  - (3.) Has it any injurious effect upon the cable?
  - (4.) Has it been found necessary to make any alteration in its working parts or details since being first fitted on this line?
  - (5.) Do any portions require frequent renewal?
  - (6.) What has been the cost incurred for general repairs and renewal of parts up to the end of November?
  - (7.) Were the railway or tramway officials called on to report (prior to its adoption) as to the advantage likely to result from the use of this appliance; and, if so, what was the purport of such report?
  - (8.) What was the sum paid for right to use this grip, and who was the vendor?
  - (9.) What was the cost of supplying and fitting the grip to each dummy car, and how many have been fitted?
  - (10.) Is the appliance patented; if so, when, and to which Colonies do patent rights extend?
- Mr. Reid answered,—The required information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way.
- (8.) Mr. Evans, Inspector of Weights and Measures:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) If it is a fact that Sergeant Mackintosh, in charge of the Manly Police Station, has been endeavouring to prevent the trades-people there from giving their repairing work to Mr. Robert Wedderburn, scale-maker, Sussex-street?
- (2.)

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- (2.) Is it also a fact that he has recommended them to have their work done, as it will cost them less, by Mr. William James Evans, Inspector of Weights and Measures?  
 (3.) Is it not a fact that the latter individual was peremptorily told by Mr. R. E. O'Connor, when Minister of Justice, that he must cease doing work and dealing in scales while in the Government Service?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that such is not the fact.

(3.) Mr. O'Connor, when Minister of Justice, directed that no traffic in weights or scales either by the Inspector or his officers should be allowed, and decided that it was no part of the Inspector's duty to adjust or regulate weights, weighing machines, or weighbridges; nor does the Inspector do any work of the nature referred to or traffic in scales.

- (9.) Case of *Wedderburn v. Evans*:—Mr. Black asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Justice Windeyer, in the appeal *Wedderburn v. Evans*, refused to hear the plaintiff, in consequence of the lodgment of an affidavit by the defendant?

(2.) Is it a fact that in the affidavit the defendant stated that the sum for which he was suing *Wedderburn* was not made up through official fees?

(3.) If so, how was *Wedderburn's* alleged liability to *Evans* incurred, if the latter was not permitted, as a Government official, to trade, repair, or make?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—

(1.) The newspaper reports of the case show this is not a fact, the Supreme Court merely refusing an adjournment to permit of an affidavit in reply being filed, on the ground that the merits of the case must be fought out in the Petty Debts Court.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) As this appears to be a matter which has already been dealt with in a Court of Petty Sessions, and again under an application to the Supreme Court, I must decline to offer any opinion as to the nature of *Mr. Wedderburn's* liability.

- (10.) Action of Police in endeavouring to obtain Liquor at Suburban Club:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as stated in the recent issue of a Sunday paper, that two policemen disguised as priests endeavoured to entrap the caretaker of a suburban club into providing them with liquor?

(2.) If so, and in view of the principle that the Police Force is intended for the prevention of crime, and not to encourage its commission, will he instruct the head of Police to discourage such practices?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that such is not the fact.

- (11.) Accidents to Employees of Shipowners and Stevedores:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the serious accident (likely to be fatal) which recently befell *Joseph Blane*, and the constant recurrence of similar accidents, will he consider the advisability of compelling the shipowners and stevedores to protect the lives of their employees by means of appliances similar to those used on scaffolding ashore?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—Under the present law shipowners and stevedores are bound to do all that is practicable in the way of protecting the lives of their employees, and no serious complaints have lately been heard against them in this respect. It is scarcely possible to take the same precautions against risk on board ship as can be taken in scaffoldings on shore.

- (12.) Case of *Amos v. the Railway Commissioners*:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was any member of the Government consulted as to the necessity for employing four leading barristers for the defence in the case of *Amos v. the Railway Commissioners*?

(2.) Have the Commissioners for Railways power to pay the expenses incurred in this case without reference to the Government or Parliament?

(3.) What fee was marked on the brief of each barrister, and what is the amount of refresher paid each day?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I cannot at present say. I may add that this case was one of enormous importance, in view of the amount claimed, over £200,000, and the arrangements for briefing Counsel were in the hands of the Solicitor for Railways, who is a gentleman of competent knowledge and experience.

4. RESUMPTION OF LAND, WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY:—Mr. James Morgan moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That the return respecting claims for resumption of land at Woolloomooloo Bay, and the original papers respecting resumption of lands at Woolloomooloo Bay for wharfage purposes, laid upon the Table of this House on 21st November, 1894, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Resumption of Land, Woolloomooloo Bay."

Question put and passed.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation respecting "Collect" telegrams.  
 6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Reid informed the House of the course which the Government intended to take in transacting the public business, prior to the projected Christmas adjournment.  
 7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—  
 (1.) The King's School Council Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.  
 (2.) George Hill's Estate Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.

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8. **CATTLE SLAUGHTERING LAW AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Affleck moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.  
Mr. Perry moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of the Title," instead thereof.  
Debate ensued.  
Proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.  
Mr. James Morgan then moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be now recommitted," instead thereof.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That the Bill be now recommitted,—put and passed.  
On motion of Mr. Affleck, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
9. **MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lees moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Lees, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 9th April, 1895.
10. **LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—and no Member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.
11. **FRANCHISE EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hogue, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Debate not being resumed,—  
Question put, and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the affirmative.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 23rd April, 1895.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 11th October, 1894.*

12. **LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendment,—  
Mr. Speaker referring to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, said that the same objections held good against this amendment as existed against the amendments to the Bill which was laid aside by this House on the 14th November last.  
Whereupon Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the Bill was laid aside.
13. **MEMBER SWORN**:—Edward Mann Clark, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Willoughby.
14. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
15. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at eleven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Leases and Mining Business Licenses at Cudal and Canowindra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the number of leases and mining business licenses taken out by residents of Boney's Rocks, at Cudal and Canowindra, during the last twelve months?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Number of applications to lease land at Boney's Rocks—one lodged at Cudal, twelve at Canowindra. Number of business licenses issued to residents at Boney's Rocks—none at Cudal, none at Canowindra.

- (2.) Inspection of plans at Survey Office:—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Under whose instructions was the circular issued setting forth that no plans could be seen at the Record-room of the Survey Office without first obtaining a written order from the Chief Draftsman?

(2.) What is the necessity for such order?

(3.) Is he aware that the general public is put to a good deal of inconvenience in first obtaining such order?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—An Inquiry Office is established at the Head Office, Sydney, to meet the requirements of the public, who (by Ministerial directions for years past) are not permitted to inspect plans and documents in the Record and other rooms without proper written authorities. The rule is necessary in order to permit of the regular conduct of the business of the Department, and to effectively secure the public records.

- (3.) Expenditure on Harbour Works at Lake Macquarie:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the total amount expended on the harbour works at Lake Macquarie up to present date?

(2.) What amount was paid to the contractors, Messrs. Amos Brothers, and Messrs. Amos and Taylor?

(3.) What sum was expended in supervision?

(4.) What amount was originally voted for the work?

(5.) Was that sum expended; if not, is the balance available for the completion of the work?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) £92,584 10s. 4d.

(2.) £60,404 19s. 11d.

(3.) £6,014 14s. 3d.

(4.) £92,638 8s. 1d.

(5.) The whole of the amounts voted have been expended, with the exception of a small balance amounting to £53 17s. 9d.

- (4.) Removal of Dredge at Lake Macquarie:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he decided to remove the dredge at present at Lake Macquarie immediately?

(2.) If so, is he aware that vessels trading to the port, and passenger steamers on the lake, are constantly aground in the channel?

(3.) If the dredge is removed, will he replace her by a sand-pump, if one is available in an adjacent harbour?

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- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) The matter is under consideration.
  - (2.) I am not aware.
  - (3.) There is no sand-pump available. Owing to the limited amount of money available for river improvements, it is for the present considered expedient to restrict extensive deepening work to ports and rivers where there is trade warranting the expenditure.
- (5.) Twelve-pounder B.L. Guns ordered through Agent-General:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that a battery of twelve-pounder B.L. guns complete, with 200 rounds of ammunition per gun, has been ordered through the Agent-General?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The Major-General Commanding the Military Forces reports that the battery referred to, with ammunition, has been ordered.
- (6.) Cartridges for the Garrison Batteries:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it probable that a large amount of cartridges will shortly be required to be made up in Sydney for the garrison batteries?
  - (2.) Is the present Permanent Force short-handed or so fully occupied that to put the members of it on this work would be inconvenient to the service?
  - (3.) In view of the great amount of distress now prevalent among the working classes, will he issue instructions for such of the long service married non-commissioned officers and men of the Partially-paid Artillery to whose service the cartridges may pertain, and who may be out of employment, to be given a portion of this work on day wages, with a view to increasing their efficiency as well as relieving the distress they are suffering?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—
- (1 and 2.) No.
  - (3.) A special fund will be required for this service, and I do not consider it necessary under existing circumstances.
- (7.) Expenditure on Shea's Creek Works:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The total amount of money that has been expended in carrying on the Shea's Creek works?
  - (2.) How long has the work been going on, and when is it likely to be finished?
  - (3.) The number of hands that have been employed in carrying on the works?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) Cook's River reclamation, £100,770 19s. 11d.; Shea's Creek reclamation, £75,984 13s. 6d.; Muddy Creek reclamation, £2,947 1s. 1d.; total, £179,702 14s. 6d.
  - (2.) These works have been in progress since early in 1888, and the present section may be finished in about three or four months, but it will probably take five years to complete the canal to Buckland-street if proceeded with.
  - (3.) The average number of hands at present employed is 223; the maximum number of men employed for any one period was 421.
- (8.) Registrars under the "Children's Protection Act":—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) With reference to the Answer given by him to a Question asked on the 4th September last relative to Registrars of Births, Marriages, and Deaths acting as registrars under the Children's Protection Act, is it a fact that, notwithstanding the assurance then given, the said registrars have not yet been paid for the services thus rendered?
  - (2.) Will he inquire into the cause of this and see that these officers are paid?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—It is understood the vouchers are now with the Treasury, and the amounts will be paid in the course of a few days.
- (9.) Colonial Timber:—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that Colonial timber has been found to be more durable and less expensive than the imported timber; and, if so, will he give instructions that in all future Government contracts none but Colonial timber shall be used?
- Mr. Young answered,—I have given instructions that colonial timber is to be used wherever suitable.
- (10.) Allowances to Retrenched Officers in the Water Conservation Branch:—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that some of the recently retrenched officers from the Water Conservation Branch have received their three months retiring allowance, whilst those entitled to one month's retiring allowance cannot get paid?
  - (2.) If so, what is the reason of the distinction and delay?
  - (3.) Is he aware that some of these retrenched officers are anxious to leave Sydney with a view to obtaining employment elsewhere, and, owing to the delay in payment, are being put to great personal expense and inconvenience?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) Four officers recently retrenched have been paid their salaries in advance—on special application—it being understood they were desirous of leaving the Colony.
  - (2.) No distinction has been made in the Treasury, nor, so far as I am aware, in the Public Works Department, but the total amount payable to the retrenched officers is over £3,500, and in the absence of a vote for the service I am without means of paying this large sum. The Advance Vote is exhausted.
  - (3.) I am not aware.

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5th December, 1894.

(11.) Railways passed and rejected by the Public Works Committee:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What railways have been passed by the Public Works Committee since the Committee was first established?
- (2.) How much does each recommended railway lose per annum, or how much revenue does each return, as the case may be?
- (3.) What was the contract cost of each?
- (4.) What was the complete cost?
- (5.) What railways have been rejected by the Public Works Committee since the Committee was first established?

Mr. Young answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a return at an early date.

(12.) Pitt Town Labour Settlement:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that the Chairman of the Settlers at Pitt Town, and the storekeeper, were continually to be seen intoxicated in the company of the late Superintendent?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Irregularities have been reported to the Board in respect of certain persons on this settlement, but upon the facts being known steps were taken to prevent their repetition. The Superintendent's engagement has been terminated, and the Board is dealing firmly in the matter of controlling the use of intoxicants by the settlers or its officials.

2. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

Message No. 31.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare valid certain proclamations issued under the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' and to make further provision for the constitution of municipalities under the said Act; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 5th December, 1894.

3. EXCISE DUTY ON TOBACCO:—Mr. Young presented a Petition from farmers, producers, and others concerned in the production of tobacco, representing that ever since the imposition of an excise duty the industry has dwindled away, and it is now almost crushed out of existence; and praying earnest consideration of the premises, and the removal of at least nine-pence per lb. of the present excise duty, together with a reduction of the license fee, and the abolition of such of the stringent regulations upon the manufacture of tobacco as can be dispensed with.  
Petition received.

4. LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL:—Mr. Tonkin moved, without Notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Legal Profession Amalgamation Bill, which dropped on Tuesday, 4th December, 1894, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 12th February, 1895.  
Question put and passed.

5. PAPERS:—Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Particulars respecting the renewal of the San Francisco Mail Service.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Notification of reduced rate on Telephone Messages between Miami and West Wallsend.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return (in part) to an Order made on 16th October, 1894,—“Appointment of Mr. Arthur Galton to continue the publication of the History of New South Wales.”

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Return to an Order made on 16th October, 1894,—“Lease granted by Railway Commissioners of land at Como.”

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Regulation under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 and the Acts amending the same.

6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—(*Reservoir at Centennial Park for Sydney Water Supply*) [*Formal Motion*]:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a reservoir at the Centennial Park, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, subject to the modification recommended by the said Committee.

Question put and passed.

7. CONSPIRACY AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY BILL:—On motion of Mr. Fegan, the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

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9. NARRABRI TO MOREE RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Narrabri to Moree.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Narrabri to Moree.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at thirteen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT;  
*Speaker.*

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Acto South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Civil Service Inquiry Commission appointed in 1888:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What were the names of the Members of the Civil Service Royal Commission appointed in 1888?
  - (2.) What were the names of the Members who resigned, and the reasons given for such resignations?
  - (3.) What were the names of those appointed to fill the vacancies?
  - (4.) How long was the Commission in existence, and how many meetings were held?
  - (5.) What was the total amount of fees paid, also the amount paid to individual Members of the Commission?
  - (6.) What was the total cost of the Commission, including shorthand-writing, type-writing, printing, rent of premises, fees, and other incidental expenses?
  - (7.) Has the whole of the evidence and the report been placed before Parliament; if not, will he place the information before Parliament prior to the Estimates being dealt with?
  - (8.) Is it a fact that a portion of the report or any portion of the evidence has been lost or stolen?
  - (9.) Is it certain that the whole of the evidence taken by the late Commission has been placed before the present Commission; if not, will he see what has been done with the missing documents?
  - (10.) Have the recommendations of the Commission been carried out; and, if not, what were the reasons for neglecting the suggestions?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the shape of a return.

- (2.) System of Identification of Criminals:—Dr. Graham asked the Minister of Justice,—Have the prison authorities considered the advisability of introducing into the prison system of this country, for the more accurate identification of criminals, a scientific system of measurements, such as the "Bertillon system," that has worked so successfully in France and is now being introduced into the prison system of Great Britain?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The whole question as to the identification of criminals by the Bertillon and Galton systems has, for some time, been receiving careful consideration in the Department of Justice. Improvements have recently been made by the Prisons Department in the system prevailing in New South Wales for securing the identification of prisoners; but it is thought that, before adopting either system in its entirety, or in a modified form, or a combination of these systems, the other Colonies should be consulted, with a view to the establishment of an improved and uniform system upon the lines of that recently adopted in England.

- (3.) Disease known as Beri-beri among the Chinese:—Dr. Graham asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the attention of the Board of Health been specially directed to the prevalence among the Chinese population in Sydney of an infectious and dangerous disease known as beri-beri, and will he ask the Medical Adviser to the Government for a report dealing with the circumstances attending the epidemic?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Board of Health, I find, has taken action in this matter, and the Government Medical Officer has been directed to report all cases of beri-beri admitted to the Hospital, in order that the city authorities may be informed and steps taken to disinfect the premises in which the afflicted person or persons resided. The President of the Board of Health will be asked to report.

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(4.) Mining Registrar's Office at Wyalong—Water Supply for Wyalong:—*Mr. Watson*, for *Mr. Loughnane*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Mining Registrar's office is to be removed from West Wyalong to Wyalong?
- (2.) If not, will he see that suitable Registrar's quarters are at once erected at West Wyalong?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the site which has been chosen for the excavation of a tank to supply Wyalong with water will not supply the wants of the people of West Wyalong?
- (4.) If so, is it his intention to order the excavation of another tank at West Wyalong to supply the residents of that town with water?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

- (1.) An office is to be erected at Wyalong.
- (2.) It is not considered necessary to have two offices so close together.
- (3.) Yes; but the supply of West Wyalong is being considered.
- (4.) Answered by No. 3.

(5.) Court-house at West Wyalong:—*Mr. Watson*, for *Mr. Loughnane*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the loss of time and great inconvenience caused to the business people of West Wyalong owing to the fact that they are compelled to attend a Court two and a half miles distant from their places of business?
- (2.) Will he take steps for the establishment of a Court at West Wyalong, and to erect a suitable Court-house at that town?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

- (1.) No representations have been made which would lead me to believe that residents of West Wyalong suffer loss of time and great inconvenience through having to transact their court business at Wyalong.
- (2.) I have obtained reports upon this question, which show there is no necessity for establishing a Court of Petty Sessions at West Wyalong.

(6.) Cost of Printing in Military Department since April, 1893:—*Mr. Shipway* asked the Colonial Secretary,—What has been the total cost of printing incurred by the Military Department since Major-General Hutton assumed command of the Military Forces on the 21st April, 1893?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—£1,793 11s. 10d.

(7.) Twelve-pounder B.L. Guns ordered through Agent-General:—*Mr. Shipway* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Referring to Question 5 of the 5th December, and the Answer thereto, what is to be the cost of the battery of guns and ammunition so ordered?
- (2.) By whose authority were the same ordered?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) The estimated cost is £11,000.
- (2.) The Chief Secretary's, upon the recommendation of the Major-General Commanding and the Royal Commission of 1892.

(8.) Coats worn by Letter-carriers:—*Mr. Watkins* asked the Postmaster-General,—Has his attention been drawn to the unsuitable character of the heavy and thick summer coats recently issued to letter-carriers; if so, will he direct that in future clothing more suited to the Australian climate shall be issued to the men?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—It is not admitted that the summer coats are unreasonably heavy. They are made of serge of only sufficient thickness as will ensure reasonable wear. The weight of a coat for an ordinary sized man is only 24 ounces, and as it is made to button, the men are not compelled to wear waistcoats. A suggestion to change the colour from red is receiving consideration.

(9.) Floating of proposed Loan:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that he intends to float an internal loan?
- (2.) If so, will it be effected per medium of funded stock bearing 4 per cent. interest for a currency of thirty years?
- (3.) Does such funded stock carry optional redemption?
- (4.) Would it be practicable to raise an internal loan through amalgamation of Savings Banks?
- (5.) Is it proposed to reduce the interest payable at Government Savings Banks to 3½ per cent. from next January?
- (6.) If so, will prospective holders of funded stock receive ½ per cent. interest in excess of rate that will be paid to Saving Banks depositors?
- (7.) Has he removed the £200 exemption from the Savings Banks?
- (8.) Is it a fact that a portion of the new loan will be devoted to building Court-houses and other public works of a similar character?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

- (1 to 4.) The question whether a loan will be issued in the Colony, or at all, is not yet decided. We have ample funds at our disposal at present.
- (5.) No, to 3 per cent.
- (6.) We are not issuing any funded stock.
- (7.) No.
- (8.) See first Answer.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Pymont and Glebe Island Bridges*):—*Mr. Ewing*, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the proposed removal of the Pymont and Glebe Island Bridges.

Ordered to be printed.

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6th December, 1894.

3. **NARRABRI TO MOREE RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Young presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Narrabri to Moree*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Return to an Order made on 17th October, 1894,—“Salaries and Allowances paid to Officers of New South Wales Permanent Military Forces.”  
 (2.) Report by Mr. F. B. Suttor, Delegate for New South Wales, on Colonial Conference at “Ottawa, Canada.”  
 Ordered to be printed.\*
5. **HOLT'S WINGELLO ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Bavister, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 13th November, 1894, together with a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 Mr. Bavister then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 26th February, 1894.  
 Question put and passed.
6. **PATENT GRIP IN USE ON CABLE TRAM (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) Whether a patent grip is in use on the recently opened cable tram.  
 (2.) Whether it is working successfully or satisfactorily.  
 (3.) Whether it has any injurious effect upon the cable.  
 (4.) Whether it has been found necessary to make any alteration in its working parts or details since being first fitted on this line.  
 (5.) Whether any portions require frequent renewal.  
 (6.) What has been the cost incurred for general repairs and renewal of parts up to the end of November.  
 (7.) Whether the railway or tramway officials were called on to report (prior to its adoption) as to the advantage likely to result from the use of this appliance; and, if so, the purport of such report.  
 (8.) The sum paid for right to use this grip, and the name of the vendor.  
 (9.) The cost of supplying and fitting the grip to each dummy car, and how many have been fitted.  
 (10.) Whether the appliance is patented if so, when, and to which colonies do patent rights extend.  
 Question put and passed.
7. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

8. **COAL MINES REGULATION BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the Regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 6th December, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,  
 President.

COAL MINES REGULATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 6th December, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 8.	Omit "December" insert "March"
Page 1, clause 1, line 8.	Omit "four" insert "five"
Page 2, clause 2, line 3.	Before "certificate" insert "first-class"
Page 2, clause 2, line 3.	Before "service" insert "a certificate of"
Page 2, clause 2, line 3.	After "service" insert "as manager"
Page 2, clause 2, line 6.	Omit "passing" insert "commencement"
Page 2, clause 2, line 8.	Omit "and" insert "or"
Page 2, clause 2, line 9.	Omit "each"
Page 2, clause 2, line 10.	Omit "ten" insert "five"
Page 2, clause 2, line 12.	After "owner" insert "or agent"
Page 2, clause 2, line 26.	Omit "ten" insert "thirty"
Page 2, clause 3, line 33.	Omit "a duly qualified" insert "an"

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- Page 2, clause 3, line 34. *Omit* "in accordance with the provisions of this Act"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 36. *Omit* "after the passing of this Act"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 36. *Omit* "person" *insert* "under-manager"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 37. *Omit* "and then exercising supervision of a mine"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 40. *Omit* "six" *insert* "eight"
- Page 2, clause 4, line 46. *Omit* "while so contracting"
- Page 2, clause 4, line 46. *After* "for" *insert* "getting"
- Page 2, clause 4, line 46. *After* "mineral" *insert* "in any mine"
- Page 2, clause 4, line 48. *After* "under-manager" *insert* "of that mine"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 53. *After* "certificate" *insert* "of competency"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 53. *Omit* "has" *insert* "shall have"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 55. *Omit* "granting" *insert* "ascertaining the persons to receive"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 56. *Omit* "and service"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 56. *Omit* "a Board of"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 57. *After* "appointed" *insert* "by a Board"
- Page 2, clause 5. *After* line 57 *insert* "(a) Three persons being owners or agents of mines in the Colony of New South Wales"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 59. *After* "Colony" *insert* "not being owners, agents, or managers of a mine; and"
- Page 3, clause 6. *Omit* clause 6 *insert* the following new clause:—
- (I) The proceedings of the Board shall be in accordance with the rules contained in Schedule One to this Act.
- (II) The Board shall from time to time appoint examiners not being members of the Board, except with the consent of the Minister, to conduct the examinations of applicants for certificates of competency under this Act, and may from time to time make, alter, and revoke rules as to the conduct of such examinations and the qualifications of the applicants, so, however, that in every such examination regard shall be had to such knowledge as is necessary for the practical working of mines in New South Wales, and that the examination and qualifications of applicants for second-class certificates shall be suitable for practical working miners.
- (III) The Board shall make from time to time to the Minister a report of their proceedings and of such other matters as the Minister may from time to time require.
- Page 3, clause 7, line 29. *Omit* "selection of persons to serve as examiners"
- Page 3, clause 7, line 33. *Omit* "One" *insert* "Two"
- Page 3, clause 8. *Omit* clause 8 *insert* the following new clause:—
- (I) A certificate of service shall be granted by the Minister to every person who satisfies him either that before the commencement of this Act he was acting, and has since that day acted, or that he has at any time within five years before the commencement of this Act for a period of not less than twelve months acted, in the capacity of a manager of a mine or such part of a mine as can under this Act be made a separate mine for the purposes of this Act.
- (II) A certificate of service shall be granted by the Minister to every person who satisfies him either that before the commencement of this Act he was exercising, and has since that date exercised, or that he has at any time within five years before the commencement of this Act for a period of not less than twelve months exercised, functions substantially corresponding to those of an under-manager in a mine.
- (III) Every such certificate of service shall contain particulars of the name, place, and time of birth, and the length and nature of the previous service of the person to whom the same is delivered, and a certificate of service may be refused to any person who fails to give a full and satisfactory account of the particulars aforesaid, or to pay such registration fee as the Minister may direct, not exceeding that mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Act.
- (IV) A certificate of service granted under this section to a manager shall have the same effect for the purposes of this Act as a first-class certificate of competency granted under this Act; and a certificate of service granted under this section to an under-manager shall have the same effect for the purposes of this Act as a second-class certificate of competency granted under this Act.
- (V) Before granting a certificate of service to a manager or under-manager the Minister shall require the applicant to produce satisfactory evidence of his sobriety and general good conduct.
- (VI) No certificate of service shall be granted in terms of this section unless it be proved by statutory declaration that during the twelve months aforesaid there has been an average of not less than thirty miners employed below ground under the control and supervision of the applicant for the said certificate.
- (VII) A certificate of competency or of service granted under the Imperial Act fifty and fifty-one Victoria chapter fifty-eight or under any Act repealed thereby or any other certificate of competency or service approved by the examiners shall be equivalent in all respects to a similar certificate granted under this Act.
- Pages 3 and 4, clause 9. *Omit* clause 9.
- Page 4, clause 11, line 38. *Before* "Stipendiary" *insert* "or"
- Page 4, clause 11, line 38. *Omit* "or other person or persons"
- Page 4, clause 11, line 50. *Omit* "Act" *insert* "section and in section eleven"
- Page 4, clause 11, lines 55 and 56. *Omit* "or otherwise deal with"
- Page 5, clause 11, line 8. *Omit* "or otherwise deal with"
- Page 5, clause 13, line 35. *Omit* "or otherwise dealt with"
- Page 5, clause 13, lines 36 and 37. *Omit* "or a notification of the order of the Court"
- Page 5, clause 13, lines 41 and 42. *Omit* "or otherwise dealt with"
- Page 5, clause 15, line 58. *After* "for" second occurring *insert* "or for registration of"
- Page 6, clause 17. *Omit* clause 17.
- Page 6, clause 19, line 47. *After* "inspector" *insert* "appointed"

Proceedings and powers of Board for appointing examiners.

Grant of certificates of service to existing managers.

Grant of certificates of service in case of certain under-managers.



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- Page 6, clause 19, line 47. *Omit* "passing" *insert* "commencement"  
 Page 6, clause 19, line 48. *Before* "certificate" *insert* "first class"  
 Page 6, clause 19, line 48. *Omit* "or service"  
 Page 6, clause 19, lines 48 and 49. *Omit* "hereinbefore provided in regard to"  
 Page 6, clause 19, line 49. *Omit* "s" from "managers"  
 Page 6, clause 19, line 49. *After* "managers" *omit* remainder of clause.  
 Page 7, clause 21. *Omit* clause 21 *insert* the following new clause:—

An inspector under this Act shall have power to do all or any of the following things, Powers of Inspectors.  
 namely:—

- (I) To make such examination and inquiry as may be necessary to ascertain whether the provisions of this Act relating to matters above ground or below ground are complied with in the case of any mine.
- (II) To enter, inspect, and examine any mine, and every part thereof, at all reasonable times by day and night, but so as not to impede or obstruct the working of the mine.
- (III) To examine into and make inquiry respecting the state and condition of any mine or any part thereof, and the ventilation of the mine, and the sufficiency of the special rules for the time being in force in the mine, and all matters and things connected with or relating to the safety of the persons employed in or about the mine or any mine contiguous thereto, or the care and treatment of the horses and other animals used in the mine.
- (IV) To exercise such other powers as may be necessary for carrying this Act into effect.

Every person who wilfully obstructs any inspector in the execution of his duty under this Act, and every owner, agent, and manager of a mine who refuses or neglects to furnish to the inspector the means necessary for making any entry, inspection, examination, or inquiry under this Act, in relation to the mine, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Page 7, clause 22, line 52. *Omit* "and enter such report in a book at the mine."

Page 9, clause 27, lines 32 and 33. *Omit* "notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the 'Arbitration Act, 1892,'" *insert* "and except where they are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act the provisions of the 'Arbitration Act, 1892' shall apply to arbitrations under this Act"

Page 10, clause 27, line 58. *Omit* "or umpire"

Page 11, clause 27, line 1. *After* "mines" *insert* "and every person who is appointed an umpire under this section shall be a District Court Judge, a Police or Stipendiary Magistrate, or a Barrister-at-Law"

Page 12, clause 29, line 7. *Omit* "two" *insert* "three"

Page 12, clause 30, line 32. *Omit* "three" *insert* "six"

Page 12, clause 30. *Omit* subsection (III)

Page 13, clause 30, line 13. *Omit* "or tracing"

Page 13, clause 30, line 15. *Omit* "or tracing"

Page 13, clause 30, line 17. *Omit* "or tracings"

Page 13, clause 30, line 21. *Omit* "or tracing"

Page 13, clause 30, line 25. *After* "Minister" *insert* "as aforesaid"

Page 13, clause 31, line 32. *Before* "personal" *insert* "serious"

Page 13, clause 31, lines 34 and 35. *Omit* "forthwith but not later than" *insert* "within"

Page 14, clause 32, line 11. *Omit* "forthwith" *insert* "within one month"

Page 14, clause 34, line 46. *After* "boundaries" *insert* "the whole"

Page 14, clause 34, line 48. *Omit* "s" from "surfaces"

Page 14, clause 34, line 56. *Omit* "twenty-nine" *insert* "twenty-eight"

Page 14, clause 34, line 57. *After* "owner" *insert* "or agent"

Page 15, clause 34, line 1. *After* "owner" *insert* "or agent"

Page 15, clause 34, line 9. *After* "owner" *insert* "or agent"

Page 15, clause 34, line 14. *After* "owner" *insert* "or agent"

Page 15, clause 35, line 22. *Omit* "prepaid" *insert* "registered"

Page 15, clause 36. *Omit* clause 36.

Page 15, clause 37, line 39. *Omit* "thirty-eight" *insert* "thirty-five"

Page 15, clause 37, line 41. *After* "mine" *insert* "and no boys between the age of fourteen years and eighteen years shall be employed in or allowed to be for the purpose of employment in any mine below ground for more than ten hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and six hours on one Saturday and eight hours on the next Saturday" Hours of employment of boys.

For the purpose of this Act with respect to the employment of such boys in a mine below ground the following regulations shall have effect, that is to say:— Regulations as to employment of boys.

1. There shall be allowed an interval of not less than twelve hours between each period of employment.

2. Each period of employment shall be inclusive of one hour for meals.

3. A week shall be deemed to begin at midnight on Saturday night and to end at midnight on the succeeding Saturday night.

Page 15, clause 37, line 46. *After* "boys" first occurring *insert* "under the age of eighteen"

Page 15, clause 37, line 46. *Before* "boys" second occurring *insert* "such"

Page 15, clause 37, line 52. *After* "every" *insert* "such"

Page 16, clause 38, lines 3 and 4. *Omit* "twenty-ninth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four" *insert* "commencement of this Act"

Page 16, clause 38, lines 6 and 7. *Omit* "twenty-ninth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four" *insert* "commencement of this Act"

Page 16, clause 40, line 30. *Omit* "or contiguous"

Page 16, clause 41, line 41. *Omit* "mineral" *insert* "large coal or shale"

Page 16, clause 41, line 42. *After* "weight" *insert* "of such large coal or shale"

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- Page 16, clause 41, lines 43 and 44. *Omit* "of the mineral contracted to be gotten and unless otherwise mutually agreed upon all the mineral gotten by them" *insert* "such weight being ascertained in such manner as may be agreed upon by the owner, agent, or manager of the mine on the one part, and the persons so employed on the other part, and in the absence of such agreement such coal or shale"
- Page 16, clause 41, line 45. *After* "weighed" *insert* "either at the bottom of the screen or"
- Page 16, clause 41, line 48. *After* "of" *insert* "small coal"
- Page 16, clause 41, line 49. *Omit* "other than the mineral contracted to be gotten"
- Page 16, clause 41, line 50. *Omit* "the mineral contracted to be gotten" *insert* "such large coal or shale, or in respect of any tubs being improperly filled in those cases where they are filled by the getter of the large coal or shale or his drawer, or by the person immediately employed by him"
- Page 17, clause 41, line 13. *Omit* "That"
- Page 17, clause 41, line 16. *Omit* "passing" *insert* "commencement"
- Page 17, clause 41, line 16. *After* "abolished" *insert* "But nothing herein contained shall be held to affect the power of any owner or manager of a mine to pay miners by the method known as the standard bar system"
- Page 17, clause 41, line 19. *Omit* "twenty" *insert* "thirty"
- Page 17, clause 43, line 46. *Omit* "mineral" *insert* "large coal or shale"
- Page 17, clause 43, line 47. *After* "person" *insert* "who shall be an employee of the colliery"
- Page 17, clause 43, line 48. *After* "for" *insert* "weighing the large coal or shale, and at each place appointed for"
- Page 17, clause 43, line 50. *Omit* "mineral" *insert* "large coal or shale"
- Page 17, clause 43, line 55. *Omit* "tareing of tubs and trams" *insert* "weights"
- Page 18, clause 43, line 14. *Omit* "mineral" *insert* "large coal or shale"
- Page 18, clause 43, line 15. *Omit* "or the tareing of the tubs or trams"
- Page 18, clause 43, line 20. *Omit* "the check-weigher" *insert* "he"
- Page 18, clause 43, line 25. *Omit* "he" *insert* "the owner, agent, or manager"
- Page 18, clause 43, line 26. *Omit* "a Court of summary jurisdiction" *insert* "the nearest Court of Petty Sessions"
- Page 18, clause 43, line 40. *Omit* "material" *insert* "large coal or shale"
- Page 18, clause 43, line 45. *Omit* "mineral" *insert* "large coal or shale"
- Page 18, clause 43, line 47. *Omit* "or the tare"
- Page 18, clause 43, line 48. *Omit* "and tareing"
- Page 18, clause 44, line 52. *Omit* "mineral" *insert* "large coal or shale"
- Page 19, clause 45, line 10. *Omit* "mineral" *insert* "large coal or shale"
- Page 19, clause 45, lines 12 and 13. *Omit* "buying and selling or for"
- Page 19, clause 45, lines 22 and 23. *Omit* "or when required by the manager or majority of employers so to do"
- Page 19, clause 46, line 54. *Omit* "fifty" *insert* "fifteen"
- Page 19, clause 46, line 55. *Omit* "six" *insert* "four"
- Page 21, clause 48, line 2. *Omit* "fifty" *insert* "fifteen"
- Page 21, clause 48, line 4. *Omit* "first day of October one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four" *insert* "commencement of this Act"
- Page 21, clause 48, line 7. *Omit* "fifty" *insert* "fifteen"
- Page 21, line 15. *Omit* "Splits" *insert* "Parts"
- Page 21, clause 49. *Omit* subsection (III)
- Page 21, clause 50, lines 45 to 48. *Omit* "(not in any case less than one hundred and fifty cubic feet of pure air per minute for each man and each boy, and two hundred cubic feet for each horse employed in the mine)"
- Page 21, clause 50, lines 49 and 50. *Omit* "and shall sweep undiminished along the airways and into each working place"
- Page 21, clause 50, line 55. *Omit* "twenty-five" *insert* "thirty-five"
- Page 22, clause 50, lines 2 to 6. *Omit* "and in single headings or where gas is known to be generated it shall be bratticed up to within three yards of the face of such working place; and no return airways shall be used as travelling roads"
- Page 22, clause 50, line 12. *Omit* "passing" *insert* "commencement"
- Page 22, clause 50, lines 23 and 24. *Omit* "of not less than two years experience in a coal mine"
- Page 22, clause 50, line 29. *Omit* "each working face" *insert* "every part"
- Page 22, clause 50, lines 33 and 34. *Omit* "and shall mark such working place visited"
- Page 22, clause 50, line 38. *After* "lamp" *insert* "except in the case of any mine in which inflammable gas has not been found within the preceding twelve months"
- Page 22, clause 50, lines 55 and 56. *Omit* "unless danger is found to exist"
- Page 23, clause 50, line 22. *Omit* "by such person"
- Page 24, clause 50, line 14. *After* "light" *insert* "except within a completely closed chamber attached to the fuse of the shot"
- Page 24, clause 50, line 21. *After* "in" *insert* "cartridges in"
- Page 24, clause 50, line 22. *After* "pounds" *insert* "Provided that on the application of the owner, agent, or manager of any mine the Minister may by order exempt such mine from so much of this Rule as forbids taking an explosive substance into the mine except in cartridges"
- Page 24, clause 50, line 27. *After* "stemmer" *insert* "nor shall coal or coal dust be used for tamping"
- Page 24, clause 50, lines 32 to 35. *Omit* "Provided that no person shall return to a place where such charge has missed fire until a period of eight hours has elapsed from the lighting of the fuse attached to such charge"

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Page 26, clause 50, lines 5 and 6. *Omit* "six feet high three feet wide and four feet deep" *insert* "of sufficient length and at least three feet in width"

Page 26, clause 50. *Omit* Rule 19.

Page 26, clause 50, lines 32 and 33. *Omit* "every shaft in course of sinking shall be kept clear of" "all noxious gases by a fan or some other appliance"

Page 26, clause 50. *Omit* Rule 25 *insert* the following new Rule :—

In any mine which is usually entered by means of machinery, a competent male person, not less than twenty-two years of age, shall be appointed for the purpose of working the machinery which is employed in lowering and raising persons therein, and shall attend for that purpose during the whole time that any person is below ground in the mine. Attendance of engine-man.

Where any shaft, plane, or level is used for the purpose of communication from one part to another part of a mine, and persons are taken up or down or along such shaft, plane, or level by means of any engine, windlass, or gin, driven or worked by steam or any mechanical power, or by an animal, or by manual labour, the person in charge of such engine windlass, or gin, or of any part of the machinery, ropes, chains, or tackle connected therewith, must be a competent male person not less than eighteen years of age.

Where the machinery is worked by an animal, the person under whose direction the driver of the animal acts shall, for the purpose of this Rule, be deemed to be the person in charge of the machinery.

Page 27, clause 50. *Omit* Rule 34.

Page 28, clause 50, lines 12 and 13. *Omit* "or any one having the written authority of any" "inspector or person so employed"

Page 28, clause 50, line 22. *After* "persons" *insert* "not being mining engineers, who are" "practical working miners"

Pages 28 and 29, clause 50. *Omit* Rules 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, and 46.

Pages 29 and 30, clause 51. *Omit* clause 51.

Page 30, clause 52, line 13. *After* "compliance" *omit* remainder of clause.

Page 30, clause 54, lines 43 and 44. *Omit* "(where no special rules are in force)"

Page 30, clause 54, line 50. *After* "printed" *insert* "or written"

Pages 31 and 32, clause 59. *Omit* clause 59.

Page 32, clause 62, line 39. *Omit* "wilfully"

Page 33, clause 63, line 6. *Omit* "five pounds" *insert* "one pound"

Page 34, clause 69, line 2. *After* "manager" *insert* "or"

Page 34, clause 69, line 2. *Omit* "or employee"

Page 34, clause 69, line 3. *After* "manager" *insert* "or"

Page 34, clause 69, line 4. *Omit* "or employee"

Page 34, clause 69, line 7. *After* "manager" *insert* "or"

Page 34, clause 69, line 7. *Omit* "or employee"

Page 34, clause 69, line 10. *After* "manager" *insert* "or"

Page 34, clause 69, line 10. *Omit* "or employee"

Page 34, clause 72, line 33. *After* "not" *insert* "except with the consent in writing of both" "parties to the case"

Page 35, clause 76. *Omit* clause 76.

Page 35, clause 77, line 10. *Omit* "encroached" *insert* "encroaching"

Page 35, clause 77, line 11. *Omit* "the examiner or" *insert* "an"

Page 35, clause 78. *Before* line 52 *insert* "'Large coal' means all coal passing over a three-quarter" "inch screen"

Page 36, clause 78, line 6. *Omit* "section four hereof" *insert* "part two of this Act"

Page 36, clause 78, lines 12 and 13. *Omit* "and 'Assistant Under Secretary' mean respectively" *insert* "means"

Page 36, clause 78, lines 13 and 14. *Omit* "and Assistant Under Secretary"

Page 37. *Before* Schedule I *insert* the following new Schedule :—

*Proceedings of Board for Examinations.*

1. The Board shall meet for the despatch of business, and shall from time to time make such regulations with respect to the summoning, notice, place, management, and adjournment of such meetings, and generally with respect to the transaction and management of business, including the quorum at meetings of the Board, as they think fit, subject to the following conditions :—

- (a) An extraordinary meeting may be held at any time on the written requisition of three members of the Board addressed to the Chairman.
- (b) The quorum to be fixed by the Board shall consist of not less than three members.
- (c) Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present and voting on that question.
- (d) The names of the members present as well as those voting upon each question shall be recorded.
- (e) No business shall be transacted unless notice in writing of such business has been sent to every member of the Board seven days at least before the meeting.

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2. The Board shall from time to time appoint some person to be Chairman and one other person to be Vice-Chairman.

3. If at any meeting the Chairman is not present at the time appointed for holding the same, the Vice-Chairman shall be the Chairman of the meeting; and if neither the Chairman nor Vice-Chairman shall be present, then the members present shall choose some one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting.

4. In case of an equality of votes at any meeting, the Chairman for the time being of such meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

5. The appointment of an examiner may be made by a minute of the Board signed by the Chairman.

6. The Board shall keep minutes of their proceedings, which may be inspected or copied by the Minister or any person authorised by him to inspect or copy the same.

Page 37, Schedule II, line 40. *Omit "round" insert "large"*

Page 37, Schedule II, line 41. *Omit "Coal (small)"*

Page 37, Schedule II. *After line 42 insert "Shale used for other purposes"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

9. PAPER:—Mr. Reid laid upon the Table, Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock on the Frozen Meat Trade in the Colonies and in Great Britain.  
Ordered to be printed.

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Eleven o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1894.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Destruction of Flying-foxes:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he, in view of the destruction being done to the fruit orchards throughout the Colony by flying-foxes, consider the desirableness of placing on the Estimates a sum of money to assist settlers in the destruction of the pest?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Government propose to introduce a Bill giving power to the Stock and Pastures Board, if they so desire, to deal with the flying-fox nuisance.

- (2.) Barristers' Fees in case *Amos v. The Railway Commissioners*:—*Mr. Parkes*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the fee marked on the brief given to each of the four barristers engaged by the Railway Commissioners in the case *Amos v. Commissioners*?

(2.) The total sum paid, or to be paid, to each of the four barristers up to and including the day on which the case was settled?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the fees marked on the briefs of the barristers engaged in connection with the claim made by Mr. Amos for £209,800 were:—Sir Julian Salomons, Q.C., 30 guineas; Mr. J. Want, Q.C., 25 guineas; Mr. C. B. Stephen, 20 guineas; Mr. Bruce Smith, 20 guineas.

(2.) The total sums payable as fees are as under:—Sir Julian Salomons, Q.C., £101 5s. 6d.; Mr. J. Want, Q.C., £82 8s. 6d.; Mr. C. B. Stephen, £64 6s. 6d.; Mr. Bruce Smith, £64 6s. 6d.

- (3.) Crown-street Pumping Machinery:—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is any provision made to keep up the water supply to the various parts of the city and suburbs in the event of any accident or breakdown occurring to the Crown-street pumping machinery?

(2.) On the occasion of the new plant being obtained, was it not officially stated to be the intention of the authorities to retain in position, in a state fit for immediate use, the old machinery, to meet any emergency?

(3.) Has adequate provision been made for such an emergency either previous to or since the sale of the old plant?

Mr. Young answered,—The Board have furnished me with the following information:—

(1.) The pumping plant at Crown-street consists of three engines, and in the event of a breakdown of any one, the work can be taken up by the other pumps.

(2.) When the two Worthington engines were erected, it was stated that it was necessary to keep up the old machinery in a state for immediate use till a third engine was obtained. This engine is now working.

(3.) A reply to this Question is included in Answers Nos. 1 and 2.

- (4.) Examinations of the Technical College:—*Mr. Watkins*, for Mr. Wilks, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Referring to paragraph 1 of Question 2 of 4th instant, and the Answer thereto, will he specify the classes in which the examiners inspect the work done during the year as well as the test work?

(2.) Was any report written by Professor W. Selman prior to his retirement from the position of Assistant Superintendent of Technical Education upon the system and methods of instruction followed and adopted at the Technical College, and upon other matters connected with that institution, and addressed to the then Minister, the Honorable F. B. Suttor?

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(3.) If so, will he lay a copy of such report and other documents connected therewith upon the Table of this House?

(4.) What was the date (a) of Professor Selman's appointment, and (b) of his retirement?

(5.) Is it a fact that Professor Selman was specially selected in England as an expert specially qualified to organise and place on a satisfactory and useful footing the Technical Education Branch of our Department of Public Instruction, and was not his appointment approved of by the then Minister for Public Instruction, the Honorable J. H. Carruthers?

(6.) For what reason or reasons were Professor Selman's services dispensed with?

(7.) Has any member of the present staff of the Technical College, or of the Public Instruction Department generally, the same experience in the work of technical education as Professor Selman, or equal qualifications; and, if so, will he name such officer or officers, and the nature of his or their employment?

Mr. GARZARD answered,—

(1.) Ironmoulding, boiler-making, house-painting, and sign-writing.

(2.) No report was either obtained or asked for.

(3.) Answered by No. 2.

(4.) (a) 9th July, 1890; (b) 8th June, 1893. Mr. Selman received six months' pay, and an additional sum of £100 as compensation for loss of his office.

(5.) No; Mr. Selman was appointed Assistant Organiser or Assistant Superintendent. He held this position under the Superintendent of Technical Education. Mr. Selman was appointed during Mr. Carruthers' term of office.

(6.) Motives of economy. By the decision of the Cabinet.

(7.) This is a matter of opinion; but I may add that there is nothing in the papers relating to Mr. Selman's appointment to show that he had any special connection with Technical Education in England.

(5.) Bridges built by the Roads and Bridges Department:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Which are the six largest bridges built in wood by the Roads and Bridges Department; and which are the six largest built in metal?

(2.) What is the deck area of each, and depth of foundations from deck level?

(3.) What was the total cost of each?

Mr. Young answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a return giving the information asked for.

2. MR. J. F. COOK, LATE CONDUCTOR, TRAMWAY DEPARTMENT:—Mr. Watson presented a Petition from James Frederick Cook, representing that for eight years prior to September, 1890, he was employed as a conductor in the Tramway Department; that he was dismissed for alleged appropriation of fares without being afforded an opportunity of meeting the charge, and that he has repeatedly appealed, without success, for an inquiry to enable him to clear his character; and praying the House to take such proceedings as may enable him to re-open his case, so that he may appear and defend himself on the charge preferred against him; and that Petitioner may be heard at the Bar of the House by counsel in support of his Petition.  
Petition received.

3. CENTENNIAL PARK RESERVOIR CONSTRUCTION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the construction of a reservoir at the Centennial Park, in connection with the Sydney water supply.

Government House,

Sydney, 5th December, 1894.

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

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting iron and wood bridges constructed by the Roads and Bridges Branch of the Public Works Department.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 1st November, 1894,—“Government Architect's Department.”

(3.) Minute by the President of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board respecting cost of collecting the revenue.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Schedules to the Return to an Order made on 1st November, 1894,—“Government Architect's Department.”

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 6th December, 1894,—“Patent Grip in use on Cable Tram.”

(2.) Return showing the nett return of Revenue to Capital invested during the last six years of the administration of Railways by the late Commissioner compared with the nett return during the administration of the present Commission.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Particulars respecting extension of contracts for Federal Ocean Mail Service via Suez.

Ordered to be printed.

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5. STANDARD TIME BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Standard of Time in the Colony of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill to establish a Standard of Time in the Colony of New South Wales*,"—which was read a first time.

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

## 6. INTEREST ON CONDITIONAL PURCHASES BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the remission of interest payable in respect of "conditional" purchases in certain cases.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Edden moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "conditional" of the words "and other"

Debate continued.

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

Question then,—That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the remission of interest payable in respect of conditional and other purchases in certain cases,—put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Rose then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the remission of interest payable in respect of conditional and other purchases in certain cases*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 7th May, 1895.

## 7. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE WORKS:—Mr. Dick moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all charges for the cost of construction of the works known as the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Works; also all charges debited by the Government to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board; also the working of the Act, and into the working of the clerical and mechanical staff employed by the Board; and to make such recommendations as the case may warrant.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Levien, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

## 8. SPECIAL TRAMS AND TRAINS FOR THE USE OF PARLIAMENT:—Mr. Hogue moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of providing special trams and trains for the convenience of Honorable Members after the ordinary service has ceased for the day should be discontinued.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 11th October, 1894.*

## 9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1894, A.M.

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

The House adjourned at twelve minutes before Five o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*





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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lance Corporal Pacey, late bandsman, 1st Infantry Regiment:—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the papers in connection with the dismissal of Lance Corporal Pacey, late bandsman, 1st Infantry Regiment? Mr. Bruncker answered,—A return will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the course of a few days.

- (2.) Subsidy for Main Northern Road paid to West Maitland Municipal Council:—*Mr. Austin Chapman*, for Mr. FitzGerald, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Did Mr. Road-Superintendent Rossbach inspect any work done under the authority of the West Maitland Municipal Council on the Main North Road within the Municipality, with a view of certifying that the said Council was entitled to a proportion of the road vote?  
 (2.) If so, the date of such inspection?  
 (3.) Was the report of such inspection in writing?  
 (4.) Was the proportion of road grant due paid to the West Maitland Municipal Council upon the strength of such report?  
 (5.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the report referred to?  
 (6.) If the inspection did not take place by Mr. Rossbach, what officer did inspect and report upon the works mentioned, and upon whose authority was the money paid over?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Rossbach, Resident Engineer for Roads, East Maitland, reported on the 10th September that "he felt confident that since the beginning of the year the amount of proposed grant had been "expended"; and he, therefore, certified that, to the best of his belief, the sum of £298 0s. 8d. had been expended by the Council.  
 (2.) The date of inspection cannot be stated without reference to the local officer.  
 (3.) Yes.  
 (4.) The subsidy £298 0s. 8d. for Main Northern Road was paid on the report referred to.  
 (5 and 6.) See reply to No. 1.

- (3.) Mr. Alexander Bruce, Chief Inspector of Stock:—*Mr. Watkins*, for Mr. Macdonald, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Alexander Bruce resumed duty in his office as Chief Inspector of Stock; if so, when?  
 (2.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to permit him to do so, or will they consider the advisableness of retiring him?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Bruce is nearly 70 years of age, and considerably beyond the usual age for retiring Civil Servants?  
 (4.) Is it not a fact that a few years ago, during Mr. Bruce's term of office, the disease called "scab" was allowed to be introduced into the Colony, costing the Government of the day £25,000 compensation to stock-owners in consequence?  
 (5.) Is it a fact that a large number of stock-owners have protested against Mr. Bruce, at his very advanced age, being permitted to retain office as Chief Inspector of Stock?

Mr.

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Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) He resumed duty on his return on the 1st September. From that time till the 1st instant he was principally engaged in the preparation of his reports. From the 1st instant he has taken charge of the work of the Stock Department.

(2.) Mr. Bruce has been permitted to resume his duties; the question of retiring him has not yet been considered.

(3.) Mr. Bruce was 67 last birthday, and is reported to be in good health.

(4.) It is a fact that in 1883 scab was introduced through the neglect of two of the Inspectors, one of them a veterinary surgeon; and Mr. Bruce was censured for not exercising better supervision over them, although, as I am informed, he was at the time very much over-worked, having then charge of the Public Watering Places and Rabbit work, as well as that of Chief Inspector of Stock, and was working for months fifteen or sixteen hours a day.

(5.) I am not aware that a large number of stock-owners have protested against Mr. Bruce, at his very advanced age, being permitted to retain office as Chief Inspector of Stock.

(4.) Retirement of Mr. F. W. Vyner, late Warden at Tumut:—Mr. Travers Jones asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Did Mr. F. W. Vyner receive full pay from the Mines Department as resident Warden at Tumut for twelve months after retiring from the position of Police Magistrate on 31st December, 1887?

(2.) Was he requested to resign the wardenship, or did he retire of his own accord?

(3.) Has it been represented to him that mining is retarded through the want of a resident warden at Tumut, and will he have one sent there immediately?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) No; he received a gratuity for acting as Warden for six months to 30th June, 1888, after the office of Police Magistrate was abolished. After 30th June he was paid by fees.

(2.) As Mr. Weeks had to visit Tumut and Adelong as Police Magistrate, it was decided in February, 1889, to appoint him as Warden to act at those places, and Mr. Vyner was informed that it would probably not be necessary to ask him to act in future.

(3.) Yes; the matter will receive consideration.

(5.) Retirement of Mr. F. W. Vyner, late Police Magistrate at Tumut:—Mr. Travers Jones asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was Mr. F. W. Vyner, late Police Magistrate at Tumut, requested by the Minister of Justice to resign his position, or did he retire, on 31st December, 1887, of his own accord?

(2.) How long did Mr. Vyner occupy the position of resident Police Magistrate at Tumut?

(3.) Has it been represented to him that the inhabitants of Tumut have suffered much inconvenience by loss of the resident Police Magistrate, and will he grant their request and have another appointed immediately?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) It having been decided, on the grounds of retrenchment, to abolish the office of Police Magistrate at Tumut, Mr. Vyner was invited to retire under the provisions of the "Civil Service Act, 1884," and he retired accordingly on 31st December, 1887.

(2.) Twenty-one years and six months.

(3.) The matter is now receiving consideration.

(6.) Road between Dural and Hornsby Junction Road:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of delay in opening the new road between Dural and Hornsby Junction Road?

(2.) When is the said road likely to be opened for traffic?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) The failure of contractors to complete work which they had undertaken. Seven contracts have been let, four of which were commenced and afterwards given up.

(2.) About the end of January.

(7.) Rookwood Municipal Council:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of complaints have been received from the Rookwood Ratepayers' Association, alleging irregularities in the conduct of the Rookwood Municipal Council; also a petition for a special audit of that Borough's accounts?

(2.) Will he lay upon the Table all letters, papers, and documents having reference to such complaints and allegations, including any Crown Solicitor's opinion which may have been given, as to the displacement of elected auditors at Rookwood, and all papers having reference to the refusal by the Treasury to receive certain balance statements of said Municipal Council, and consequent refusal to pay endowment thereon?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; if moved for in the usual way.

(8.) Drinking Water at Public Schools, Cumnock and Garra:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, owing to the continued dry weather, the children attending the public schools at Cumnock and Garra are completely deprived of drinking water, and have to carry water with them to school in many cases for several miles?

(2.) If so, will he see that immediate steps are taken, either by the construction of suitable underground tanks, or the erection of extra iron tanks, to obviate such hardships?

Mr. Garrard answered,—I am not aware. Inquiry will be made into the matter.

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(9.) Local Government Bill:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Before dealing with so important a question as a Local Government Bill, will he see that copies of the Bill are forwarded to every School of Arts, Borough, Municipal Council, and Bench of Magistrates throughout the Colony, with the view to the Bill being fairly and fully considered in all its aspects by the local bodies upon whom will fall the responsibility of administering the same should it become law?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will see what can be done to give effect to this very reasonable request.

(10.) Customs Entry Forms:—Mr. Watkins asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Customs entry forms, which the public have to fill in, in order to pass entries at the Custom House, are not provided at the Customs Office, and that the public have at present to undergo great inconvenience in having to purchase the forms at a stationer's shop?

(2.) Will he see that some person is told off to supply information to the public who visit the Custom House on business.

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Forms of all kinds are provided.

(2.) All reasonable information is given persons having business to transact.

(11.) Opening of the Small Debts Courts:—Mr. Watkins asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) At what hour are the Magistrates sitting in Small Debts Courts supposed to take their seats upon the bench, and is it a fact that a large number of suitors, defendants, and witnesses are frequently detained by the Magistrates neglecting to take their seats until half an hour after the time at which the public are led to believe the Court will open?

(2.) Will he see that the public convenience in this respect is studied in the future?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The hour of the sitting of each Small Debts Court is fixed, under Rule of Court, by the Magistrates comprising the Bench, and I am not aware of suitors and others being frequently detained through Magistrates neglecting to take their seats until half-an-hour after the time at which the public are led to believe the Court will open.

(2.) If any specific complaint upon the matter be made, it will be inquired into.

(12.) Commercial Treaty between Her Majesty's Government and the Empire of Japan:—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he received any information to the effect that an important commercial treaty, closely affecting the trading and national interests of the Australasian Colonies, has lately been negotiated between Her Majesty's Government and the empire of Japan—establishing reciprocal trade relations between the dominions and possessions of the contracting powers (subject to the sanction of the British self-governing colonies being given before such colonies are made parties to the said treaty), and giving the subjects of the contracting powers the right to enter into, reside in, and trade with any part of the possessions of the other, and to enjoy equal privileges, liberties, and rights of protection with the natives thereof?

(2.) Has such treaty been ratified?

(3.) Does the Government intend to take any action in regard to the said treaty?

(4.) Have any communications passed between the Governments of this and the other Australasian Colonies with a view to Federal action on the subject?

(5.) Will a copy of the said treaty be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) A newspaper copy of the treaty was received from the Agent-General a few days ago.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) This will be considered. But all countries joining in the treaty must give every facility for the settlement of the Japanese within their borders.

(4.) No.

(5.) When an official copy is received. I may add that there is power reserved in the treaty to the Australian Colonies to be included in the treaty, if they so desire, by notification by the Imperial Government within two years.

(13.) Government Employees working at Glebe Island Abattoirs:—Mr. Law asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government employees at Glebe Island Abattoirs have worked eight hours a day for the last five years and received payment for any overtime?

(2.) Is it a fact that since the advent of Mr. G. W. Shelley to the managership, that the men have to work longer hours without payment for overtime?

(3.) If so, does he approve of such action?

(4.) If not, will he see that the men are called upon to work only eight hours, and receive payment for overtime as heretofore?

Mr. Reid answered,—With a view to economy in the expenditure connected with the management of the Abattoir, the Board of Health directed the Superintendent to so arrange the work that in future it would not be necessary to have payments for overtime services.

(14.) Pasteur and Roux's Discovery of Antitoxin for Diphtheria:—Dr. Graham asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What action has been taken in regard to procuring for this Colony the benefits of Pasteur and Roux's discovery of antitoxin as a specific for diphtheria?

(2.) In view of the report of the French experts, which says, "We are in possession of a specific treatment of diphtheria as powerful as it is harmless . . . the effects produced seem altogether remarkable," does the Government propose to follow the example of foreign Governments and municipalities in sending some competent person to the Pasteur Institute to familiarise himself with the method of preparing serum antitoxin, with a view of establishing an antidiphtheria service in this country?

Mr.

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Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The Board of Health has requested that the Agent-General may be instructed to despatch fortnightly a supply of the antitoxin.

(2.) It is not considered necessary to send anyone to Europe upon this matter, but the Government has been recommended to engage the services of a competent officer within the Colony.

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

(1) Return to an Order made on 10th May, 1894,—“The Civil Service.”—(*In substitution of Return laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on 18th September, 1894.*)

(2.) Particulars respecting the Public Service Inquiry Commission appointed in 1888.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Nyngan, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(4.) By-law of the Borough of East Maitland, under the Maitland Cattle Driving Act Amendment Act, 1880.

(5.) Abstract of sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

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

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

3. PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled “A Bill to amend the ‘Pastures and ‘Stock Protection Act’ and ‘Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881,’” through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. See,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Gormly,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Price,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. F. Clarke,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Austin Chapman.
Dr. Graham,	
Mr. Sleath,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Harris,	Dr. Hollis.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Wall,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Waddell.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Schey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 33.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the “Pastures and Stock Protection Act” and “Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881.”

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*Sydney, 12th December, 1894.*

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

(3.) Mr. Sydney Smith then moved, without Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the “Pastures and Stock Protection Act” and “Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881.” Question put and passed.

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On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act" and "Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881." Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act" and "Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881."

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

- (4.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Pastures and Stock Protection Act,' and 'Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881,'*"—which was read a first time.

Whereupon Mr. Smith moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

- (5.) On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

4. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cameron reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

5. ELECTORATE OF THE TWEED:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 19th November last, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of The Tweed, in the room of John Willard, Esquire, who had been declared by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to have been unqualified, at the time of his election, to be elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, had been duly returned with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Joseph Bede Kelly, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of The Tweed.

(2.) *Member sworn*:—Joseph Bede Kelly, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Tweed.

6. PAPER:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Schedules A to E, Public Works Department, 1895 Estimates.

Ordered to be printed.

7. LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1895:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 34.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimate of Expenditure on account of public works and other services for the year 1895, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 12th December, 1894.*

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

8. PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Pastures and Stock Protection Act' and 'Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Pastures and Stock Protection Act,' and 'Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 13th December, 1894.*

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9. STANDARD TIME BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Cameron* reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next
10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Tuesday next.
11. THE KING'S SCHOOL COUNCIL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Knox moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Knox, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Cameron* reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Knox, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. GEORGE HILL'S ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Cameron* reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next at Ten o'clock a.m., and that Government Business take precedence on that day.  
Question put and passed.
14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at fifteen minutes before Twelve o'clock p.m., until Tuesday next at Ten o'clock a.m.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1894.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Reid informed the House that, owing to protracted ill-health, Mr. Justice Foster had felt himself compelled to retire from the position of Judge of the Supreme Court, and that the vacancy thus created had been filled by the elevation to the Bench of Mr. George Bowen Simpson, Q.C., a well-known Member of the Legislative Council, and hitherto Attorney-General in the present Administration. The office of Attorney-General thus vacated had been accepted by Mr. John Henry Want, Q.C., who had already been sworn in and nominated to a seat in the Legislative Council.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Nepean-Prospect Water Supply Scheme:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total cost of salaries to engineers, sub-engineers, and assistants, camp expenses, and all contingent expenses connected therewith in connection with the Nepean-Prospect water supply scheme, from the first inspection and report upon the feasibility of the work until the final completion of the pipes to the city of Sydney?

Mr. Young answered,—The cost, including surveys and preliminary field-work, which had to be undertaken before the drawings and contracts could be prepared, was as under:—Cost of surveys, £34,675 10s., equal to 1.369 per cent.; cost of salaries, wages, &c., £49,487 10s. 3d., equal to 1.954 per cent.; total, £84,163 0s. 3d., equal to 3.323 per cent., on a total expenditure for the work of £2,532,636.

(2.) Appointments to the Post and Telegraph Departments:—Mr. Affleck asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) How many probationers have been appointed to the Telegraph Department since January, 1892?

(2.) The same with regard to the Post Office?

(3.) By whom were those appointed to either position recommended?

(4.) What was the date of the application of each person appointed, and what were the respective dates of each appointment?

Mr. Cook answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

(3.) Non-official Post Offices:—Mr. Affleck asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What is the rule regarding the salaries of non-official post offices, specifying the amounts paid, and the supposed duties for such salaries?

(2.) What is the rule regarding increases of salaries under the Department as to non-official post offices?

(3.) Have any salaries been increased during the past two years over that allowed by the rule of the Department; if so, what offices were they, and the amounts granted?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Non-official postmasters are appointed at the minimum salary of £10 per annum. Their duties consist of receiving and despatching mails, selling stamps, and delivering correspondence to applicants.

(2.) Non-official postmasters' salaries are adjusted under a scale approved by the Executive Council, according to the number of letters posted, mails received and despatched, attendance between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m., and revenue. As, however, the business of these offices fluctuates, it often happens that what would to-day be the proper salary according to scale would in a few months' time be either too much or too little; but to remove such anomalies a revision takes place as often as practicable.

(3.) Only in a few cases where either the Department could not otherwise secure a postmaster, or where other special reasons existed. Three were so increased, namely:—Barber's Creek, £12 to £16 per annum; Burrarorang, £16 to £20 per annum; Morongla Creek, £12 to £15 per annum.

(4.)

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(4.) Selectors summoned before the Land Boards:—*Mr. F. Clarke*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that selectors are subjected to much loss of time and annoyance by being summoned to attend the various Land Boards when the Department is satisfied that their conditions are being faithfully performed?

(2.) If so, will he give instructions that only such selectors shall be summoned to attend the Board as may appear to be in default?

*Mr. Carruthers* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) As the law now stands, I have no choice in the matter, but in the Land Bill now before Parliament this grievance is dealt with.

(5.) Trustees of the Sydney Cricket Ground:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Bavister, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What are the trusts upon which the Association Cricket Ground is held by the Trustees?

(2.) Who appoints the Trustees, and who recommends the appointments?

(3.) Do the Trustees account for revenue received by them to the Auditor-General?

(4.) Has the Government any power or control over the Trustees in any form whatever?

(5.) Has his attention been called to the class of accommodation provided for that large portion of the public paying for admission to the ground other than to the grand stand, and to the fact that no shelter is provided, only two stand pipes supplying drinking water, no vessels to drink from, and an absence of sanitary convenience?

(6.) Can and will he do anything to impress on the Trustees the necessity for greater attention to the convenience and requirements of the patrons of the 1s. enclosure, and the injustice of compelling persons who require to leave the ground to pay a second admission on the same day if they return to the ground?

*Mr. Carruthers* answered,—

(1.) A copy of the deed of grant showing the trusts will be laid upon the Table of the House to-day.

(2.) The Governor, by the advice of the Executive Council, upon the recommendation of the Minister for Lands.

(3.) No.

(4.) Yes; to the extent of dealing with any matters arising under the trusts, or to inquire into the fulfilment of the trusts. The Governor has power to resume the land for non-fulfilment of the trusts. For the purposes of administration all such trusts are under the Department of Lands.

(5.) Not officially. The Honorable Member's question has been referred to the Trustees, whose Secretary reports that, "Additional water stand-pipes have been placed on the ground, and temporary canvas screens erected as a protection from the sun, and that no less than twenty-seven sanitary conveniences of different kinds have been provided."

(6.) I have done so, and the Secretary informs me that the issue of pass-checks (which was discontinued owing to fraud) will be reverted to.

(6.) Cases *Sugarman v. Stephens*, and *Police v. Sugarman and Fernandez*:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Have several applications been received by the Attorney-General from one Theophilus Stephens for the refund of £90 10s. 3d., costs incurred by him in defending a Supreme Court action, through the arrest of one Louis Sugarman, who was acquitted at Darlinghurst on the 22nd February last on a charge of being concerned in the robbery of certain goods belonging to Mr. Stephens?

(2.) Did Mr. Stephens give due notice of the action to the Attorney-General, and claim the protection of the Crown against further loss?

(3.) Did Sugarman, immediately after the action, become insolvent, and what was the amount of the assets of his estate?

(4.) Was Sugarman arrested by the Police owing to portion of the stolen property being found in his possession?

(5.) Was the prosecution of Sugarman, and a man named Fernandez, conducted entirely by the Police; and was Mr. Stephens only called by the Crown to give evidence in the case; and, if so, will the Attorney-General consider his claim for a refund of the costs incurred by him in defending an action for wrongful arrest by the Police?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—

(1.) An application was received by the Attorney-General from Mr. Theophilus Stephens, on the 4th October last, for the payment to him of the sum of £90 10s. 3d., the costs stated to have been incurred by him in defending an action brought against him by Louis Sugarman for false imprisonment.

(2.) Mr. Stephens did give notice of the action to the late Attorney-General by letter of the 4th June last, in which he inquired whether the Crown would assist him in the matter, and arrange that he should not suffer any further loss in the way of either expenses, or possible damages. In reply to that letter, Mr. Stephens was informed, by direction of Mr. Heydon, that his request could not be complied with, and that he was not liable for anything the Crown did, but only for what he did himself, which he (Mr. Heydon) supposed was in laying the information against Sugarman. Mr. Stephens again wrote on the 8th June, stating that he had not laid any information against Sugarman. Mr. Heydon wrote on this letter:—"The Crown can do nothing for Mr. Stephens. He can only be made responsible for his own acts whatever they were." Mr. Stephens was so informed. He again wrote on the 20th July, and the late Attorney-General, having read the depositions and the pleadings in the action of Sugarman against Stephens, was of opinion that he could see no reason for altering his former decision, and Mr. Stephens was so informed.

(3.) Mr. Stephens stated in his letter of 4th October last that Sugarman had become insolvent. Whether, however, he had become insolvent or not is a matter of which the Attorney-General would have no official cognizance.

(4.) From the depositions this appears to be so. The Police arrested Sugarman after having gone into his shop in company with Stephens and found there certain property, which was identified by Stephens as being portion of that stolen from him.

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- (5.) Yes; and Mr. Stephens was only called as a witness for the prosecution. Mr. Attorney-General Simpson has already decided, on perusal of Mr. Stephens' letter, received by him on the 4th October last, and of the previous correspondence and minutes, that he could see no reason whatever for granting his request as to payment of his costs. To which effect Mr. Stephens was informed on the 11th October.
- (7.) Extension of Pastoral Leases in the Central Division:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) When will the decisions of the Land Court be made known on the appeals lodged by the holders of pastoral leases in the Central Division against the recommendations of the Local Land Boards that no extensions be granted?
  - (2.) What is the number of runs and what is the area of land affected by such appeals?
  - (3.) To what area of land do those appeals apply in the Wagga Wagga Land Board District?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) Without delay.
  - (2.) Sixty-six runs, of an area of 1,183,839 acres.
  - (3.) 687,814 acres.
- (8.) Marrickville-Burwood Road Railway:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the Marrickville-Burwood Road Railway be complete?
  - (2.) What was the contract date for completion?
  - (3.) What is the cause of delay?
  - (4.) What was the nature of the contract?
  - (5.) Who were the sureties, or what was the bond for the due fulfilment of the contract?
  - (6.) What was the contract price, and what will be the total approximate cost when complete?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) The exact date cannot be fixed at the present moment, but it is anticipated that we shall be able to hand over the line to the Railway Commissioners during the first week in January.
  - (2.) The original date was the 14th January, 1894.
  - (3.) The specification demanded that the line was to be ballasted with approved ballast, but it was found afterwards that material of a quality to satisfy the Engineer-in-Chief could not be obtained along the line, and after considerable delay it was arranged that the Department should supply blue metal to the contractors, which is now being done by arrangement with the Railway Commissioners.
  - (4.) There were two contracts in connection with this railway—first, the construction of the main line, and, secondly, the erection of the necessary station buildings. The contract date for the completion of the main line was the 14th January, 1894, and for the station buildings the 14th July, 1894.
  - (5.) In the case for the contract for the construction of the main line, the Department hold a cash security of £4,000, and in the case of the station buildings contract £275.
  - (6.) The contract price for the construction of the main line was £70,941, and for the station buildings £5,500, making a total of £76,441. The total cost of construction, including permanent-way material, bridge over storm-water channel, engineering, and other expenses, is estimated at £109,294. The original estimate was £90,250 for a single line of railway, and the increase is due to the works being carried out for a double line, and the increased cost of excavation through the introduction of "Island Platforms" at the stations, reducing grade 1 in 100, and by additional overhead bridges and subways being erected for private or public purposes, also to the fact that the road bridges provided for in the original estimate have, at the request of the municipal bodies concerned, been widened. The whole matter was fully explained in the Report of the Public Works Department which was laid on the Table of the House on the 12th September last. Since that date, however, the estimate of the cost, when completed, has been increased to the sum of £109,294 for construction. The cost of land is estimated at £66,810—making a total estimated cost of £176,104.
- (9.) Extension of Pastoral Leases in the Central Division:—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the decision of the Land Court with respect to appeals for extension of pastoral leases in the Central Division, whereby the recommendations of Local Land Boards have been reversed, and material additions made to the periods over which such leases should operate?
  - (2.) Has he decided to take any further steps with respect to the decisions of the Land Court?
  - (3.) In view of such decisions will he consider the advisableness of appealing to the Privy Council to determine the points of law recently considered by Supreme Court with respect to the 43rd section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) No further steps are contemplated.
  - (3.) I have considered this matter, and am advised that such an appeal would be fruitless of any good result to the Crown.
- (10.) Land Appeal Court:—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has it been represented to him that the Land Appeal Court makes such stringent conditions precedent before parties are allowed to call further evidence before the said Court as to make it perfectly impossible for people in poor circumstances, such as an ordinary homestead lessee, to avail themselves of the procedure of the Court?
  - (2.) Does the Appeal Court insist on homestead lessees, before allowing them to call fresh evidence, paying appellants' (representing large financial houses) costs in bringing witnesses 350 miles?
  - (3.) Will not such expenses, if insisted on as a condition precedent by the Land Appeal Court, prohibit, if not entirely preclude, any benefit that might otherwise accrue to the general public by the establishment of such a Court?
  - (4.) Will he, in the interests of all concerned, urge upon the President of the Land Appeal Court the advisableness of allowing cases to be remitted back from the Appeal Court to the Land Board for rehearing and investigation?
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Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The President of the Land Appeal Court informs me that the only case of such a character was one heard at Dubbo, on the 21st September last, where the question of the witnesses' expenses was the subject of special agreement.
- (3.) See reply to Question 2.
- (4.) In the case above referred to the Land Appeal Court considered a rehearing unnecessary.

- (11.) Open Drain from Stanmore Railway Station to Long Cove Creek :—Mr. Russell Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he called for tenders for the open drain from Stanmore Railway Station to Long Cove Creek, through the Johnston Estate, approved of by the Works Committee some time ago ; if not, when will he do so ?

Mr. Young answered,—No, as the Trustees of the Johnston Estate, who had promised a contribution of £2,000 towards the cost of the work, have withdrawn their offer. This particular work was mainly for the benefit of that estate, and the Government, therefore, is not justified in proceeding further in the matter.

- (12.) Clerks of Petty Sessions :—Mr. Shipway asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Have any Clerks of Petty Sessions been disgraced or suspended during the year 1894 ?
- (2.) If so, what are their names ?
- (3.) What was the cause of suspension or disgracing ?
- (4.) Are any of them, and, if so, who, still under suspension ?
- (5.) Have any of them been reinstated ; and, if so, who, and what positions do they now occupy, and what salaries do they receive ?
- (6.) Have any of them been suspended or disgraced before ; and, if so, who, and how many times, and for what reasons ?

Mr. Gould answered,—These questions refer to departmental matters, which, for obvious reasons, it would be undesirable to make public in reply to a Question.

- (13.) Purchase of Horses for Military Purposes :—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that very recently a number of horses were purchased for military purposes from a Mr. Thomas Cook, of "Turauville," Secone ?
- (2.) How many horses were so purchased, and when ?
- (3.) What was the price paid for each horse ?
- (4.) Were these horses broken-in or unbroken ?
- (5.) By whose authority was such purchase made ?
- (6.) Who made the said purchase ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am informed by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces that no horses have as yet been purchased from Mr. Cook, of "Turauville."

- (14.) Lord Howe Island :—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that when Mr. Icely, the visiting Magistrate, officially visits Lord Howe Island, he lives at the house of one of the residents of the Island ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the residents on the Island pay no rent or taxes of any kind ?
- (3.) What is the salary and allowances of the visiting Magistrate, and what are his duties ?
- (4.) Is it a fact that special application has been made by a Mrs. King (a resident on the Island) for the visiting Magistrate to obtain for her protection from her husband (who also lives upon the Island), and that such application has not been granted ?
- (5.) Is it a fact that nineteen children live upon the Island, that a school was established thereon about three years ago under the Education Department, that the said school is to be closed on the 31st December, 1894, and that no provision has been made for the future education of the said children ?
- (6.) Is it a fact that an alleged case of leprosy (one Henry Wilson) upon the Island has been brought under the notice of the said Magistrate, but no steps have been taken to inquire into the matter ?
- (7.) Is it a fact that there are several women between the ages of 20 and 25 years, who are detained upon the Island against their will ?
- (8.) Is it a fact that there are several people between the ages of 75 and 90 years (notably Mr. Mosely, aged 90, Mrs. Mosely, aged 80, and Mr. Field, aged 75) on the Island who are living upon the charity of the other Islanders, and are in a very impoverished state ?
- (9.) Will he take immediate steps to have an inquiry made respecting these matters ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—In the absence of Mr. Icely, who is now on his quarterly visit of inspection to Lord Howe Island, it is impossible for me at present to give replies to the various Questions put by the Honorable Member, but if he will move for a return, or renew the Questions at a future date, the information shall be supplied.

- (15.) Mr. Maitland, Police Magistrate of Milparinka :—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Maitland, Police Magistrate, of Milparinka, been promoted to Braidwood ?
- (2.) What is his length of service, and what increase of salary does he gain by the removal ?
- (3.) Is he junior to others entitled to the Braidwood office ?

Mr. Gould answered,—Mr. Maitland, Mining Warden at Milparinka, who held the affiliated and unsalaried office of Police Magistrate at that place, has been transferred to Braidwood as Mining Warden, where, for departmental reasons and in the interests of economy, the Mining Warden also holds the position of Police Magistrate without salary. The appointment to the salaried office, however, is one wholly resting with the Mines Department. I am informed by the Minister of Mines that Mr. Maitland, who was Mining Warden at Milparinka for five years, obtains an increase of salary of £45 per annum by the promotion, and that he received the promotion in due course.

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3. RESUMPTION OF LAND, WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY:—  
 (1.) Mr. James Morgan moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Resumption of Land, Woolloomooloo Bay," have leave to sit during the sitting of the House this day.  
 Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Lyne moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That leave be granted to the Honorable Member for The Hume, Mr. Lyne, to appear and be heard in person or by attorney or counsel before the Select Committee on "Resumption of Land, Woolloomooloo Bay."  
 Question put and passed.
4. PAPERS:—  
 Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Hexham, county of Northumberland, for a Recreation Ground at Plattsburg.  
 Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Deed of Grant, Sydney Cricket Ground, being 12 acres of land for public recreation, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland.  
 Ordered to be printed.
5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan*) [*Formal Motion*]:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan.  
 Question put and passed.
6. STANDARD TIME BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and passed.  
 Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to establish a Standard of Time in the Colony of New South Wales.*"  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—  
 MR. PRESIDENT,—  
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish a Standard of Time in the Colony of New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 18th December, 1894.*
7. THE KING'S SCHOOL COUNCIL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Knox, read a third time, and passed.  
 Mr. Knox then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend The King's School Council Act, 56 Victoria, and to declare the trusts of a scholarship of the said school known as 'The Burton Scholarship'; and for other purposes in connection with the scholarships held for the benefit of the school.*"  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—  
 MR. PRESIDENT,—  
 The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend The King's School Council Act, 56 Victoria, and to declare the trusts of a scholarship of the said school known as 'The Burton Scholarship'; and for other purposes in connection with the scholarships held for the benefit of the school,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 18th December, 1894.*
8. GEORGE HILL'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Crick, read a third time, and passed.  
 Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the trustees for the time being of the Will of the late George Hill, deceased, to purchase, mortgage, and grant leases of lands; to provide for the application of the moneys borrowed on mortgage, and of the rents and profits arising from leases; and for other purposes.*"  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
 MR. PRESIDENT,—  
 The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the trustees for the time being of the Will of the late George Hill, deceased, to purchase, mortgage, and grant leases of lands; to provide for the application of the moneys borrowed on mortgage, and of the rents and profits arising from leases; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 18th December, 1894.*
9. AMENDMENT OF THE MINING LAWS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Austin Chapman moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Amendment of the Mining Laws" be authorised to make visits of inspection to, and to hold inquiries at, the various mining centres of the Colony, and that the Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House from week to week, to enable them to make the said visits of inspection.  
 Question put and passed.

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10. **ROOKWOOD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, and documents having reference to complaints against the proceedings of the Rookwood Municipal Council by the Rookwood Ratepayers' Association and others, including any Crown Solicitor's opinion which may have been given, as to the displacement of elected auditors at Rookwood, and all papers having reference to the refusal by the Treasury to receive certain balance statements of the said Municipal Council, and consequent refusal to pay endowment thereon.  
Question put and passed.
11. **REMOVAL OF CONSTABLE EASTERBROOK FROM THE POLICE FORCE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes, reports, statements, correspondence, and other documents having reference to the removal of ex-Constable Easterbrook from the Police Force.  
Question put and passed.
12. **SOLICITORS EMPLOYED FOR PROSECUTIONS UNDER CERTAIN ACTS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Austin Chapman moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
(1.) The number of prosecutions instituted in Sydney and suburbs under the Fisheries Act in the years 1892, 1893, 1894.  
(2.) Whether any solicitor was engaged for the prosecution.  
(3.) The name or names, and the amounts paid to each solicitor, and the amounts allowed in each case as professional costs by the Court.  
(4.) The like information as to prosecutions under the Licensing Act.  
(5.) The like information as to prosecutions in connection with betting and wagering.  
(6.) The like information as to prosecutions under the Distilleries and Customs Acts.  
Question put and passed.
13. **PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (CANDIDATES' DEPOSIT) BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 56 Victoria No. 38, so as to provide for a money deposit by candidates, and the forfeiture of such deposits in certain cases  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Reid,	Mr. Fiddington,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Gillics,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. McFarlane,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Storey,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Affleck,	

Tellers,

Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Russell Jones.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Haynes.

Tellers,

Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Fegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. **PAPER**:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Correspondence with the Clerk of the House of Commons as to procedure in Committee of the Whole on the Appropriation Bill.  
Ordered to be printed.
15. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of Bills, intituled respectively,—  
“ (1.) A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1895, inclusive of both dates, and for the year 1894 and previous years; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,” and  
“ (2.) A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes,”—  
through all their stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committee of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bills are proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.  
Question put and passed.
16. **FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1894**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
R. W. DUFF, Message No. 35.  
*Governor.*  
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Further Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1894.  
*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 18th December, 1894.*  
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

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17. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR PERIOD 1ST JANUARY TO 30TH JUNE, 1895:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,  
Governor.

Message No. 36.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

Government House,  
Sydney, 14th December, 1894.

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

18. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Molesworth reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
19. RESUMPTION OF LAND, WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY:—Mr. James Morgan moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Resumption of Land, Woolloomooloo Bay," have leave to sit during the sitting of the House To-morrow.  
Question put and passed.
20. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had granted to the Clerk of the Assembly, Frederick William Webb, Esquire, C.M.G., three months leave of absence to allow him to take the rest which his medical adviser considered, after his recent severe injuries, necessary to restore his health sufficiently to enable him to resume his duties in this House.
21. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until To-morrow at Ten o'clock a.m.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Knox.	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Molesworth.	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Travers Jones,	

Noes, 3.

Sir George Dibbs.  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. Kidā,  
Mr. Slattery.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

22. POSTPONEMENTS:—
- (1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.
  - (2.) The Orders of the Day of General Business Nos. 3 to 6 postponed to follow after Order of the Day of General Business No. 7, Presbyterian Church Property Management Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
23. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Storey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Storey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Storey, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned at four minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Ten o'clock a.m., This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Tug Steamer at the Clarence River:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What has been the amount of the earnings of the tug steamer located at the Clarence River during the last and present years up to date?
  - (2.) How many vessels has she towed inwards and outwards during the same period?
  - (3.) Is the steamer one that could be taken out over the bar with safety in heavy weather in case of assistance being required?
  - (4.) What is the name of the steamer and her owner?
  - (5.) When does the present contract expire?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) The Government are not in possession of this information.
- (2.) Sixty-eight.
- (3.) The vessel was built for the service and does her work reasonably well. There are times when no vessel could be taken over the bar at the Clarence River.
- (4.) "Dunskey;" J. and F. Buckle.
- (5.) At any time with six months notice.

- (2.) Interlocking Gear for operating Crossing Gates:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- What price per set is paid by the Railway Commissioners for interlocking gear for operating crossing gates, exclusive of the gates?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the cost is £9 5s.

- (3.) Stock Reserves leased in the Narrabri District:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the great inconvenience and annoyance caused to stock-owners, drovers, and carriers, through the reserves in the Narrabri district being leased?
  - (2.) Will he take immediate steps to cancel the leases of these reserves, and have them placed under the supervision of the Stock and Pasture Board?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Yes, the matter is receiving attention.

- (4.) Extension of the Railway to Darling Island:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he propose to give early consideration to the question of extending the railway to Darling Island?

Mr. Young answered,—I intend to bring the whole matter before the Cabinet.

- (5.) Water Supply for Lindfield, Gordon, Pymble, Turramurra, &c.:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the progress of settlement along the North Shore Railway, is it the intention of the proper authorities to extend the water supply to Lindfield, Gordon, Pymble, Turramurra, Wahroonga, and Hornsby; and, if so, when?

Mr. Young answered,—The Board has had this matter under consideration, and the sum of £15,000 appears on the Loan Estimates for starting the work.

- (6.) Amending Rabbit Act:—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. Macdonald, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is he prepared to introduce a Bill for the purpose of amending the fencing clause of the Rabbit Act, so as to provide that no person shall be held liable to contribute towards the cost of a rabbit-proof fence erected by any other person, unless his holding is enclosed by such fence within the protected area?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The matter will receive earnest attention during the recess.

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(7.) Roads from Kensington to La Perouse, Long Bay, &c.—*Mr. Watson*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the roads—(1) from Kensington to La Perouse; (2) to Long Bay; (3) from Coogee to La Perouse Road—are in a disgraceful state of disrepair?

(2.) Will he have these roads attended to without delay?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

(1.) These roads are in bad order. No. 1 will be wholly under the Department after the end of present year. Nos. 2 and 3 are within the Randwick Municipality, and should be maintained by the Council. They are not maintained by the Department.

(2.) From Kensington to La Perouse will be repaired when next year's funds are made available.

(8.) Appointments to the Civil Service:—*Mr. Watson*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to the return recently laid upon the Table of this House showing the appointments to the Civil Service, will he state the total amount of the yearly salaries showing the amounts in the respective Departments of the Government?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—There will be no objection to this being done.

(9.) Prisoners serving sentences in connection with Bank failures:—*Mr. Watson*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, during the Christmas recess, give earnest consideration to the generally entertained wish that the men now serving long sentences in connection with the Bank failures should be released?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—Some of these cases remain to be considered, and they will probably be dealt with before the House re-assembles.

(10.) Railway Commissioners' Report for 1894:—*Mr. McGowen* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to the Railway Commissioners' Report for 1894, page 2, do the figures therein given show an average return to capital for the six years ending 30th June, 1888, of 3.44 per cent.; if not, what percentage do they show?

(2.) Do the figures in the same report, page 2, show the average return to capital for the six years of the Commissioners' administration ending 30th June, 1894, to be 3.39 per cent.; if not, what percentage do they show?

(3.) In making the last calculation, have the Commissioners been debited with the advance of one million, made to them in 1889, less the amount returned to the Treasury?

(4.) If the statement of accounts was debited, as suggested in preceding Question, would not the return to capital made by the Commissioners be less than the return made for the six years preceding their administration?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—This information will take some little time to prepare; but when it is ready I will lay it upon the Table in the shape of a return.

(11.) Proposed Tram-line from Woolwich Point to Gladesville:—*Mr. Wilks* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a promise has been made by the Premier or the Secretary for Public Works that a survey shall be made of a proposed tram-line from Woolwich Point at Hunter's Hill to Gladesville?

(2.) Is it a fact that if such proposed tram-line is estimated to cost less than £20,000, the work is to be proceeded with at once?

(3.) If so, is he aware that the residents are opposed to any such tram-line, and have already petitioned against it?

*Mr. Young* answered,—No promise has been made in regard to this particular line, and no determination has been arrived at. The whole matter is under consideration.

(12.) Roads Vote for 1894:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he instruct the officers of the Roads Department that moneys voted for expenditure on the roads of the Colony for the year 1894 are not to be permitted to lapse?

*Mr. Young* answered,—Yes.

(13.) Duties on Grain:—*Mr. Gormly*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that his answers to deputations *re* remission of grain duties is causing a deal of uneasiness in commercial circles?

(2.) Will he inform the House definitely—

(a) If the grain duties will be repealed prior to January, 1896?

(b) If he proposes to abolish the butter, bacon, and sugar duties; and, if so, on what date?

(c) Does he intend to avoid class legislation in revising the Customs?

(d) If so, will he keep the duties on protective manufactures as long as he refuses to abolish the grain duties?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—This Question raises a number of matters which will have my most serious attention.

## 2. PAPERS:—

*Mr. Garrard* laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for Public School purposes at Graham's Valley, New Glanmorgan, and Pot Holes.

*Mr. Reid* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return of expenditure in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

(2.) Orders and Regulations for the control of the public abattoir, Glebe Island, made by the Board of Health under the Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act, 1894, to supersede those now in force, from 1st January, 1895.

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Carruthers* laid upon the Table,—Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.



## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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3. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE WORKS :—Mr. Dick moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Works," have leave to sit during the sitting of the House this day.  
Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Armidale Water Supply Works Act Amendment Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 37.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the "Armidale Water Supply Works Act, 1894."

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 18th December, 1894.*

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

(2.) Centennial Park Reservoir Construction Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 38.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a reservoir at the Centennial Park in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, and to transfer the said work to, and vest it in, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 18th December, 1894.*

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

5. CENTENNIAL PARK RESERVOIR CONSTRUCTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a reservoir at the Centennial Park in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, and to transfer the said work to, and vest it in, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.  
Question put and passed.

6. ARMIDALE WATER SUPPLY WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Armidale Water Supply Works Act, 1894."  
Question put and passed.

7. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again as soon as the decision thereon should have been given.

*Point of Order* :—The Chairman stated that the Railway Estimates being under consideration, the Honorable Member for Darlington, Mr. Schey, quoted documents in his possession in reference to actions against the Railway Commissioners, which he (the Chairman) had held that Mr. Schey was entitled to do,—to which decision exception had been taken, and the Committee had directed that the matter should be reported for Mr. Speaker's decision.

Mr. Speaker, after referring to the practice of the House of Commons, as stated in the tenth edition of "May," page 321, laid down as a definite rule, that documents which were not of a public character, if objected to, could not be quoted in debate.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Molesworth reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

Mr. Molesworth also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Molesworth, that the report be now received.

Mr. Molesworth then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1894 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1892 and Previous Years.

(3.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,075 6s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1892 and previous years."

Services of 1893.

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £95,939 12s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1893."

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## Services of 1894.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £304,838 16s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1894."

## ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1st JANUARY TO 30th JUNE, 1895.

## No. I.—SCHEDULES TO THE CONSTITUTION ACT.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £163, to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule B, to Schedule No. 1 of the Acts of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Victoria Caput 54.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, to defray Military Pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Acts of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Victoria Caput 54.

## No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £551, for Executive Council, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,862, for Legislative Council, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,121, for Legislative Assembly, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,716, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,030, for Parliamentary Library, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,882, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

## No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,078, for Department of Chief Secretary, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,097, for Department of Auditor-General, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,053, for Department of Registrar-General, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £199, for Department of Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,650, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £87,946, for Permanent and Volunteer Military and Naval Forces, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £161,786, for Police, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £51,204, for Lunacy, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,419, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £60, for Medical Board, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,981, for Department of Medical Adviser to the Government, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,834, for Department of Government Statistician, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,833, for Department of Agent-General for the Colony, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,927, for Government Asylums, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,729, for State Children's Relief Board, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,385, for Fisheries Commission, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £602, for Fire Brigades, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,136, for Civil Service Board, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,047, for Botanic Gardens, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £443, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,348, for Government Domains, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £625, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for Centennial Park, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,435, for Charitable Allowances, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

(38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75,284, for Miscellaneous Services, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

No. IV.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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## No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,678, for the Department of the Treasury, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,159, for Stamp Duties Department, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36,735, for Customs Department, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55, for Gold Receivers, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, for Gold and Escort, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £38,844, for Government Printer's Department, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £60,762, for Stores and Stationery, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,470, for Mercantile Explosives Department, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,344, for Board of Health, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £70, for Board of Pharmacy, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,331, for Shipping Masters, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,856, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, for Lifeboats, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,648, for Public Wharfs, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £101,843, for Miscellaneous Services, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,000, for expenses in connection with the introduction of the Land and Income Tax Assessment, &c., for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,000, for Advance to Treasurer, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

## IV.—RAILWAYS.

- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £392,258, for Railways and Tramways, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,250, for Miscellaneous Services, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

## No. V.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,494, for Department of the Attorney-General, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,038, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsmen, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,459, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,980, for Quarter Sessions, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

## No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,893, for Department of Lands, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,050, for Minor Roads, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,461, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,655, for Land Appeal Court, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,775, for Miscellaneous Services, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £85,279, for Survey of Lands, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,181, for Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,525, for Special Services—Detail Surveys of Cities, Towns, and Suburbs, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for Special Services—Labour Settlements, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

## No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35,530, for Department of Public Works—Establishment, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

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- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £351,390, for Public Works and Services, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £698, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £34,056, for Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,771, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

## No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,233, for Department of Justice, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,691, for Department of Master-in-Equity, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,557, for Department of Prothonotary, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £109, for Divorce Court, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £822, for Department of Curator of Intestate Estates, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,960, for Department of Sheriff, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,390, for Bankruptcy Court, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £941, for Probate Office, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,870, for District Courts, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,283, for Coroners, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £42,091, for Petty Sessions, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61,165, for Prisons, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,401, for Patents and Copyright, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,587, for Miscellaneous Services, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

## No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350,829, for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,421, for Industrial Schools, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,046, for Observatory, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,457, for Museum, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,231, for Free Public Library, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,014, for Church and School Lands, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,655, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

## No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £38,613, for Department of Mines, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,495, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,467, for Imported Stock, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £961, for Registration of Brands, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £65, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,182, for Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,355, for Agriculture and Forestry, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,050, for Miscellaneous Services, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

## No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £385,267, for Postal and Electric Telegraph Department, for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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## FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1894.

## Services of 1894.

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,456 17s. 11d., to defray further supplementary charge under the head "Services for 1894."

## ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 30TH JUNE, 1895.

## No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55, to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Council."

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £38, to defray additional charge under the head "Executive Council."

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £166 10s., to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Assembly."

## No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, to defray additional charge under the head "Police."

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."

(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,200, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

## No. V.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100 to defray additional charge under the head "Attorney-General."

## No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,095, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Lands."

(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,750, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £650, to defray additional charge under the head "Survey of Lands."

(118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, to defray additional charge under the head "Labour Settlements."

## No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,209 14s. 6d., to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Public Works."

(120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Dredge Service."

## No. XI.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

(121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22, to defray additional charge under the head "Postal and Electric Telegraph Department."

On motion of Mr. Reid the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

## 8. PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Pastures and Stock Protection Act' and 'Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 19th December, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

## PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 19th December, 1894.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2, line 11. Omit "passing" insert "commencement"

Page 1, clause 2, line 13. Omit "district" insert "of the districts named in the Schedule hereto"

Page 1, clause 2, line 15. After "within" insert "any"

Page 1. After clause 2 insert the following new clause and schedule:—

3. This Act shall remain in force for two years only from the commencement thereof.

Duration of Act

## SCHEDULE.

Eden	Broulee	Braidwood
Kiama	Berrima	Picton
Sydney	Windsor	Maitland
Port Stephens	Port Macquarie	Grafton
Tweed	Lismore	

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon

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Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Pastures and Stock Protection Act,' and 'Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881.'*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 20th December, 1894, A.M.*

9. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Molesworth reported progress and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

Mr. Molesworth also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Molesworth, that the resolutions be now received.

Mr. Molesworth then reported the resolutions which were read a first time as follows :—

(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1894 and previous years, the sum of £437,340 13s. 11d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1895, inclusive of both dates, the sum of "£3,404,283 4s. 6d" be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

Mr. Reid moved, That the resolutions be now read a second time.

Sir George Dibbs moved, That resolution (4) be amended by reducing the sum of "£3,404,283 4s. 6d." therein named by the sum of £280,000.

Question put,—That resolution (4) be amended by reducing the sum of £3,404,283 4s. 6d. therein named by £280,000.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Sir George Dibbs,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Ellis,  
Mr. Price.

*Tellers,*

Mr. James Morgan,  
Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 55.

Mr. Reid,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Loughmane,	Mr. Slcath,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Affleck,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Millen,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then,—That the resolutions be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Resolutions read a second time and on motion of Mr. Reid, agreed to.

10. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. (2), (3), and (4), to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1895, inclusive of both dates, and for the year 1894 and previous years; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1895, inclusive of both dates, and for the year 1894 and previous years; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.)

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## (3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Molesworth reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

## (4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, passed.

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1895, inclusive of both dates, and for the year 1894 and previous years; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1895, inclusive of both dates, and for the year 1894 and previous years; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 20th December, 1894, A.M.*

## 11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

## LOAN ESTIMATES FOR 1895.

## III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,257 for Military and Defence Works.

## IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £22,000, for resumption of land for construction of Public Wharfs—further sum.

(124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £95,000 for Railways: being £25,000 towards improvement of grades, and curves; and £70,000 for additions to lines, stations, and buildings; for rolling stock, and other purposes, including providing safety appliances—further sum.

## VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £116,600 for Railway Construction Branch: being £21,000 for Cootamundra to Temora Railway—further sum; £51,600 for Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway—further sum; £35,000 for Milson's Point Extension—further sum; and £9,000 for Railway Trial Surveys—further sum.

(126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £329,200 for Harbours and Rivers Branch: being £15,000 for Naval Stations, Sydney Harbour—further sum; £10,000 for Newcastle Harbour Improvements—further sum; £17,000 for Manning River Improvements; £2,200 for goods shed on eastern side of Circular Quay; £2,000 for Wharf on eastern side of Woolloomooloo Bay; £4,000 for Bellinger River Improvements—further sum; £7,000 for Trial Bay Harbour Works—further sum; £10,000 for Flood Relief Works, Richmond River, *via* Evans River; £5,000 for Tweed River, Improvements—further sum; £100,000 for Country Towns Water Supplies—further sum; £83,000 for Centennial Park Reservoir; and £74,000 for reclamation and dredging, including cost of resumption of land, &c.—further sum.

(127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £48,500, for Government Architect: being £4,500 for Justice Department—additions; £30,000 for Kenmore Hospital for Insane—towards erection; £8,000 for Colonial Secretary's Office—additional floor; £5,000 for Mint—renewal of machinery and buildings; and £1,000 for Treasury Strong Room—erection—further sum.

(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £113,900 for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage: being £89,100 for Reticulation (Water), Supply of Meters, Water-main Extensions, and other urgent works;

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works; £2,800 for Smithfield Water Supply; £500 for Liverpool Water Supply—extension; £3,000 for erection of Buildings and Depôts, Prospect, and Meter-testing Branch, Crown-street Reservoir; £3,000 for Supplementary Tank at Hurstville; £15,000 for Gordon Water Supply; and £500 for Richmond Water Supply.

(129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £8,000 for Roads and Bridges Branch: being £6,000 for Iron Bridge, Kangaroo River, Kangaroo Valley, Moss Vale; and £2,000 for Bridge, Murrumbidgee River, at Wagga Wagga—further sum.

(130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £34,490 for Sewerage: being £4,020 for Storm-water Sewer, Brickfield Creek, Parramatta; £3,500 for Storm-water Sewer, Willoughby Falls Creek; £1,500 for Storm-water Sewer, Careening Cove; £2,500 for Storm-water Sewer, Euroka Creek; £970 for Storm-water Sewer, Rockdale Creek; £12,000 for Storm-water Sewer, Newcastle District Pasturage Reserves Drainage; and £10,000 for Resumption of Land, North Sydney.

## X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £25,000 for thinning out and otherwise improving forest reserves.

(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £95,000 for construction of works in connection with Water Conservation, Distribution, Drainage, Public Watering Places, Artesian Boring, and expenditure incidental thereto.

## III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £48,430, for Military and Defence Works, being £25,000 for Magazine and Torpedo Vessel Depôt, Bradley's Head; £20,000 for Defence Works, Armaments, &c.; and £3,430 for Defence Works generally.

## VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £10,000, for Local Land Board and District Surveyors' Offices (including sites).

## VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £6,500, for Harbours and Rivers Branch—Conversion of Grab Dredge "Sigma" into a Sand-pump Dredge.

(136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £88,135 for Government Architect, being £1,825 for additions to Lands Offices at Goulburn and Grafton; £1,000 for Clarence Heads Pilot Station—erection—further sum; £750 for Corowa Custom House—erection—further sum; £2,000 for Lismore Police Lock-up; £1,200 for Maitland Gaol—additions; £1,200 for Mudgee Gaol—additions; £1,500 for Wilcannia Gaol—additions; £5,700 for West Maitland Court House—erection—further sum; £600 for Milparinka Court House—erection—further sum; £2,300 for Nowra Court House—erection—further sum; £550 for Boggabilla Court House—erection; £1,000 for Bowral Court House—erection; £1,500 for Greta Court House—erection; £2,300 for Katoomba Court House—erection; £300 for Lithgow Court House—additions; £1,450 for Milton Court House—erection; £950 for Moulamein Court House—erection; £13,300 for Parramatta Court House and Police Buildings—erection; £600 for Cootamundra Court House—additions; £1,000 for Drake Court and Watch House—erection; £17,500 for erection of and additions to Post and Telegraph Offices at Adamstown, Homebush, Annandale, Camperdown, Enngonia, Glen Innes, Minmi, Moree, Parramatta North, Parramatta, North Sydney, Robertson, Wagga Wagga, and at minor towns; and £28,910 for erection of and additions to Police Buildings, &c., at Broadwater, Kogarah, Fernmount, Murrumburrah, Penrith, Rylstone, Sofala, Berry, Darlinghurst, Pambula, Surry Hills, Tilpa, Tumut, Alexandria, Coonamble, Crookwell, Daysdale, Forbes, Gerogery, Jindera, Kyamba, Maclean, Marrickville, Marsden, Moruya, Mount Drysdale, Trundle, Tweed River Heads, Yandarlo, Cumnock, Mathoura.

## X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations—further sum.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

12. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution which was read a first time as follows:—

(5.) Resolved,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £1,062,012 be raised by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services of the Colony, and for other purposes.

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



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## 13. LOAN BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 5) to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.
- (2.) Mr. Reid presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.
- (3.) Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Reid the report was adopted.  
Ordered that the Bill be now read a third time.
- (4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, *passed*.  
Mr. Reid then moved, That the title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Mess ge:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th December, 1894, A.M.*

14. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved (*by consent*), without notice,—That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Four o'clock p.m., This day.  
Question put and passed.
15. RESUMPTION OF LAND, WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY:—Mr. James Morgan moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Resumption of Land, Woolloomooloo Bay, have leave to sit during the sitting of the House To-morrow.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at sixteen minutes before Three o'clock p.m. until *Four* o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Potts' Hill Reservoir:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Does the Potts' Hill Reservoir answer the purpose for which it was built?  
 (2.) Has it at any time had to be emptied for repair?  
 (3.) If so, for how long, and from what cause?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2 and 3.) Yes; it had to be emptied two months ago to reset the pitching on one slope which had slipped through expansion taking place in the earth behind; this has now been made good, and the reservoir is about to be filled again.

- (2.) Survey of Land in front of General Post Office:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What price was paid by the Government for the survey of resumptions in front of General Post Office?  
 (2.) By whose authority was such work given out to be done?  
 (3.) What firm of surveyors made the survey?  
 (4.) Is it a fact that the plans for said resumptions were lying in the Public Lands Office, all ready at the time the work was given out, the same having been made by Government officials?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) £229 12s. 6d.  
 (2.) The Minister for Public Works.  
 (3.) Messrs. Atchison and Schleicher, on the advice of Mr. Wrench, a member of one of the firms of auctioneers who were employed to conduct the sale.  
 (4.) I have no doubt what the Honorable Member says is correct, but these surveyors were employed for the special purpose of making a subdivision plan and for other matters which are fully disclosed in the papers recorded in the Department, copies of which I will presently lay upon the Table.

- (3.) Loss of Revenue in Transit of Newspapers:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that free transit of newspapers per coach and train entails an annual loss to the Treasury of £80,000?  
 (2.) Is there any special reason why the people of the Colony should be taxed for carrying newspapers free of cost?  
 (3.) As free carriage is permitted to newspaper commercial institutions, will he grant the same concession to other business enterprises?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am informed that no special estimate has for some time past been made of the cost of the free transit of newspapers, but it is thought that £50,000 would cover the amount.

- (4.) Members of the Civil Service Commission:—Mr. Cann, for Mr. Edden, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that members of the Civil Service Commission, recently appointed, are to receive a fee of £10 10s. per sitting; if not, are they to receive any payment for their services; and, if so, what will be the amount of the payment?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No.

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- (5.) Death Certificates given by Unqualified Medical Practitioners:—*Mr. Cann*, for Dr. Graham asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Does the Registrar-General or do District Registrars accept as valid certificates of death those which are filled up and signed by persons whose names do not appear on the Government list of qualified medical practitioners?
  - (2.) In the case of still-born children, is the certificate of any person calling herself a nurse or midwife accepted as ample proof of such still-birth, without further official inquiry?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—
- (1.) The law does not require that a certificate of death shall be given by a qualified medical practitioner.
  - (2.) Still-born children are not registered.
- (6.) Land resumed for Railway Purposes, Molong and Forbes Railway:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the cause of the delay in paying the compensation money for land resumption for railway purposes, Molong, Parkes, and Forbes railway, in the case of John Black (formerly Joseph Wren's insolvent estate) on the above railway?
  - (2.) Will he see that the case is expedited without any further delay, seeing that Mr. Black has signed all the necessary documents?
- Mr. Young* answered,—
- (1.) I am afraid that I cannot answer this Question, as the papers have not been distributed in time to enable me to get the information.
  - (2.) I will see that no unnecessary delay occurs.
2. RESUMPTION OF LAND, WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY:—*Mr. James Morgan* moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Resumption of land, Woolloomooloo Bay," have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.  
Question put and passed.
3. SHOALING AT THE MOUTH OF NORTH CREEK, NEAR BALLINA:—*Mr. Perry* moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Shoaling at the Mouth of North Creek, near Ballina," have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.  
Question put and passed.
4. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Garrard* laid upon the Table,—Amended subsection (a) of Regulation No. 1, under the Labour Settlements Act.
- Mr. Brunker* laid upon the Table,—Report from the Director of Government Asylums and Boarding-out Officer on the Department of Charitable Institutions for annual periods ending 31st August, 1894.  
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Young* laid upon the Table,—Particulars respecting fees for survey of land at Martin-place, Sydney.  
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Reid* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order made on 5th September, 1894,—“Railway Free Passes.”
  - (2.) Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during November, 1894.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Reid* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House meet for the despatch of business on Friday next, at Ten o'clock a.m., and that Government business take precedence on that day.  
Question put and passed.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Young* moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of Bills intituled respectively,—
- (1.) “A Bill to amend the Armidale Water Supply Works Act, 1894,” and
  - (2.) “A Bill to sanction the construction of a Reservoir at the Centennial Park in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, and to transfer the said work to, and vest it in, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage,”—
- through all their stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.
7. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of *Mr. Storey*, read a third time, and passed.  
*Mr. Storey* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “An Act to amend the ‘Presbyterian Church Property Management Act of 1881,’ and to declare certain mortgages valid.”  
Question put and passed  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Presbyterian Church Property Management Act of 1881,’ and to declare certain mortgages valid,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

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8. CHURCH OF ENGLAND PROPERTY ACT OF 1889 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motions*) :—
- (1.) Mr. Knox moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Church of England Property Act of 1889 Amendment Act of 1892,'"—through all its stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) Mr. Knox moved, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Church of England Property Act of 1889 Amendment Act of 1892."  
Question put and passed.
  - (3.) Mr. Knox then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Church of England Property Act of 1889 Amendment Act of 1892,'*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the day.
9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Miners' Rights and Mineral Licenses Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 26th February.
  - (2.) Agent-General of the Colony; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Waddell,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Agent-General of the Colony, in London, "should not be held by any one occupant for a period exceeding five 'years.'"
    - (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—Upon which Mr. Reid had moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "years" of the words "except by express re-appointment";—until Tuesday, 26th March.
10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Tamworth, Sir George Dibbs, a notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the return relating to the Civil Service ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on the 12th December, 1894."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
11. WITHDRAWAL OF PAPER—RESCISSION OF ORDER FOR PRINTING :—Mr. Reid moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That the Return to Order, "The Civil Service," laid upon the Table on the 12th December, 1894, be withdrawn, and the order for printing be rescinded.  
Question put and passed.
12. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising To-morrow do adjourn until Tuesday, 12th February next.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
13. CENTENNIAL PARK RESERVOIR CONSTRUCTION BILL :—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a reservoir at the Centennial Park in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, and to transfer the said work to, and vest it in, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a reservoir at the Centennial Park in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, and to transfer the said work to, and vest it in, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.  
On motion of Mr. Young, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
  - (2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a reservoir at the Centennial Park in connection with the Sydney Water Supply; and to transfer the said work to, and vest it in, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage,*"—which was read a first time.  
Whereupon Mr. Young moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.
  - (3.) Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Young, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
  - (4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Young, *passed*.  
Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a reservoir at the Centennial Park in connection with the Sydney Water Supply; and to transfer the said work to, and vest it in, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.*"  
Question put and passed,

Ordered

20th December, 1894.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a reservoir at the Centennial Park in connection with the Sydney Water Supply; and to transfer the said work to, and vest it in, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th December, 1894.*

14. ARMIDALE WATER SUPPLY WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Armidale Water Supply Works Act, 1894.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the "Armidale Water Supply Works Act, 1894."

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

(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Armidale Water Supply Works Act 1894,'*"—which was read a first time.

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

15. STANDARD TIME BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish a Standard of Time in the Colony of New South Wales,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th December, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-nine minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Ten o'clock a.m.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1894.

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

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That the resolution "That this House at its rising To-morrow do adjourn until Tuesday, 12th February next," agreed to on the 20th December, 1894, be rescinded.  
Question put and passed.

2. APPROPRIATION BILL:—Mr. Reid moved (*by consent*), without Notice,—

(1.) That a Committee be appointed to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Council with relation to any proceedings upon the Appropriation Bill, and to make report thereof to the House.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Crick, Sir George Dibbs, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Young, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Council accordingly.

Mr. Reid brought up the following report:—

"The Committee appointed to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Council with relation to any proceedings upon the Appropriation Bill, and to make report thereof to the House, report,—  
"That they have inspected the printed Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council accordingly, and have found the following entry:—

THURSDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1894.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—The President reported and read the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly:—

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- (2.) Appropriation Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

'The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled '*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1895, inclusive of both dates, and for the year 1894 and previous years; and for purposes connected with, and incidental to the above objects,*'—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 20th December, 1894, a.m.

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

(1.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Suttor, read a first time.

(2.) Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

(3.) On motion of Mr. Suttor, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of this Bill.

The President resumed the Chair.

Back Library,

Sydney, 21st December, 1894.

G. H. REID,  
Chairman."

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Reid moved, That the report be now received.

Debate ensued.

Question

21st December, 1894.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 67.

Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Camoron,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Law,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Millen,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Affleck,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Dick.
Mr. Wilks,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Russell Jones,	
Mr. Thomson,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. See,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Kidd,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Ewing,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Gormly.

*Tellers,*Mr. Rose,  
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) George Hill's Estate Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,  
*Governor.**Message No. 39.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the trustees for the time being of the Will of the late George Hill, deceased, to purchase, mortgage, and grant leases of lands; to provide for the application of the moneys borrowed on mortgage, and of the rents and profits arising from leases; and for other purposes,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, his Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 20th December, 1894.*

(2.) The King's School Council Act Amendment Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,  
*Governor.**Message No. 40.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend The King's School Council Act, 56 Victoria, and to declare the trusts of a scholarship of the said school, known as 'The Burton Scholarship,' and for other purposes in connection with the scholarships held for the benefit of the schools,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 20th December, 1894.*

4. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Memorandum from Principal Shorthand Writer, as to the overworked state of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. THE ACTING CLERK:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission in favour of Richard Aldous Arnold, Esquire, who had been appointed by the Governor and Executive Council Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, during the absence, on leave, of the Clerk of the Assembly. Mr. Speaker then administered to Mr. Arnold the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office respectively as Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Redfern, Mr. McGowen, a Notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the failure of the Government to successfully cope with the present unemployed difficulty in the Colony."

And



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21st December, 1894.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Noes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker, having in accordance with Standing Order No. 213 directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *negative*, as there were only four Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. F. Clarke, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Fegan.

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

(1.) Loan Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st December, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

(2.) Presbyterian Church Property Management Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Presbyterian Church Property Management Act of 1881,' and to declare certain mortgages valid*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st December, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

(3.) Centennial Park Reservoir Construction Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a reservoir at the Centennial Park in connection with the Sydney Water Supply, and to transfer the said work to, and vest it in, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st December, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

(4.) Appropriation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June 1895, inclusive of both dates, and for the year 1894 and previous years; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

The Council again asserts its right to amend all Bills, if such amendment has not the effect of appropriating any part of the Public Revenue or imposing any new rate, tax, or impost, but refrains, in consideration of the late period of the year, and the state of the public business, from insisting on the omission of clause 15 of this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st December, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Reid moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That this House at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 26th February next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before Twelve o'clock, Midnight, until Tuesday, 26th February next, at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.



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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 1895.

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

**ELECTORATE OF BOOROWA:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the late adjournment, he had received a letter from Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Boorowa, resigning his seat as Member for that Electorate; and that, in accordance with the provisions contained in the 55th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Slattery, and that such Writ had been duly returned to him with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of James Alexander Kenneth Mackay, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Boorowa.

2. **ELECTORATE OF BOWRAL:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the late adjournment and in his absence from the Colony, William McCourt, Esquire, had resigned his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Bowral; that, in accordance with the provisions contained in the 56th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, a Writ had been issued by His Excellency the Governor for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. McCourt; and that he had received through the office of the Colonial Secretary the Writ which had been returned to His Excellency within the time fixed, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of William McCourt, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Bowral.

3. **MEMBERS SWORN:**—The undermentioned gentlemen having each taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took their seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named:—

James Alexander Kenneth Mackay, Esquire,—for Boorowa.  
William McCourt, Esquire,—for Bowral.

4. **QUESTIONS:**—

(1.) Land resumed for Railway Purposes:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total sum paid by the Government for the resumption of land for railway purposes?

(2.) The like information in connection with the other Departments of the Public Service during the last ten years?

Mr. Reid answered,—The information is in course of preparation, and when completed will be laid upon the Table.

(2.) **Hardwood Blocks:**—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Mines,—Having in view the large demand for hardwood blocks for street paving in England, has the Department taken any steps, or do they propose to take any, to make known the value and extent of New South Wales timbers suitable for such purposes?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Department has sent samples of wood blocks, both old and new, with full information to the Imperial Institute, and the Curator has brought them under the notice of numerous firms and public bodies. The Department has also distributed samples and reports to persons interested in the trade.

(3.) **Speeches made by Honorable Members:**—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the names of those Honorable Members of this House who made speeches between the opening of the present Session and its close for the Christmas holidays?

(2.) How many times did each Member make speeches?

(3.) How many hours and minutes altogether did each Member speak between the times mentioned above?

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Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed that this information can only be furnished by going through the *Hansard* debates, which will involve considerable labour and expense, but if the Honorable Member will move for a return in the usual way, I will give instructions to have the information supplied.

(4.) Letters posted in Postal Pillars:—Mr. Waddell asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it true that letters posted in postal pillars about six months ago have only recently been discovered and delivered?
- (2.) Was the loss of such letters due to the faulty design of the postal pillars?
- (3.) Has a report upon the pillars been recently made by the officers of the Department?
- (4.) Did such report allege the insecurity of the pillars, and recommend their alteration or removal?
- (5.) Will he cause suitable and safe street pillars to be provided in place of those now in use?

Mr. Cook answered,—

- (1.) Five letters were recently found in two out of the ninety-eight pillars, which letters had been secreted for about two months.
- (2.) The secretion was due to bad workmanship in regard to these two particular pillars, which was at once rectified.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4 and 5.) It recommended that all the pillars be put in proper order forthwith, or the contract would be cancelled. The contractor has been written to accordingly, and I have ascertained that the matter has been attended to and the pillars are now secure.

(5.) Dredging of the Hawkesbury River:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. William Morgan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will the Government take any steps to dredge, so as to make navigable, the Hawkesbury River?
- (2.) Was the sum of £5,000 voted for this purpose at the instance of a previous Government?
- (3.) If this sum was not so voted, was it ever promised by the Minister for Works?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) There is no dredge available for this work at present.
- (2 and 3.) The sum of £5,000 was passed on the Loan Estimates of 1889 for the improvement of the navigation of the Hawkesbury River.

(6.) Crews of the river Dredges:—Mr. Cunn, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that on some of the dredges up the rivers the crews have to take in turns to look after their dredge at night and perform their daily duties on board as well?
- (2.) If so, will he, in the interest of the safety of the plant, and the physical welfare of the men, cause the custom to be discontinued, and exempt from day work all men who do night work?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) No night watchmen are employed on any of the country dredges unless the plant is working in places where there is risk of damage; in such cases a watchman is provided and paid for. In all the larger dredges, except the "Ulysses," the men have availed themselves of the accommodation fitted up for them by sleeping on board, affording some protection to the plant. The crew of the "Ulysses," having their homes on shore, have been requested by the dredge master to arrange for one of their number to sleep on board, but not to keep watch at night.
- (2.) No man in the Dredge Service performing day work is ever asked to work at night.

(7.) Spirituous Liquor sold by Civil Service Co-operative Store:—Mr. Collins asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Civil Service Co-operative Store is selling spirituous liquor, both wholesale and retail, without a license, in opposition to other storekeepers, who have to pay heavy licenses, and are only allowed to sell wines and spirits in wholesale quantities?
- (2.) In any amending Licensing Bill will he see that a clause is inserted compelling all clubs and co-operative companies to pay licenses, and thus place them on the same footing as other licensees?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) The District Inspector for the Metropolitan Licensing District reports as follows:—"The Civil Service Co-operative Store holds a wholesale license which authorizes them to sell liquor to the public in quantities of not less than 2 gallons; but there is nothing in the Licensing Acts to prevent them supplying any less quantity to *bona fide* members of the society, who are the lessees of the premises."
- (2.) This matter will receive consideration.

(8.) Tenders for Delivery of Wool from Darling Harbour Railway Station:—Mr. Donnelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the specification, and tenders received by the New South Wales Railway Commissioners on 20th June, 1892, for the delivery of wool and other goods from Darling Harbour Railway Station?
- (2.) What is the name, address, and prices of the successful tenderer?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Commissioners to terminate this contract on 31st March, 1895?
- (4.) Is it the practice of the Commissioners to call for tenders, and enter into contracts for cartage of wool, &c., for a longer period than twelve months?
- (5.) What is the total amount of money paid to the contractor under this contract from 1st July 1892, to 30th September, 1894?
- (6.) What is the total amount of money paid to the contractor for cartage outside this contract from 1st July, 1892, to 30th September, 1894?
- (7.) Are the Commissioners aware that the present contractor is employing carters to cart their wool from Darling Harbour and only paying them 3½d. per bale?

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Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes; if moved for in the shape of a return in the usual way.
- (2.) James M'Mahon & Co., Circular Quay, Sydney; prices for delivery of wool, per bale, 4d.; per butt, 2d.; per bag, 1d. Prices for delivery of goods, over 1 cwt. and up to 5 cwt., 1s.; over 5 cwt. and up to 10 cwt., 1s. 3d.; over 10 cwt. and up to 15 cwt., 1s. 9d.; over 15 cwt. and up to 20 cwt., 2s. 2d.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) £16,991 10s.
- (6.) For the cartage of parcels, railway stores and materials, including coke from the Australian Gasworks, and the supply of horses and carts for watering and other purposes outside of the above, under other contracts, £4,589 10s. 1d.
- (7.) The Commissioners are not aware.

(9.) Railway from Orange to Parkes and Forbes, *via* Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the total amount of loan money voted and borrowed for the construction of the railway from Orange to Parkes and Forbes, *via* Molong?
- (2.) What was the total cost of the construction of this line of railway?
- (3.) Is there any balance in hand; if so, what has become of it, and what is the amount?
- (4.) In the event of any balance remaining, will he see that it is expended in the construction of the short branch line from Gregra to Cudal?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) The total amount of loan money voted in 1883, *viz.*, £705,500, under Act, 48 Vic. No. 26, was for the line, Orange to Molong, *via* Borenore, 21 miles, and Borenore to Forbes, *via* Cudal, 60 miles.
- (2.) The total cost to date, Orange to Molong, £263,726; and Molong to Parkes and Forbes, £358,185; total cost to date, £621,911.
- (3.) The estimated total cost of the lines from Orange to Molong, £263,750, and Molong to Parkes and Forbes, £374,696=£638,446, which, taken from the vote of £705,500, leaves £67,064, but this available balance may be materially altered by the arbitration settlement of Molong to Parkes and Forbes sections.
- (4.) In the event of any balance being available, it cannot be appropriated for the construction of the line from Gregra to Cudal as proposed without special Parliamentary sanction.

(10.) Case of Proudfoot *v.* the Railway Commissioners:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The names of the barristers who drew fees in the case Proudfoot *v.* Railway Commissioners, with the amount paid to each?
- (2.) The actual amount paid to Mr. Smith, solicitor, for his costs, not including any counsels' fees?
- (3.) Will he lay upon the Table a copy of the bill of costs of Mr. Smith in this matter?
- (4.) Have all Government papers been returned from Mr. Smith's office to the office of the Railway Commissioners?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will lay upon the Table a statement in answer to Questions 1, 2, and 3, when the bill of costs referred to has been taxed. I understand that the 11th March has been named as the day when it will be taxed. As to the 4th Question, all the Government papers have been returned from Mr. Smith's office to the office of the Railway Commissioners.

(11.) Mr. Justice Foster:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) When was Mr. Justice Foster appointed?
- (2.) What was his salary?
- (3.) How long was he away on leave?
- (4.) What was he paid during that time?
- (5.) Is he allowed a pension, and how much?
- (6.) What was the reason he did not deliver judgment in the Bradford will case?
- (7.) Will he consider the question of deducting from Mr. Foster's salary or pension an amount to pay the costs of re-arguing this matter?
- (8.) Is it a fact that one of the parties is not in a position to pay the costs of re-arguing the case?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) On 14th February, 1883.
- (2.) £2,600 per annum.
- (3.) From 1st November, 1891, to 22nd December, 1892; and he was granted three months leave of absence from 23rd September last.
- (4.) Full salary.
- (5.) Yes; under the provisions of the Act 46 Vic. No. 15 he is entitled to a pension of £1,820 per annum.
- (6.) I am not aware.
- (7.) As the necessity (if it exists) for re-arguing this case is not due to any default on the part of Mr. Justice Foster, but to the calamity of severe illness, there would not appear any justification to consider the question of making the reduction referred to, even if it could be lawfully done.
- (8.) I am not aware.

(12.) Private Members' Business:—*Mr. Perry*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) In view of the many important Bills on the Business Paper in charge of private Members, will he, after the Christmas recess, set apart at least one day a week for private Members' business?
- (2.) In doing this, will he consider the advisableness of allowing before tea for Motions and after tea for Orders of the Day?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will see what can be done to expedite the Bills of private Members.

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- (13.) Australian Judges sitting on Judicial Committee of the Privy Council:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) With a view of having Australian Judges sitting on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to hear appeals from this continent, will he place himself in communication with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and also the Premiers of the other Colonies, to bring this about?
  - (2.) If so, will he in such correspondence suggest that no Australian Judge shall be appointed who has not served at least ten years on the Bench of one of the Supreme Courts of Australia?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—This matter is one that requires some consideration.
- (14.) Fees charged Selectors on reversal of forfeiture of Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Are selectors charged £1 1s. when reversing gazetted forfeiture of their conditional purchases?
  - (2.) Is it necessary to employ extra assistants to do the work entailed by the reversals?
  - (3.) Will he consider the equity of refunding the charges referred to in the above Questions?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—A fee of £1 1s. is asked for towards the extra expense entailed in reversing the forfeitures. The expense to the Department is generally greater, and includes 13s. for advertisements; inspection, from £1 1s. to £4 4s.; besides extra work entailed in the local and head offices, inasmuch as warnings and notices are issued several times over a period of two years before forfeiture is gazetted, and such warnings and notices are disregarded. I see no reason why the whole cost of the reversals of these forfeitures should be borne by the State and wholly escaped by those who cause the expense to be incurred.
- (15.) Pension of *Mr. Justice Foster*:—*Mr. Watkins*, for *Mr. Edden*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is *Mr. Justice Foster*, whose retirement from the Supreme Court Bench is announced, entitled to receive a pension; if so, of what amount; how long has he occupied the position of a Judge; by whom was he appointed; and what term is it necessary for a Puisne Judge to serve before he is entitled to receive a pension?
- Mr. Gould* answered,—The Hon. *Mr. Justice Foster* is under the "Judges' Salaries and Pensions" Acts of 1883, 46 Vic. No. 15, entitled to a pension of £1,820 per annum. He was appointed to the Supreme Court Bench on 14th February, 1888, by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council. Under section 2 of the said Act any Chief Justice or Puisne Judge may retire after fifteen years service, or on permanent disability or infirmity, when his pension shall be seven-tenths of his actual salary at the time of such retirement.
- (16.) Treasury Expenditure from 1891 to 1894:—*Mr. Hogan*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the expenditure on account of the Treasury for the years 1891, 1893, and the estimated expenditure for 1894?
  - (2.) By the re-arrangement of the duties of the officers in the Treasury by *Mr. See*, what savings were effected as compared with amounts previously paid?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—A return showing the required information will be laid upon the Table in the course of a day or two.
- (17.) Current Account Depositors Act:—*Mr. Hogan*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the extra cost to the Treasury in administering the Current Account Depositors Act?
  - (2.) How many applications were made under the Act, and the total sum issued?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—
- (1.) Cost of printing notes, account-books, forms, &c., £512 14s.; allowances paid for overtime and special services in connection with issue of Treasury Notes, £197 10s.; total, £710 4s.
  - (2.) Number of applications made under the Act, 5,949; total sum issued, £358,500.
- (18.) Funded Stock Act:—*Mr. Hogan*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What additional expense (if any) was incurred in administering the Funded Stock Act?
  - (2.) What was the total amount sold, and the cost of issuing, including brokerage, as compared with the cost of issuing Inscribed Stock in England?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—
- (1.) £110 per annum.
  - (2.) The total amount of Stock sold up to 3rd August last was £2,344,350. There were no costs for issuing, beyond a quarter per cent. for brokerage, allowed to brokers and *bona fide* agents; this amounted to £2,361 13s. 6d. The cost of an issue of Inscribed Stock, of equal amount, by the Bank of England, would, including brokerage, have amounted to £17,571, in addition to which there would have been a charge of £500 per million per annum for management.
- (19.) Customs Duties, and Appointments made in Custom House:—*Mr. Hogan*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the total amount of new duties collected under the Customs Duties Act from 1st January, 1892, to 30th April, 1894?
  - (2.) What was the additional cost of collecting the new duties?
  - (3.) How many appointments, other than tide-waiters, were made during the above period to the Custom House?
  - (4.) How many tide-waiters were there appointed, and how are they paid?
  - (5.) How many retirements by death, dismissal, resignation, or other causes were there from the Customs Department from the 1st January, 1892, to 30th April, 1894?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—
- (1.) £1,760,322.
  - (2.) The additional cost is estimated at about £3,000 per annum.
  - (3.) Sixty-four (64).
  - (4.) Forty-nine (49), 10s. 6d. per day; 15s. per night when employed.
  - (5.) Forty-nine (49).

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(20.) Retirements from Stores Department, Board of Health, &c.:—*Mr. Hogan*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total number of retirements by death, dismissal, resignation, or other causes from the Stores Department, Board of Health, Marine Board, and Glebe Island Abattoirs from the 1st of January, 1892, to the 30th April, 1894?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—The information will presently be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(21.) Appointments and Retirements in Government Printing Office:—*Mr. Hogan*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total number of appointments to the Government Printing Office from the 1st January, 1892, to 30th April, 1894?

(2.) The like information respecting the total retirements during that period?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—In answer to this Question, I wish to state that, immediately on the withdrawal of the return showing the appointments in the Civil Service during the time the late Administration were in office, I requested the Auditor-General to prepare a return of the appointments referred to for presentation to Parliament. Before, however, laying this return upon the Table of the House, I purpose submitting a copy of the same to each member of the late Administration in so far as it relates to the departments over which he exercised control, so that there shall be no danger of the repetition of blunders such as appeared in the previous return.

(22.) Appointments made under the Marine Board:—*Mr. Hogan*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Upon whose representation were the appointments made under the Marine Board from the 1st of January, 1892, to the 30th April, 1894?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—On the recommendation of the Marine Board in accordance with the provision of the Navigation Acts.

(23.) Appointments made under the Board of Health:—*Mr. Hogan*, for *Mr. See*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Upon whose representation were the appointments made under the Board of Health from the 1st of January, 1892, to the 30th April, 1894?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—Upon the recommendation of the Board of Health, with the exception of servants, nurses, &c., appointed by the Board.

(24.) Special Lease 786, Land District of Penrith:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for *Mr. Lees*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Were any summonses issued under the Land Act in reference to special lease 786, Land District of Penrith; if so, against whom were such summonses issued?

(2.) In whose service were the persons so summoned engaged?

(3.) Were these summonses heard; and, if not, why?

(4.) Did any correspondence take place between the Mines Department and Lands Department thereon?

(5.) Was any communication to withdraw these summonses sent from the Lands Department; and, if so, why?

*Mr. Carruthers* answered,—

(1.) Yes; against John Payne, George Colless, and David Wilkinson.

(2.) *Mr. T. R. Smith's*.

(3.) No; because the freeholders adjoining the reserve alleged, through *Mr. Smith*, that they disputed the Crown's title, and claimed the land under the original Crown grant.

(4.) No.

(5.) Yes. *Mr. T. R. Smith* represented verbally that if the cases came on in the local Court, the defence would be set up that the land was private property, and that if the cases were to be heard the following day he should look to the Crown to pay his solicitors and all expenses in the event of the defence being successful in ousting the jurisdiction of the magistrates. The Crown Solicitor having shortly before had the question of title to this Reserve before him was personally referred to and he verbally advised withdrawal of the proceedings.

(25.) Artesian Bore Works at Hungerford:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the artesian bore works at Hungerford have lately been stopped; if so, for what reason?

(2.) What is the present depth of the bore, and the total amount that has been expended on the same?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

(1.) Yes. No prospect of obtaining artesian or any supply.

(2.) 855 feet. £1,666 11s. 7d.

(26.) Nepean-Prospect Water Supply Scheme:—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—As the reply given to *Mr. Parkes' Questions No. 1* on the Business Paper of Tuesday, 18th December, 1894, only furnishes partial information, will he be so good as to furnish a full reply as to what is the total cost of salaries to engineers, sub-engineers, and assistants, camp expenses, and all contingent expenses connected therewith in connection with the Nepean-Prospect water supply scheme, from the first inspection and report upon the feasibility of the work until the final completion of the pipes to the city of Sydney?

*Mr. Young* answered,—The cost has been as under:—Preliminary surveys, £9,588; cost of surveys during the construction of the work, £25,087 9s. 4d.; cost of salaries of engineers, sub-engineers, and assistants, camp expenses, and all contingent expenses connected therewith, £49,487 10s. 3d.;—total, £84,163 0s. 3d.

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5. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—Mr. McFarlane presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the Colony of New South Wales, detailing a number of reasons against the imposition of a land and income tax, and praying the House not to pass the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill into law.  
Petition received.
6. SEAT OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE HOUSTOUN REID:—Mr. Austin Chapman presented a Petition from John Norton, an elector of the Electoral District of Sydney—Fitzroy Division—representing that section 18 of the Constitution Act, which enacted that the office of Solicitor-General was capable of being held by a Member of the Legislative Assembly, had been repealed by the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884, leaving the salary for the office which was appropriated by section 49 of the Constitution Act still available; that by the acceptance of the office of Solicitor-General by the Honorable George Houston Reid, he had vacated his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney—King Division; and praying the House to uphold the Constitution by declaring the seat of the Honorable George Houston Reid vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Solicitor-General; and also praying that it will take into its early consideration the desirability of validating all the acts unlawfully done and performed by the Honorable George Houston Reid in the stead of Her Majesty's Attorney-General.  
At the request of Mr. Chapman, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.  
Petition received.  
Mr. Chapman then moved, without Notice, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 9.

Sir Henry Parkes,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. Schey.

## Tellers,

Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Austin Chapman.

## Noes, 80.

Mr. Brunker,  
Mr. Lyne,  
Mr. Carruthers,  
Mr. Gould,  
Mr. Hogan,  
Mr. Millen,  
Mr. Sydney Smith,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Sir George Dibbs,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Mackay,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Hayes,  
Mr. Wall,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Hughes,  
Mr. Stephen,  
Mr. Collins,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. McCourt,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Dr. Ross,  
Dr. Graham,

Mr. Pyers,  
Mr. Reid,  
Mr. McLean,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Knox,  
Mr. Garrard,  
Mr. Molesworth,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. Stevenson,  
Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Bavister,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Alexander Campbell,  
Mr. Robert Jones,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Smailes,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Shipway,  
Mr. Henry Chapman,  
Mr. Davis,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Wilks,  
Mr. Loughmane,  
Mr. Kirkpatrick,  
Mr. Lees,  
Mr. Rigg,  
Mr. O'Reilly,  
Mr. Ashton,  
Mr. Dick,  
Mr. Whiddon,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Hawthorne,  
Mr. Ellis,  
Mr. E. M. Clark,  
Mr. Wise,  
Mr. Cameron,  
Mr. Chanter,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Archibald Campbell,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Black.

## Tellers,

Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Hogue.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

## (1.) Appropriation Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1895, inclusive of both dates, and for the year 1894 and previous years; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th December, 1894.

Message No. 41.

## (2.) Loan Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

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

Government House,

Sydney, 27th December, 1894.

Message No. 42.

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## (3.) Pastures and Stock Protection Acts Amendment Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,  
Governor.

Message No. 43.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the 'Pastures and Stock Protection Act,' and 'Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 27th December, 1894.

## (4.) Standard Time Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,  
Governor.

Message No. 44.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish a Standard of Time in the Colony of New South Wales,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 27th December, 1894.

## (5.) Centennial Park Reservoir Construction Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,  
Governor.

Message No. 45.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a reservoir at the Centennial Park in connection with the Sydney Water Supply; and to transfer the said work to, and vest it in, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 27th December, 1894.

## (6.) Presbyterian Church Property Management Amendment Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,  
Governor.

Message No. 46.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Presbyterian Church Property Management Act of 1881,' and to declare certain mortgages valid,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 27th December, 1894.

## 8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of substitution of amended Forms, Nos. 73 and 74, for those at present in force bearing the same numbers under the Crown Lands Acts.
  - (2.) Notification of amendment of subsection (a) of Regulation No. 1 under the Labour Settlements Act.
  - (3.) Notification of Regulations made in pursuance of the Labour Settlements Act by the Board of Control of the Labour Settlement at Wilberforce.
  - (4.) Notification of cancellation of Regulations, Nos. 20 and 21, and the alteration of Regulations Nos. 10, 12, 19, and 42 of the Regulations made in pursuance of the Labour Settlements Act by the Board of Control of the Labour Settlement at Pitt Town.
  - (5.) Notification of substitution of amended Regulation No. 15 for that at present in force bearing the same number under the Crown Lands Acts.
  - (6.) Return to an Order made on 6th November, 1894—"Land along Ocean Foreshore, Newcastle "to Cockle Creek."
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 8th November, 1894,—“Cancellation of contract of Daniel “Hayes of Dubbo.”
- (2.) By-laws of the Municipal Districts of Moss Vale, Jerilderie, Parkes, Nowra, Nyngan, and Moama, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
- (3.) By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts.
- (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, for the construction of a Storm-water Channel at White Bay.
- (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Kiama, county of Camden, for the establishment of a General Cemetery at Jamberoo.

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(6.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Ulandra, county of Clarendon, for the Junce Water Supply Works.

(7.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, for the construction and erection of Leading Marks or Beacons for purposes of navigation on the shores of the harbour of the city of Sydney.

(8.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Hexham, county of Northumberland, for the erection of a Lock-up at Minmi.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement of payments from Treasurer's Advance Account during December, 1894.

(2.) Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended December, 1894.

(3.) Returns respecting vessels arriving at and leaving ports of New South Wales for 1894.

(4.) Return showing amounts of public money advanced by the Government in the form of grants, subsidies, &c., for construction of Harbour at Wollongong from commencement up to 1st October, 1894.

(5.) Return showing total number of retirements by death, dismissal, resignation, or other causes from the Stores Department, Board of Health, Marine Board, and Glebe Island Abattoirs, from 1st January, 1892, to 30th April, 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 18th December, 1894,—“Removal of Constable Easterbrook from the Police Force.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 18th December, 1894,—“Solicitors employed for Prosecutions under certain Acts.”

(3.) Correspondence respecting dismissal of Lance-Corporal Pacey, late Bandsman, 1st. Infantry Regiment.

(4.) Report on Police Department for the year 1894.

(5.) Report on Immigration for the year 1894.

(6.) Ninth Annual Report of the Goulburn Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.

(7.) Return under the several Acts administered by the Registrar-General for the year 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

(8.) By-law of the Borough of North Sydney.

(9.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle.

(10.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Camperdown.

(11.) By-law of the Municipal District of Numba.

(12.) By-laws of the Borough of Annandale, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(13.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Blayney, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(14.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Parkes, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875, and Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

(15.) By-laws under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting Establishment of Prize Courts in Japan.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations under the 6th section of the Electric Telegraph Act.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulations under the Public Watering Places Act of 1884, for the administration of the Hillgrove Water Supply.

(2.) Regulations under the Imported Stock Act of 1871, and the Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884.

(3.) Additional Timber, State Forest and Quarry Regulation, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Return to an Order made on 7th November, 1894,—“Applications for Gold Leases at Mount Gray, Parish of Bombah.”

9. THE CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return, with respect to each Ministerial Department, showing,—

(1.) The number of officers in each Department on the 23rd October, 1891, and the number on the 2nd August, 1894.

(2.) The amount paid by each Department in salaries for the years 1890 and 1891, and for the years 1892 and 1893.

Question put and passed.

10. COWRA STREET-AWNINGS VALIDATION AND REGULATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Donnelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that certain awnings which have been erected in certain streets in the Borough of Cowra, in contravention of the provisions of the Act 2 Victoria No. 2, shall be deemed to have been, and to be lawfully erected, and to provide for the erection of awnings in the said streets, with posts placed within four feet six inches of the curbstone, anything in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Donnelly then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide that certain awnings which have been erected in certain streets in the Borough of Cowra, in contravention of the provisions of the Act 2 Victoria No. 2, shall be deemed to have been and to be lawfully erected, and to provide for the erection of awnings in the said streets, with posts placed within four feet six inches of the curbstone, anything in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding.*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 12th March.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

26th February, 1895.

11. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Miners' Rights and Mineral Licenses Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 21st May.
  - (2.) Native Flora Protection Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 21st May.
  - (3.) Claims of Mr. Thomas Rowe, Architect—Sydney Hospital Buildings; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Parkes,—
    - “ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Thomas Rowe, Esquire, architect, in connection with the Sydney Hospital buildings.
    - “ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hayes, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Rose, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Robert Jones, and the “Mover”;—until Tuesday, 23rd April.
  - (4.) Licensing Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 4th June.
  - (5.) Liens on Wool and Stock Mortgages Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 4th June.
  - (6.) Truck Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 23rd April.
  - (7.) Cootamundra Racecourse Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 21st May.
  - (8.) Special Trams and Trains for the use of Parliament; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hogue,—
    - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of providing special trams and trains for the convenience of Honorable Members after the ordinary service has ceased for the day should be discontinued.
    - “ (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor”;—until Tuesday, 9th April.
12. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Mr. Reid moved, without Notice, That William McCourt, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.  
Question put and passed.
13. **LAW OF LIBEL AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the  
11th October, 1894.*

14. **LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Molesworth reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a decision thereon had been given.  
*Point of Order*:—Mr. Molesworth explained that the Committee were considering clause 4 of the Bill providing for the appointment of Commissioners of Taxation, and had inserted an amendment that there should be only one Commissioner at a salary not exceeding £800 per annum; an amendment was then proposed providing that on the retirement of such Commissioner from office he should not be entitled to a pension or gratuity, which amendment the Chairman ruled out of order.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Speaker considered that the Committee had power to fix the conditions under which the salary for the office of Commissioner was allotted, and ruled that the amendment was in order.  
Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
15. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at twelve minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Free Railway Passes:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Griffith*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he taken any steps to prevent the future issue of free passes over our railways to any but those lawfully entitled to them?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I have decided, in conference with the Chief Commissioner for Railways, that in future free passes over the railways shall not be issued except in conformity with the strict letter of the law.

- (2.) Sydney Grammar School Endowment Act:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Griffith*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it his intention to take any steps towards the repeal of the Sydney Grammar School Endowment Act, with a view to bringing that institution under the administration of his Department?

*Mr. Garrard* answered,—This matter will receive the consideration of the Cabinet.

- (3.) Remuneration to Police for extra Duties performed:—*Mr. Piddington* asked the Colonial Secretary,—What decision has been arrived at regarding remuneration to the Police for extra duties imposed upon them under the new Electoral Act?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—It has been decided to give the Police 2s. a day to reimburse them for this extra duty.

- (4.) Chinese Lepers in Government Hospital:—*Dr. Graham* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that the greater number of leprosy patients at present under compulsory treatment in the Government Hospital are Chinese, the chronic and incurable nature of leprosy, and the expense involved to the State in the maintenance of such patients, are the Government prepared to negotiate with the Chinese authorities in order that some arrangements may be made that would enable the Chinese lepers to return to their native country, some of whom desire to do so?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I am obliged to the Honorable Member for directing my attention to this important matter. I will call for a report on the subject.

- (5.) Appointment of Australian Judge to the Privy Council:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer.—Is it a fact that the Federal Council passed a resolution in favour of having an Australian Judge appointed to the Privy Council; if so, will he communicate with the Secretary of State, and inform him that although New South Wales is not represented on the Federal Council, nevertheless it approves the conclusion arrived at by the Council?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I will make inquiry as to the allegation in the first part of the Question, and give the latter part due consideration.

- (6.) The Unemployed:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did he, when in opposition, publicly assert that if he had the run of the Government offices for a couple of weeks there would be no unemployed?

(2.) What was the scheme he then had for solving this difficulty?

(3.) Seeing that at the present time there are many thousand unemployed persons, will he put his scheme into operation within a couple of weeks?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—Surely the Honorable Member does not expect me to make the necessary researches as to my speeches when in opposition within the time he has allowed me?

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- (7.) Flogging of the man Strong :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the case of the man Strong, who was recently flogged on the order of Mr. Fisher and Mr. Smithers, Stipendiary Magistrates? Mr. Gould answered,—There will be no objection to tabling the papers if a return be moved for in the usual way.
- (8.) Flogging of Prisoners in Gaol :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he inform this House what statute authorises the flogging of prisoners in gaol without the said prisoners being tried and convicted in open court? Mr. Gould answered,—Under Section 13 of the Act 4 Victoria No. 29, provision is made, after due inquiry upon oath, for the personal correction of offenders against prison discipline in certain cases.
- (9.) New Gag for use in Gaols :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a specimen of the gag, as approved by himself? Mr. Gould answered,—There will be no objection to the Honorable Member inspecting the gag at any time and having its use fully explained.
- (10.) Committal of Mr. O. O. Dangar for Trial by Kempsey Bench :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What were the reasons for refusing to file a Bill against Mr. O. O. Dangar, committed for trial by the Kempsey Bench? Mr. Reid answered,—It is not usual to give the reasons for refusing to file Bills. If the Honorable Member moves for the papers, in the usual way I will offer no objection.
- (11.) Visit of the Premier to Hobart :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Treasurer the following Questions,—  
 (1.) Did he, since the adjournment of the House in December last, go, in his capacity as Premier, on a journey to Hobart?  
 (2.) How long was he away?  
 (3.) What was the object of the journey, and the entire cost to the country of his said visit to Hobart?
- (12.) Visit of the Minister of Public Instruction to New Zealand :—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—  
 (1.) Did he, since the adjournment of the House in December last, go, in his capacity of Minister, on a journey to New Zealand?  
 (2.) How long was he away?  
 (3.) What was the object of the journey, and the cost to the country of same?
- (13.) Visit of the Minister of Public Instruction to Broken Hill :—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—  
 (1.) Did he, since the adjournment of the House in December last, go, in his capacity of Minister, on a journey to Broken Hill?  
 (2.) How long was he away?  
 (3.) What was the object of the journey, and the cost to the country of same?
- (14.) Visit of the Minister of Public Instruction to Blayney :—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—  
 (1.) Did he, since the adjournment of the House in December last, go on a journey to Blayney and district?  
 (2.) How long was he away?  
 (3.) What was the object of the journey, and the cost to the country of the same?
- (15.) Visit of the Minister of Justice to Dubbo :—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—  
 (1.) Did he, since the adjournment of the House in December last, go on a journey to Dubbo?  
 (2.) How long was he away?  
 (3.) What was the object of the journey, and also the cost to the country?
- (16.) Visit of the Secretary for Mines to Bourke :—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
 (1.) Did he, since the adjournment of the House in December last, go on a journey to Bourke and district?  
 (2.) How long was he away, and what were the objects of the journey, and the cost to the country of same?
- (17.) Visit of the Secretary for Mines to Wyalong :—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
 (1.) Did he, since the adjournment of the House in December last, go on a journey to Wyalong?  
 (2.) How long was he away, and what were the objects of the journey, and the cost to the country of same?  
 (3.) Did Mr. Slee accompany him on the journey?  
 (4.) What was Mr. Slee's business?  
 (5.) Did Mr. Slee, in the presence of the Minister, at a banquet at Wyalong, say, in responding to a toast, "That the promises made by the Minister would be faithfully kept"?
- (18.) Visit of the Secretary for Mines to the Hawkesbury :—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
 (1.) Did he, since the adjournment of the House in December last, make a trip with a trainful of delegates to the Hawkesbury?  
 (2.) What was the object of the trip, and the cost to the country?

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- (19.) Visit of the Postmaster-General to Hobart:—Mr. Crick asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Did he, since the adjournment in December last, go on a journey to Hobart?
  - (2.) Did he take any officials with him?
  - (3.) How long was he away?
  - (4.) What was the cost of the journey to the country?
- (20.) Absence from Colony of the Attorney-General during Christmas adjournment:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Did the Attorney-General, since the adjournment in December last, depart from the Colony?
  - (2.) How long was he away?
  - (3.) What was the cost to the country (including salary) of the journey?
- (21.) Visit of Mr. Frank Farnell, M.P., to Victoria and Tasmania:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Did Mr. Frank Farnell, the Government whip, go, since the adjournment of the House, on a journey to Victoria and Tasmania?
  - (2.) What were the objects of the journey, and the cost to the country?
- (22.) Visits made by Ministers during Christmas adjournment:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) In addition to the eleven several journeys referred to in the eleven preceding Questions, did any members of the Ministry go on any other journey or journeys that entailed any cost to the Consolidated Revenue?
  - (2.) If so, will he enumerate the several journeys (if any), the objects, and cost to the country?

Mr. Reid: I propose to answer Questions 11 to 22 inclusive, to save the Honorable Member for Northumberland the painful duty of rising eleven times on behalf of the culprit. In answer to Question 11 I say,—

(1.) Yes; in conformity with an intention which was well known to the Honorable Member as myself, months ago.

(2.) Between two and three weeks ago.

(3.) I propose to lay upon the Table in a day or two a paper which will give full information as to the object of the journey. As to the expense, it will be very small, probably not a fraction of the cost of a Ministerial picnic to Middle Harbour, given some little time ago to a distinguished visitor, when the country was ruled by statesmen after the Honorable Member's own heart.

I may add, on behalf of my honorable colleagues, to whom the Honorable Member has addressed a string of Questions, that the Minister for Public Instruction visited New Zealand to inquire into the operation of the labour laws there, and the working; visited Broken Hill on business connected with the Department of Public Instruction, and also visited Blayney upon similar business in connection with the church and school estates; that the Minister for Justice visited Dubbo on departmental business; that the Secretary for Mines visited Wyalong on departmental business, as also Mr. Slec; that the Secretary for Mines also took the delegates to the Agricultural Conference to visit the Experimental Farm at Richmond; that the Postmaster-General, imitating the good example of his predecessor, Mr. Kidd, attended a Postal Conference at Hobart; that the Attorney-General left the Colony in ill-health in December last, and will be back next week; and that Mr. Farnell, the Member for Ryde, who has given his services to the country as a Member of the Fisheries Commission, visited Tasmania and Victoria on business connected therewith; I propose to lay upon the Table in a few days full information as to the expenses of these visits.

- (23.) Mr. Icely, Visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Treasurer—
- (1.) Is it a fact that when Mr. Icely, the Visiting Magistrate, officially visits Lord Howe Island, he lives at the house of one of the residents of the island?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the residents on the island pay no rent or taxes of any kind?
  - (3.) What is the salary and allowances of the Visiting Magistrate, and what are his duties?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that special application has been made by a Mrs. King (a resident on the island) for the Visiting Magistrate to obtain for her protection from her husband (who also lives upon the island), and that such application has not been granted?
  - (5.) Is it a fact that nineteen children live upon the island, that a school was established thereon about three years ago, under the Education Department, that the said school was to be closed on the 31st December, 1894, and that no provision has been made for the future education of the said children?
  - (6.) Is it a fact that an alleged case of leprosy (one Henry Wilson) upon the island has been brought under the notice of the said Magistrate, but no steps have been taken to inquire into the matter?
  - (7.) Is it a fact that there are several women between the ages of 20 and 25 years who are detained upon the island against their will?
  - (8.) Is it a fact that there are several people between the ages of 75 and 90 years (notably Mr. Mosely, aged 90, Mrs. Mosely, aged 80, and Mr. Field, aged 75) on the island, who are living upon the charity of the other islanders, and are in a very impoverished state?
  - (9.) Will he take immediate steps to have an inquiry made respecting these matters?
- Mr. Reid answered,—It is impossible to answer these Questions without inquiry, which is being made.
- (24.) Easter Encampment:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that an encampment of the Military Forces is to be held at Easter?
  - (2.) If so, what is the proposed total cost of such encampment?
  - (3.) Out of what fund or grant is the cost of such encampment to be paid?

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Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—

(1.) The troops, Garrison Artillery excepted, within a short distance of the metropolis will be concentrated at Paddington, and encamped for three days' training at Easter, viz., from Friday, the 12th, to Monday, the 15th April, including Easter Sunday.

(2.) There will be no cost beyond what has been already estimated for under the head of subsistence allowance and contingencies, in accordance with the regulations for the number of days training, passed in the current Estimates, which has been calculated at £761.

(3.) Out of amounts for pay and general contingencies.

(25.) Road Votes :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House a return showing how the £216,000 (alleged to have been retrenched by the Dibbs Government out of the Road Vote) has been distributed, and the amount received by each district ?

(2.) Also a return showing how the £300,000 for the present half-year's Road Vote has been distributed and expended ?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) The expenditure on this Vote will be regulated according to the balances shown in the Schedule for 1893. Each Electorate will have spent within its boundaries the balance shown to be saved on account of the Votes taken in 1893 for the works within such Electorate.

(2.) The Road Vote for the half-year amounts to £250,000, and the distribution thereof is shown in detail in the Schedules to the Estimates which were laid upon the Table of the House on the 13th December, 1894.

(26.) Bankruptcy of Hugh Polson, of Tatham :—Mr. Pyers asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Hugh Polson, a bankrupt, was compelled to travel from Tatham, on the Richmond, to Grafton, on the Clarence River, a distance of 80 miles, instead of the meeting being held in Casino, where the principal creditors lived, and within 10 miles of where bankrupt has resided for the last ten years ?

(2.) Is it a fact that one of the creditors in the estate was not furnished with the necessary forms to prove his claim in the usual way ?

(3.) Is it a fact that one creditor got notice that the meeting was to be held on the 28th of February, instead of the 20th ?

(4.) Why did the Official Assignee cause the meeting in Polson's estate to be held in Grafton instead of Casino or Lismore ?

(5.) Was it at the request of any creditor in the estate that the meeting was held at Grafton ?

Mr. Gould answered,—The Registrar in Bankruptcy reports as follows :—

(1.) The bankrupt, Hugh Polson, was compelled to attend the meeting at Grafton because he obtained credit there and the majority of his creditors resided there or in the immediate neighbourhood. Not one of his creditors resided at Casino.

(2.) The Official Assignee informs me every creditor was furnished with necessary forms to prove.

(3.) The Official Assignee informs me he is not aware of any error.

(4.) The Official Assignee caused the meeting to be held in Grafton because by law he was compelled to. He is bound to fix the meeting at the place most convenient to the majority of the creditors. There were seven creditors, and five resided at or close to Grafton. Creditors put in proofs as follows :—Barnier, near Grafton, £12 19s. ; Daly, near Grafton, £35 ; McGuren, Grafton, £54 18s. 1d. ; Norrie, Grafton, £154 16s. 4d. ; McRae, Coraki, £1 11s. 6d.

(5.) The meeting was held at Grafton in accordance with law, not at the request of any creditor.

(27.) Money expended by Government during recent Floods :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The amount of money, if any, that has been expended out of the Advance Account or otherwise, pending the sanction of Parliament, to make good the damages that have arisen through recent floods in the months of December, January, and February, and where has the money been spent ?

Mr. Young answered,—No money has been expended out of the Advance Account for flood repairs, but Parliament will probably be asked to grant a special sum of money under this head.

(28.) Chief Engineer for Existing Railways :—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has Mr. Foxlee, Chief Engineer for Existing Railways, resigned his position ?

(2.) If so, has his successor been appointed ?

(3.) The name of the gentleman appointed in his place ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) No.

(29.) Conditional Purchasers of Crown Lands :—Mr. Austin Chapman asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The number of conditional purchases forfeited during the year 1894 for non-payment of instalments and interest ?

(2.) The total area of same ?

(3.) The amount of money now overdue to the Crown for interest and instalments ?

(4.) The number of applicants for extension of time during 1895 to pay interest due on their conditional purchases ?

(5.) The amount of money owing by these applicants ?

(6.) The area for which extension of time has been granted ?

(7.) Is it a fact that owing to the low prices of stock and produce, and the scarcity of employment, many of the selectors are unable to meet their interest payments ?

(8.) Will he take steps immediately to prevent forfeiture of the land of those who are unable to meet their interest payments ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The information desired will be furnished if the Honorable Member will move for it in the form of a return.

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- (30.) Interest on overdue Rentals for Crown Lands:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have any overdue rentals from pastoral tenants or selectors within the Land District of Deniliquin been received by the Land Agents without payment of interest?
  - (2.) If so, the amounts, and from whom received?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—The information will be furnished if the Honorable Member will move for it in the shape of a return in the usual way.
- (31.) Use of Gags in Gaols:—*Mr. Slcath* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that gags are being used on prisoners undergoing sentences in the different gaols of the Colony?
  - (2.) If so, will he give immediate instructions to have this practice discontinued?
- Mr. Gould* answered,—The reintroduction of the use of the gag for the purpose of compelling prisoners to cease from shouting or making use of blasphemous, filthy, mutinous, or disorderly language was approved by the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice of the late Administration, and was formally approved by Executive Minute of that Government. Since the form of gag has been approved its use has not been found necessary, nor is it intended to use it except when the conduct of prisoners renders such use necessary. I may further add it is my intention to lay the papers with reference to the introduction of the gag on the Table of the House. I think Honorable Members will be satisfied that the determination come to by the late Administration was a wise one.
- (32.) Railway Trial Surveys:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The number of railway trial surveys that have been authorised by the present Government or Minister for Works; the cost of the same; and where were such trial surveys made?
- Mr. Young* answered,—Four trial surveys have been authorised as under:—Forbes to Condobolin; Parkes to Condobolin (revision of survey); Moree to Inverell; Goulburn to Crookwell (revision of survey). The cost to date has been £1,107 5s. 1d.
- (33.) Importation of Produce into Sydney:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Sydney produce market has of late been completely glutted, owing to the large amount of imported produce coming in from Victoria and South Australia?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that owing to the market being so completely glutted by the importation of foreign produce the Railway Commissioners have lately had to issue an order not to receive any more farm produce at the Redfern station from the western farmers?
  - (3.) What does the Government intend to do to put a stop to so serious a drawback and injury to the western farmers in New South Wales, and to prevent a recurrence of the same?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware.
  - (2.) The order given by the railway officers to hold back for a few days consignments of produce intended to be forwarded by rail had nothing to do with the importation of produce from the other colonies. It was due to the accumulation of loaded trucks, there being nearly 500 standing under load at one time.
  - (3.) Will be considered.
- (34.) Government Funds in Sydney Banks:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the amount to the credit of the Government—fixed deposits or otherwise—in the various banks in Sydney?
  - (2.) The name of each bank and the amount in such bank?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table in the shape of a return.
- (35.) Darling Harbour Meat-markets:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have leased the premises known as Darling Harbour Meat-markets?
  - (2.) If so, who are the lessees, and what rent is paid per year?
  - (3.) For what term is the lease?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Messrs. J. H. Geddes, Birt, & Co.; rental, £1,760, subject to rebate of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per head for sheep, and 6d. per head for cattle carried by rail to the market, but minimum rental to be not less than £1,510 per annum.
  - (3.) Fifteen years.
- (36.) Oyster Leases on the Hunter:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Dick*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that all the oyster leases on the Hunter are held by two men?
  - (2.) How much do they now owe the Government for rent?
  - (3.) Will he take such action as will enable *bonâ fide* fishermen to take up leases?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—
- (1.) There is now only one lessee of foreshore for oyster culture in the Hunter River. There were three lessees, but they have transferred their rights to the present lessee.
  - (2.) There is no rent owing.
  - (3.) It is still open for any persons to apply for leases of the land that is not already taken up under the provisions of the Oyster Fisheries Act, 1884.
- (37.) Graving Dock at Newcastle:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Dick*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) In the proposed plan for the improvement of Newcastle Harbour, has any provision been made for a graving dock?
  - (2.) In view of the fact that such a dock is urgently needed, will he call for a report as to its probable cost, and the probable revenue to be derived from it?
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Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The matter referred to by the Honorable Member will be considered, but I cannot come to any decision thereon at present.

(38.) Wages of Men receiving Rations from the Labour Bureau:—Mr. Schey asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that instructions have been issued that all men receiving rations from the Government Labour Bureau are to do one day's roadwork for each 3s. worth of rations received?
- (2.) Has he observed that the effect of such order (if any) is that the Government of the country is leading the way in making a reduction of wages to a rate below any recognised rate paid by any private employer?
- (3.) Has it not always been understood that governmental rates of wages shall follow rather than lead any alteration in wage rates as paid by private firms?
- (4.) Will he reconsider the said order, if really issued, and fix a rate at all events not lower than the minimum rate of wages enforced on contractors by his colleague, the Minister for Works?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) The question of relief works is now receiving consideration.
- (2, 3, and 4.) Answered by No. 1.

(39.) Bayview Asylum:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Moore, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Bayview Asylum Commission sent into the Government a progress report recommending the removal of all the Government patients from Bayview Asylum?
- (2.) Has the Government acted on this report and removed the patients?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The patients were, however, removed on the 31st December last.

(40.) Correspondence between Sir Robert Duff and Sir George Dibbs:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of copies of the correspondence between Sir Robert Duff and Sir George Dibbs have been printed at the Government Printing Office?
- (2.) The cost of the same, and to whom are they charged?
- (3.) Has he any objection to lay a copy of this correspondence (printed or otherwise) upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £3 1s. 6d. Charged to the Department of His Excellency the Governor.
- (3.) I hope to be able to lay the correspondence respecting the nomination of certain gentlemen to the Upper House by Sir George Dibbs upon the Table, on the return of His Excellency the Governor, who, as the Honorable Member is aware, is detained in Hobart owing to an attack of illness.

2. RESUMPTION OF LAND, WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY:—Mr. James Morgan, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 29th November, 1894, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery of New South Wales for the year 1894.  
Ordered to be printed.

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Four o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1895.

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

POSTPONEMENTS:—Mr. Reid moved, without Notice, That the Orders of the Day of Government Business, and the Orders of the Day and Notices of Motions Nos. 1 and 2 of General Business be postponed to follow after Notice of Motion No. 3, standing in the name of Sir George Dibbs. Question put and passed.

2. VOTE OF CENSURE:—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the administration of the affairs of the country by the present "Government" does not meet with the approval of this House.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Crick called attention to Standing Order No. 70, which provides "That the front Bench on the right hand of the Chair shall be reserved for Members holding "office under the Crown," and asked whether it was in order for the Honorable Member for Wickham (Mr. Pegan) to occupy a seat on that Bench.

Mr. Speaker explained the origin of the rule in the House of Commons, and said that, although it was considered convenient to retain the rule in our code, he should not consider it his duty to strictly enforce it unless objection were taken to the presence of Members on that Bench by Ministers themselves.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "Government" of the words "and more especially their treatment of the unemployed, and their offer to increase the salary of the Chief Commissioner for Railways, and give him liberal allowances for a ten months' trip to Europe."

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

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Reid, at one minute after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.



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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 MARCH, 1895.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.  
INTEREST ON CONDITIONAL PURCHASES:—Mr. Wilkinson presented a Petition from certain residents of the Town and District of Jindera, representing that, owing to the failure of their crops and the loss of their stock in large numbers by disease, they are unable to pay this year's interest on their selections, and praying the House to take such legislative action as will allow of the remission of this year's interest on the unpaid balance due on conditional purchases.  
Petition received.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan*):—Mr. Ewing, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the proposed railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Lee, moved, pursuant to Notice, That William McCourt, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the remainder of the present Session.  
Question put and passed.
4. FOREST RANGER A. E. STOPFORD (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Tonkin, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, and correspondence between the Forestry Department and Forest Ranger A. E. Stopford from September, 1894, to the present date.  
Question put and passed.
5. VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir George Dibbs,—  
“ (1.) That the administration of the affairs of the country by the present ‘Government’ does not meet with the approval of this House.  
“ (2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”  
Upon which Mr. O’Sullivan had moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word “Government” of the words “and more especially their treatment of the unemployed, and their offer to increase the salary of the Chief Commissioner for Railways, and give him liberal allowances for a ten months’ trip to Europe”—  
And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Debate continued.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 24.  
 Mr. James Morgan,  
 Mr. See,  
 Dr. Ross,  
 Mr. Perry,  
 Mr. Donnelly,  
 Mr. Schey,  
 Mr. O'Sullivan,  
 Mr. Lyne,  
 Mr. Rose,  
 Mr. McFarlane,  
 Mr. Miller,  
 Mr. Wood,  
 Mr. Barnes,  
 Mr. Travers Jones,  
 Mr. Stevenson,  
 Mr. Price,  
 Mr. Pyers,  
 Mr. Crick,  
 Mr. Kidd,  
 Mr. FitzGerald,  
 Mr. Carroll,  
 Mr. F. Clarke.

Tellers,

Mr. Austin Chapman,  
 Mr. Hawthorne.

Noes, 70.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Macdonald,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Newman,	Dr. Hollis,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Tellers,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. McGowen.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question put.

"(1.) That the administration of the affairs of the country by the present 'Government' does not meet with the approval of this House.

"(2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. James Morgan,  
 Mr. See,  
 Dr. Ross,  
 Mr. Perry,  
 Sir George Dibbs,  
 Mr. Donnelly,  
 Mr. O'Sullivan,  
 Mr. Lyne,  
 Mr. Austin Chapman,  
 Mr. F. Clarke,  
 Mr. Carroll,  
 Mr. FitzGerald,  
 Mr. Kidd,  
 Mr. Pyers,  
 Mr. Mackay,  
 Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
 Mr. McFarlane,  
 Mr. Hogan,  
 Mr. Kelly,  
 Mr. Miller,  
 Mr. Stevenson,  
 Mr. Travers Jones,  
 Mr. Barnes,  
 Mr. Wood,  
 Mr. Gormly.

Tellers,

Mr. Rose,  
 Mr. Ewing.

Noes, 66.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Shipway,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Afleck,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Henry Chapman,	
Mr. Ferguson,	Tellers,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Whiddon.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-three minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
 Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Engagement of Mr. Lewis Sampson at Chicago Exposition:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was Mr. Lewis Sampson engaged by the Executive Commissioner of Chicago Exhibition Commission to assist Mr. Hudson, the superintendent at such Exhibition?

(2.) What was the date of his engagement, and were the terms thereof reduced to writing and signed by the parties?

(3.) In whose custody is such agreement, and will he direct that a copy of such agreement be furnished to Mr. Sampson?

Mr. Brunner answered,—A general engagement was made by the Executive Commissioner, but it was afterwards annulled by the Royal Commission. I understand that no written agreement was made by the Executive Commissioner.

(2.) Payment of Deposits and Interest by Conditional Purchasers:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the distress which is alleged to exist among the free selectors, and the reputed impossibility of many of their number being able to pay their deposits and interest by the 31st March, will he give a month's grace in the matter, so that the selectors may be enabled to keep their engagements?*Mr. Garrard* answered,—The law does not provide for this concession, but any case of hardship will be dealt with on its merits.(3.) Tenders for Delivery of Wool from Darling Harbour and Redfern Stations:—*Mr. Hogue* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the specification in connection with the tenders for the delivery of wool and other goods from Darling Harbour Railway Station from 1st day of April, 1895, to 31st day of March, 1896?

(2.) The names and addresses of tenderers, and prices of all tenders received by the New South Wales Railway Commissioners for this contract?

(3.) The names and addresses of the successful tenderers, stating whether their tender was the lowest one received?

(4.) Is it customary for the Railway Commissioners to accept the lowest tender, provided such tenderer complies with the specification, and forwards the necessary deposit and bond with the tender?

(5.) Did the lowest tenderer comply with the specification, and forward the necessary deposit in this instance?

(6.) Is it a fact that the successful tenderers amended their offer, on or after the 25th day of February, 1895?

(7.) Is it a fact that all tenders for the delivery of wool and other goods from Darling Harbour have been for a longer term than twelve months?

(8.) In how many instances have the present contractors had the contract for the delivery of wool and other goods from Darling Harbour and Redfern Railway Stations transferred to them, they at the same time being unsuccessful tenderers?

(9.) In what manner did the contractors receive the contracts from 1888 to 1892, and from 1892 to 1895?

Mr. Reid answered,—The answer to this Question is of such length that I propose presently to lay it upon the Table in the shape of a return.

(4.)

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(4.) Remuneration to Clergymen for attending Goals and Lunatic Asylums:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) On preparing the estimates for 1895–1896, will he so revise them, by way of retrenchment, as to exclude all sums (as previously granted) being remuneration to clergymen of two denominations for attending gaols and lunatic asylums?

(2.) If the vote is retained, will he include and pay the clergymen of the four denominations usually recognised by the State, viz., Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, and Wesleyans?

(3.) If he is against increasing the amount, will he take steps to cause the sum voted to be divided amongst the four denominations above named?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) One of the objects aimed at by the imprisonment of offenders against the law is their reformation, and to accomplish this the employment of regular gaol chaplains at the principal gaols is considered desirable. The Department of Justice is in no way concerned with the appointment of chaplains to lunatic asylums.

(2 and 3.) The appointment of chaplains to minister to the spiritual needs of prisoners of the various denominations is governed by the numbers of such prisoners. The majority of prisoners belong either to the Roman Catholic Church or to the Church of England, and only chaplains attached to those churches are appointed to gaols other than those at Darlinghurst, Parramatta, Bathurst, and Goulburn. In the gaols of lesser importance, Presbyterian and Wesleyan prisoners generally attend the Church of England services, their numbers being too small to warrant the appointment of paid chaplains to attend to them. There does not appear to be any reason why existing arrangements, which have given every satisfaction, should be disturbed.

(5.) Penny Postage System:—Mr. Affleck asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) By what rules is the penny postage system extended to the various towns that enjoy it?

(2.) How many miles are the offices to which the said rule is extended from each other, giving the greatest distance from any one office?

(3.) Is it his intention to extend the privilege generally; if not, will he make all alike?

(4.) In virtue of which post-office do Preston and Ingleburn get the extension of the penny-post privilege, and what is the distance of both from the office by virtue of which they get the privilege?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) The rule introduced by my predecessor in July, 1892, required that, in order to entitle a district to the town rate of postage, the post offices within a radius of 13 miles of the principal office should produce a postal and telegraph revenue, from all sources, of not less than £2,500 a year. Prior to this, however, the penny postage system was in operation in Sydney and suburbs within the same radius as Parramatta (about 13 miles); in Newcastle and suburbs, within a radius of 12 miles; and in Moss Vale, and places within a distance of 10 miles; also between post offices in the same municipality; and between a few other populous places contiguous to each other, such as East and West Maitland and Morpeth. In September, 1892, Liverpool, 16 miles distant from Sydney, was included in the Metropolitan penny postage area, and subsequently a few places (including Preston's and Ingleburn) in the immediate neighbourhood of Liverpool were also granted the concession.

(2.) In the 13-mile radius districts the extreme distance between any two offices does not exceed 26 miles. The greatest distance, namely, from the north-east to the south-west boundary of the Metropolitan District, is about 31 miles.

(3.) I am not disposed to agree to any further extension of the penny postage system in the present state of the public revenue.

(4.) Liverpool, from which Preston's is distant 4, and Ingleburn 6 miles.

(6.) Chief Commissioner of Railways—Free Passes:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What length of time has the Chief Railway Commissioner been absent from the Colony during his tenure of office?

(2.) Did Messrs. Fehon and Oliver manage the railways during such absence without the assistance of additional appointees?

(3.) If so, were any complaints formulated against their management?

(4.) How long does the Chief Railway Commissioner propose to be absent from the Colony in his contemplated trip to Europe?

(5.) Will Messrs. Fehon and Oliver again have the sole management during his absence?

(6.) Has the Chief Railway Commissioner power to issue free passes over our railways?

(7.) If so, what section of the Railway Act gives him this power?

(8.) Is it to become an established custom to issue free passes to Members' wives and their relations?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Three weeks in 1890; four weeks in February and March, 1891; three and a half months in August—December, 1891; twelve days in 1893. There were several other small absences when the Chief Commissioner was absent on service which are not noted.

(2.) No additional Commissioner was appointed during Mr. Eddy's absence.

(3.) No.

(4.) Nine or ten months.

(5.) Mr. Oliver has been appointed Deputy Chief Commissioner, and, with Mr. Fehon, will conduct the business. Should any important matter arise calling for such action, the Chief Commissioner will be consulted.

(6 and 7.) The Railway Act gives the Commissioners power to issue free passes under certain conditions.

(8.) No.



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(7.) Reappointment of Chief Commissioner of Railways :—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did he have any conversation with *Mr. Eddy*, in reference to that gentleman representing New South Wales at the Railway Congress, prior to writing the letter which is the basis of the re-engagement of *Mr. Eddy*?

(2.) Whose suggestion was it that *Mr. Eddy* should represent this Colony at the said Railway Congress?

(3.) Whose suggestion was it that *Mr. Eddy* should have a liberal allowance for travelling expenses?

(4.) What sum does he consider the "liberal allowance" shall not exceed?

(5.) Is it intended that the terms of the re-engagement shall be entered upon before the Railway Act is amended?

(6.) What leave of absence has *Mr. Eddy* had since he entered on his duties, and what was the amount of salary drawn by him during such leave?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) Yes, some months before, upon formal recommendation made by the Commissioners that the Colony should be represented in that Congress, and by the Chief Commissioner.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

(3.) This was part of an arrangement with reference to *Mr. Eddy's* claim for an increased amount of salary in respect of the first term of service, as asked by him before he accepted the engagement, and which increase was to be left to the justice of Government and Parliament.

(4.) Actual expenses.

(5.) No.

(6.) See Answers to-day to Questions by the Honorable Member for Argyle, *Mr. Rose*.

(8.) Common at Barrack Creek, near Bingara :—*Mr. Moore* asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the cause of all the delay in dealing with the application by miners and others for a common at Barrack Creek, near Bingara (Papers No. 94-4,873 Misc.)?

*Mr. Garrard* answered,—The case is at present under reference to the Local Land Board for consideration. The Chairman has been asked to expedite action.

(9.) Police-constable Fullalove :—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the conduct of Police-constable Fullalove, who was fined £8 and costs, at Newcastle, early in January, for striking a seaman named Taubman over the mouth with his handcuffs?

(2.) Does Fullalove still retain his position in the Police Force?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—Yes; and I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that the case was investigated, and the constable was discharged from the service on the 7th of January.

(10.) Exportation of Cheese to England :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government are about to send to England, per the "Thermopylae," five cases of cheese, the number of cheeses in each case, and for what purpose?

(2.) Where and by whom was such cheese manufactured, and at what cost?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

(1.) Five cases of cheese (each containing two cheeses), per s.s. "Thermopylae," to London, 22nd February, and consigned to Agent-General, for purposes of sale, and obtaining more exact information as to the requirements of various British markets.

(2.) At the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, by the students, under the supervision of the Dairy Instructor. It is believed the cheese will realise a price that will cover cost.

(11.) Deleterious Liquors passing through the Custom House :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he see that steps are taken to have all alleged deleterious liquors passing through the Custom House duly tested and reported on before allowing such liquors to go into general consumption?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—All imported spirit is tested at the Custom House. Samples of liquor found to be deleterious are sent to the Government Analyst for report. Liquor declared to be unfit for human consumption is not delivered from bond for home use.

(12.) Printing of School Books :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he see that steps are taken to have all school-books and copies printed in the Colony in place of importing them?

*Mr. Garrard* answered,—This matter will receive consideration when the next tenders for school materials are invited.

(13.) Railway Expenditure :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount of money that has been expended by the present Railway Commissioners (since they took office) out of Loan Votes or otherwise for railway purposes, specifying the nature of such work, and the amount expended in each case respectively?

(2.) The amount of money that has been expended for law expenses, inquiries, and commissions?

(3.) The amount of money that has been paid away in the shape of bonuses or as compensation for accidents that have occurred on our railways and tram-lines during the same period; and also the amount of money involved in all cases now pending settlement?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—So far as the Question refers to the amounts already expended, information should be moved for in the form of a return; but as regards liabilities outstanding in connection with compensation for personal injuries received, it will be obvious it is not desirable at present to give details.

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- (14.) Members of Prospecting Board :—Mr. Pyers asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he state whether it is the intention of the Government to put some practical men on the Prospecting Board, and alter the system altogether, as it is at present not conducive to the interests of the people of this Colony ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—There are practical men on the Prospecting Board. It has not been shown that the present system is not conducive to the interests of the people of this Colony.

- (15.) Issue of Platform Tickets, on Northern Railway:—Mr. FitzGerald asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The number of railway stations on the Northern Line upon which the platform ticket system is enforced ?
- (2.) The names of such stations ?
- (3.) The names of stations upon which the regulation is not in use ?
- (4.) The reason (if any) for the distinction made ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Four.
- (2.) Singleton, Muswellbrook (except for down mail train), Quirindi, and Tamworth.
- (3.) All other stations on the Northern line.
- (4.) As a large number of people, other than persons having business at the station, used to congregate on the platform at these stations on arrival of trains, interfering, not only with the staff in the performance of their duties, but preventing the proper collection of tickets, the system of platform tickets was adopted, so as to allow of the transaction of the necessary railway business.

- (16.) Shea's Creek Reclamation Works :—Mr. Cann, for Mr. Cameron, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the total amount already expended on the reclamation works at Shea's Creek ?
- (2.) What is the estimated total cost of the work when completed ?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Cook's River reclamation, £101,956 18s. 10d. ; Shea's Creek reclamation, £68,463 9s. 10d. ; Muddy Creek reclamation, £3,860 16s. 6d.—total, £174,281 5s. 2d.
- (2.) The Shea's Creek canal to Buckland-street would take about five years to complete if steadily proceeded with. The total cost of these works, including the Cook's River and Muddy Creek reclamations and exclusive of land resumptions, is estimated at £402,000. In this sum the amount already expended is included.

- (17.) Glebe Island—Reclamation at Roselle Bay—Long Cove Canal:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When is he likely to proceed with the cutting down of Glebe Island ?
- (2.) When is he likely to start with the reclamation of Roselle Bay at the mouth of White's Creek ?
- (3.) Will he give instructions for the extension of the present Long Cove Canal from Marion-street to Battle Bridge on the Parramatta Road ?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) This work must first be dealt with by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and I am having the necessary particulars prepared with the view of determining whether the question shall be referred to that body.
- (2.) At the present moment there are no funds available to which the cost of the necessary reclamation of the land can be charged, but the matter will be dealt with at an early date.
- (3.) I will have inquiries made as early as possible as to the necessity for this work and its probable cost.

- (18.) Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the contractor's original contract for the Canterbury Railway (not the engineer's estimate) ?
- (2.) What is the contractor's claim now that it is complete ?
- (3.) What is the length of overtime ?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) The contract with Messrs. Proudfoot & Fletcher, which is only for part of the work, amounted to £70,941.
- (2.) No claim has yet been sent in by the contractors.
- (3.) The original contract time expired on 14th January, 1894 ; but for reasons which have already been explained the line was not opened till the 1st of February, 1895.

- (19.) Board of Examiners at Stock Inspectors' Qualifying Examination:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What were the names of the Board of Examiners at the last Stock Inspectors' Qualifying Examination, and who appointed them ?
- (2.) Has any member of the Board of Examiners ever undergone or passed any examination to entitle them to undertake such duties ?
- (3.) Under what rules are such examinations carried out ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Messrs. J. de V. Lamb, Alexander Bruce, and F. W. Melhuish, M.R.C.V.S. The two first-named gentlemen are appointed by virtue of their office under the regulations of 6th February, 1888, issued under the Diseases in Sheep Acts. Mr. Melhuish was appointed on the recommendation of the Board of Health, in consequence of the illness of the Government Veterinarian, Mr. E. Stanley, F.R.C.V.S.
- (2.) Yes ; Mr. Melhuish holds the diploma of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, London.
- (3.) Under the rules as published in the *Government Gazette* of 16th February, 1891.

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(20.) East Carlingford Post-office:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Postmaster-General,—What number of letters has been received and what number despatched from East Carlingford Post-office during January, 1895?

Mr. Cook answered,—Postmasters are not required to keep a record of the number of letters received and despatched during every month of the year. From the latest return it appears that the number of letters despatched from East Carlingford during November last was 660. The average number received there daily is about twenty-four.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Copies of *Gazette* notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Abstract of sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Contract for supply of 20,000 tons of Cast-iron Pipes and Special Castings.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of Willoughby.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 18th December, 1894—"Rookwood Municipal Council."

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Copy of Minutes of Proceedings of Conference of Premiers held at Hobart in January-February, 1895.
  - (2.) List of Tenderers, showing amount of each Contract for the Conveyance of Wool and other goods from Darling Harbour and Redfern Railway Stations.
- Ordered to be printed.

## 3. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

*By Deputation from the Governor.*

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

*Message No. 47.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend section 10 of the "Government Railways Act of 1888," so far as that section relates to the salary of the Chief Commissioner, and to repeal in part the "Government Railways Act Amendment Act."

*Government House,  
Sydney, 6th March, 1895.*

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

4. COMMONS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Hayes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Commons Acts of 1873 and 1886."  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Hayes then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Commons Acts, 1873-1886*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Parkes to Condobolin*):—

Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider, and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Parkes to Condobolin.  
Question put and passed.

## 6. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

## 7. DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated sixth March, 1895, and signed, by deputation from His Excellency, by the Lieutenant-Governor, empowering William McCourt,

6th March, 1895.

McCourt, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law,—which Commission, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Acting Clerk, as follows:—

“ *By His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, a Member of Her Majesty’s Most Honorable Privy Council, a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.* ”

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,— ”

“ *Greeting:* ”

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorise WILLIAM MCCOURT, 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 sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and in the fifty-eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. ”

“ *By Deputation from His Excellency.* ”

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

“ *By His Excellency’s Command,*  
“ JAMES N. BRUNKER. ”

8. ARMIDALE WATER SUPPLY WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

9. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the “Mining on Private Lands Act, 1894,” and for other purposes in connection therewith.

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

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

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the “Mining on Private Lands Act, 1894,” and for other purposes in connection therewith.

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

10. IMPORTED STOCK ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the “Imported Stock Act of 1871” and the “Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884,” and for other purposes in connection therewith.

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

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

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the “Imported Stock Act of 1871” and the “Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884,” and for other purposes in connection therewith.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Bruncker, at Eleven o’clock, until To-morrow at Three o’clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 MARCH, 1895.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Acting Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) House owned by Government at Swansea, Lake Macquarie :—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Government a house at Swansea, Lake Macquarie, which they rent to visitors ?

(2.) If so, who has the letting of such house, and what is the rent charged ?

Mr. Young answered,—If the Honorable Member refers to the cottage at Lake Macquarie, which used to be occupied by the Weigh Clerk when the harbour works were in progress there, I have to inform him that the following telegram has been this day received from the Supervising Engineer of the district on the matter :—“ Weigh Clerk's cottage at Swansea is occupied by Bracy, mate of “ one of the dredges, on condition that he keeps it in order. The kitchen of Resident Engineer's “ cottage is occupied by Mrs. Train, a widow, on condition that she keeps the house in order. “ There is some furniture of mine in the house ; it has never been rented to any person.”

(2.) Solitary Creek Bridge, Rydal :—Mr. Kirkpatrick, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House the full report given to the Crown Solicitor in reference to the repairs necessary to the Solitary Creek Bridge at Rydal ; has it been decided not to carry out the repairs to such bridge, on the grounds that it is private property, or upon an unused road ?

Mr. Young answered,—I have no objection to lay the paper referred to upon the Table of the House, but I do not think it is of sufficient public importance to justify the expense of printing it. The Honorable Member will be able to judge from the papers why it has been decided not to carry out repairs to this road.

(3.) Training System of Public School Teachers :—Mr. Fegan, for Dr. Graham, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the number of pupil-teachers in the Public Schools who finished their term of pupil-teachership last year ?

(2.) Did they all submit themselves for examination with a view of entering the Training College ?

(3.) Does he regard the instruction given at the Training College as an essential part in the education of a school teacher ?

(4.) Is it true that only those pupil-teachers who gain scholarships can enter the Training College, and has the number of such scholarships been fixed at twenty-five ?

(5.) Is it the case that many of those who did not receive scholarships were officially informed that they had passed a satisfactory examination, but not having got a scholarship they could not enter the Training College ?

(6.) Is it a fact that those who are not allowed to enter the Training College are drafted off to country schools, and allowed to get their experience as best they can ?

(7.) Is he satisfied to allow such a system to prevail which may result in preventing the great majority of young men and women, who serve with credit their full term of pupil-teachership, from ever enjoying the advantages of being properly trained as school teachers, and is the present method of reserving for a few the advantages and prestige of training calculated to develop the training system of our public school teachers, or to make clear the position of the teachers as a whole ?

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Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) 241.
- (2.) Not all, with the object of entering the Training College, but all were examined to enable them to complete their four years' term of apprenticeship.
- (3.) No; not essential, but very valuable.
- (4.) Yes; fifty scholarships are granted, twenty-five to men and twenty-five to women. Under certain conditions, and on payment of the expense of training, other pupil-teachers who have completed their apprenticeship are admitted.
- (5.) All who passed their final examination as pupil-teachers were so informed whether they obtained scholarships or not.
- (6.) Yes; gradually, as opportunities arise; but they have gained their professional experience as pupil-teachers.
- (7.) Yes. It is impossible and unnecessary to put the country to the expense of passing the whole of the pupil-teachers through the Training Colleges. The privilege of entering the Training College is reserved for those pupil-teachers who show the greatest efficiency at the termination of their apprenticeship.

(4.) Cases heard before the Land Court:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many cases were heard before the Land Court last year?
- (2.) How many cases were heard before the Land Court during the months of January and February last?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) 647 cases.
- (2.) 64 cases.

(5.) Land resumed for Court-house at Minmi:—Mr. Watkins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did the Government resume from Messrs. James and Alex. Brown a portion of land, for a Court-house, situated at Minmi?
- (2.) Was any money paid to the said James and Alexander Brown for such resumption?
- (3.) What title, if any, had the said James and Alexander Brown to such land?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following replies have been furnished by the Department of Public Works:—

- (1.) A portion of land was resumed from Messrs. James and Alex. Brown for a lock-up at Minmi.
- (2 and 3.) No payment has yet been made. The title has not yet been reported upon. The matter is in the hands of the Crown Solicitor.

(6.) Alleged Evasion of the Beer Duty Act:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Why have not the papers connected with the alleged defrauding of the Customs by Tooth's Brewery been laid upon the Table of the House, as promised by him four months ago?
- (2.) Is it a fact that such papers have been returned to his Department from the Crown Solicitor's Office upwards of one month ago?
- (3.) Will he immediately lay such papers upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) The opinion which was asked for has not yet been furnished by the Crown Solicitor.
- (2 and 3.) No; they were borrowed from the Crown Solicitor on 26th February last to see how the matter stood, and they have been returned with a request for as speedy a decision as possible, in order that the papers may be laid upon the Table without further delay.

(7.) Hours of Duty of Drivers, Guards, and Firemen:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Wilkinson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners issued instructions that drivers, guards, and firemen engaged in the working of trains shall not be more than twelve hours continuously on duty?
- (2.) Have these instructions been strictly carried out?
- (3.) What districts (if any) have failed to observe such instructions?

Mr. Reid answered,—The matter referred to is really one of the details of the administration of the Railway Department; but I am informed that it is a strict instruction that the hours engaged shall not exceed twelve in any one day, or that men should resume duty without a proper interval of rest. It is impossible, however, in the working of a large railway concern, to avoid instances, owing to engine failures, unexpected delays, &c., where the hours of duty exceed twelve, but every case is reported and investigated. Such exceptions are not limited to any particular district.

(8.) Passes granted to the Unemployed:—Mr. James Morgan, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Have any passes to Armidale been issued to the unemployed during the last fourteen days; and, if so, how many?
- (2.) Is he aware that a considerable number of local residents of that district are out of employment, and waiting for work?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) In all forty-four persons have been sent to Armidale and district, being forty-two "fossickers," and two to employment obtained.
- (2.) There are numbers of unemployed in most districts of the Colony, but no specially excessive number is reported as being in Armidale.

(9.) Minimum rate of Wage for Unskilled Labour:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Referring to the Minister's speech on Tuesday evening last, in which he stated that he had not fixed a minimum rate of wage at 5s. per day for unskilled labour,—is it not a fact that he authorised for a recent contract at Kenmore that the minimum rate of wages to be paid on such contract for unskilled labour should be 5s. per day?

(2.)

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- (2.) Was he aware at the time that the then minimum for such unskilled labour was 6s. per day?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that for a similar class of labour in the metropolitan area he has provided that the minimum shall be 6s. per day?  
 (4.) If so, why does he make the minimum in the Argyle Electorate 1s. per day less than the rate paid in Sydney?  
 (5.) Has he yet fixed the minimum for the main Kenmore contract?  
 (6.) If so, what is the minimum rate provided?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1 to 4.) In fixing the minimum wage to be paid at Kenmore, I had in view the wages current in that district, which justified me in making them lower than for works in the metropolis.  
 (5 and 6.) No.

- (10.) Exclusion of Asiatic and other Coloured Races:—Mr. Millen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he purpose taking any steps to give effect to the resolution adopted by this House on the 16th October last, in favour of the exclusion of Asiatic and other coloured races from the Colony?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I have to inform the Honorable Member, in reply to his Question, that this matter being one of considerable importance I am obtaining such information as I may consider necessary to enable me to place it before the Cabinet in a definite form.

- (11.) Evasion of postage on Journal named *Liberty*:—Mr. Cann, for Mr. Black, asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it a fact that a cab-load of unstamped copies of a journal named *Liberty* was posted recently at the Paddington Post-office in order to evade the provisions of the Postal Act?

Mr. Cook answered,—I find that several bundles of these papers, estimated to contain 500 copies, addressed to Sydney, were posted at Paddington on Friday last. Had they been posted within the City they would have been liable to postage. Under the existing law there is, unfortunately, nothing to prevent evasions of this kind, and I am informed that a similar practice is frequently adopted by the senders of various newspapers, even at the risk of delay in delivery.

## 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Lord Howe Island.  
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Railway Proposals submitted for the consideration of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.  
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement showing amount at credit of the Government, fixed deposits and otherwise, in the various Banks in Sydney, on 26th February, 1895.  
 (2.) Statement showing expenditure of Treasury Department for the years 1891, 1893, and 1894.  
 (3.) Information respecting Railway Earnings, &c., for the six years ending June, 1888, and for the six years ending June, 1894.  
 Ordered to be printed.

4. ARMIDALE WATER SUPPLY WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Young, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Armidale Water Supply Works Act, 1894.'*"

Question put and *passed*.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Armidale Water Supply Works Act, 1894.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
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## 5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Homestead Protection Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Tuesday next.  
 (2.) Early Closing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the supervision and regulation of shops, and for the limitation of the hours of trading and working therein, and for other purposes;—until Tuesday, 18th June.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Clarence, Mr. McFarlane, a Notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the necessity for taking immediate steps to prevent the destruction of the sugar industry by regulating or prohibiting the importation of bounty-fed Beet-sugar."

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

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

Debate ensued.

*Mr. Speaker entered the House and took the Chair.*

Question put and negatived.

7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Temora to Wyalong*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works having reported on the 28th May, 1894, "That in the opinion of the Committee it is expedient that the decision upon the proposed railway from Temora to Wyalong, as referred

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"to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be deferred for six months," and such period having expired, the question be now again referred to the said Committee for report.  
Debate ensued.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Crick submitted, for Mr. Speaker's ruling, that the motion had not been brought forward in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, and should not be entertained by the House.

Mr. Speaker said he was bound by the ruling of the House in this matter, the House having refused to dissent from a ruling given by his predecessor, so far back as Session 1890, to the effect that the Public Works Act could not be accepted as governing the proceedings, and limiting the powers of this House; it had thus been decided that the proceedings of the House were not curtailed nor limited by the Public Works Act, and he felt bound to abide by that decision.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

8. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day being read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Reid, at eighteen minutes before Seven o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 MARCH, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Letters addressed to Mr. George Adams, "Tattersall's Hotel":—Mr. James Morgan asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) How many letters addressed to Mr. George Adams, of "Tattersall's Hotel," Sydney, have been opened by the postal authorities during the last six months?

(2.) How many of the letters opened contained applications for tickets in sweep consultations?

Mr. Cook answered,—No record is kept of ordinary letters addressed to Mr. George Adams, "Tattersall Hotel," Sydney. It is estimated, however, that about three letters a day are opened in the Dead Letter Office addressed in various ways, such as "Tattersall's," c/o G. Adams, Pitt-street; George Adams, "Tattersall's Hotel"; and Geo. Adams, Pitt-street; say, approximately, 500 in the six months. Of the letters so opened twenty-four were found to contain applications for consultation tickets, while the remainder were, at once, re-enclosed and sent to Mr. Adams.

- (2.) Mr. N. F. Giblin, Official Assignee:—*Mr. Bavister* for Mr. Tonkin asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that Mr. N. F. Giblin, who is holding the position of Official Assignee, still holds the position of legal manager to a certain mining property; and was not this Question answered some twelve months ago, and a reply given that all private business of this kind would have to be given up upon his acceptance of the office of Official Assignee?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—The Registrar in Bankruptcy informs my honorable colleague that Mr. Giblin is only nominally legal manager of the Company referred to. This information was given to the Honorable Member in reply to a Question on 15th March, 1894, but no promise was then made that Mr. Giblin should be called upon to relinquish his connection with the Company.

- (3.) Ex-Judges receiving Pensions:—*Mr. Morgan*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many ex-Judges are there receiving pensions?

(2.) What are their names, amounts of pensions, and periods of service respectively?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—

(1.) Five ex-Judges receive pensions, two having been on the Supreme Court Bench and three District Court Judges.

(2.) Mr. Justice Deffell and Mr. Justice Foster receive £1,820 per annum each, and Judges Dowling, M'Farland, and Wilkinson, £750 per annum each. Mr. Justice Deffell was in the Public Service from 23rd August, 1856, to 9th November, 1889; Mr. Justice Foster served as a Supreme Court Judge from 14th February, 1888, to 18th December, 1894; Judge Dowling's services extended from 1st January, 1851, to 1st August, 1889; Judge M'Farland was in the Service from 30th May, 1861, to 18th December, 1891; and Judge Wilkinson served from 23rd February, 1860, to 1st November, 1893.

- (4.) Armidale Water Supply Works:—*Mr. James Morgan*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the large amount of suitable labour now unemployed in the vicinity of Armidale will he say when tenders will be called for the excavation of the large reservoir in connection with the Armidale Water Supply?

Mr. Young answered,—I hope to be in a position to invite tenders for the reservoir in three weeks.

- (5.) Flood Embankments on the Hunter and Clarence Rivers:—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of money has been expended up to date in making embankments and otherwise protecting the Hunter River from floods?

(2.) How much of the amount expended was contributed by the land-holders interested?

(3.) The same with regard to similar works on the Clarence River?

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Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) £64,417 13s. 5d.

(2.) £8,130.

(3.) £6,536 10s. 8d. Nothing contributed by the land-owners on the Clarence River.

(6.) Road Contracts :—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that complaints are being made of the great inconvenience and delay caused to contractors for small sections of road work—first, in accepting tenders after they are sent in; second, in making final inspection of the work after completion; and lastly, in making payments after the work is passed?

(2.) Will he make inquiries as to the cause of these delays, and take the necessary action to avoid such in future?

Mr. Young answered,—There is no delay in accepting tenders for small contracts, as this, by a new regulation, is done on the spot by the resident engineer without waiting to refer to head office. It must be evident that, owing to the large road districts the road officers control, it is impossible to inspect every work immediately without unduly enlarging the staff, but no unnecessary delay is allowed to take place. Payments are made as quickly as possible after the receipt in head office of the vouchers from the field.

(7.) Tenders for Road Contracts :—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, owing to the keen competition and scarcity of work at present existing, tenders are frequently accepted for small jobs of road-work at such low rates that the contractor is unable to pay the men's wages, and in many instances assigns the contract to the local store-keeper as security for tools and rations supplied, and that exorbitant rates are charged for such?

(2.) Will he introduce a new system into such cases, so that the tender approaching nearest to the Departmental estimate of the work will be accepted, instead of accepting the lowest tender, as at present, and also stipulate for the payment of men's wages promptly and without fail?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that, generally, contracts are taken at such rates that the contractors are unable to pay wages. It is known that contractors give orders for the payment of their money to storekeepers and others, but this Department has no knowledge of the rates charged by them for accommodation.

(2.) It is impracticable to adopt such a system; to do so would open the door to charges of favouritism and undue influence.

(8.) Remedies in Cases of Snake-bites :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the Questions asked by Dr. Ross in the Assembly, on the 1st March and 5th October, 1893, relating to deaths from snake-bite, when is the publication of the chromo-lithographs of the venomous snakes in the Colony, distinguishing the venomous from non-venomous, and promised on that occasion, likely to be ready and available for the use of the public?

(2.) What has been the result of experiments made in regard to the most reliable treatment in cases of snake-bite or poison?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Department of Public Instruction :—

(1.) It is impossible to say; funds are not available for the purpose.

(2.) The experiments are being continued, but no definite result has yet been attained.

(9.) Prison Gags :—Mr. Cawn, for Mr. Sleath, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What material is the gag used in prisons made of?

(2.) How many have been ordered by the Department, and how many are at present in stock?

(3.) Who is the manufacturer, and where are they manufactured?

(4.) Are they patented; and, if so, who is the patentee?

(5.) Has the Government secured the sole right to the use of this particular kind of gag?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) The gag is made of steel, nickel-plated.

(2, 3, 4, and 5.) It does not appear to my honorable colleague that the public interest would be in any way served by giving the information asked for in these Questions, and there are also Departmental reasons, which the Honorable Member will no doubt understand, why this information should not be given.

## 2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Eden, county of Auckland, in connection with the deviation of the road from Eden to Pambula.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 16th October, 1894,—“ Site for “ Boat-shed at Como.”

3. JERILDERIE TO BERRIGAN RAILWAY BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

*By Deputation from His Excellency.*

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 48.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the construction of a line of Railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan.

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

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4. CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Wise, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a central and local organisation of industry and finance, and to provide farmers and others engaged in certain industries connected closely with land with a means of obtaining advances of money at low rates of interest by co-operation in the use of credit, and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
5. SHOALING AT THE MOUTH OF NORTH CREEK, NEAR BALLINA:—Mr. Perry, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 27th November, 1894, together with Appendices.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. USURY LIMITATION BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to limit the charges for interest, bonus, or reward by persons lending money; and to regulate the rights and obligations of parties to bills of sale, assignments, or other securities over personal property, and the applicability thereto of the Acts relating to distresses for rent and bankruptcy; and for the protection of persons making or giving securities for loans.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to limit the charges for interest, bonus, or reward by persons lending money, and to regulate the rights and obligations of parties to bills of sale, assignments, or other securities over personal property, and the applicability thereto of the Acts relating to distresses for rent and bankruptcy; and for the protection of persons making or giving securities for loans.  
On motion of Mr. McFarlane, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. McFarlane then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to limit the charges for interest, bonus, or reward by persons lending money; and to regulate the rights and obligations of parties to bills of sale, assignments, or other securities over personal property, and the applicability thereto of the Acts relating to distresses for rent and the Bankruptcy Act; and for the protection of persons making or giving securities for loans,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 2nd July.
7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (CANDIDATES' DEPOSIT) BILL:—Mr. Crick, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Act 56 Vic. No. 33 so as to provide for a money deposit by candidates and the forfeiture of such deposits in certain cases,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. EIGHT HOURS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
(1.) *Suspension of Sessional Order*:—Mr. Schey moved, without Notice, That it is a case of urgent necessity that the debate on the Eight Hours Bill (Order of the Day No. 2 on the Business Paper No. 57) be continued without interruption by Government business at 7 o'clock.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Dr. Ross,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. F. Clarke,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Buvister,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Thomas,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. McGowan,	Mr. Schey.

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Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. See,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Asleck,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ashton.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Schey then moved, without Notice, That the Sessional Order adopted on the 11th October, 1894, providing that Government business only shall be taken after 7 o'clock p.m. on Tuesdays, be suspended for this day to allow of the consideration and determination of the Eight Hours Bill.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

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(3.) Whereupon Mr. Schey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

Mr. Schey moved "That" the report be *now* adopted.

Mr. Watson moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 4" instead thereof.

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

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup> with a further amendment.

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

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

10. ARMIDALE WATER SUPPLY WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Armidale Water Supply Works Act, 1894,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th March, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Young, at twenty-one minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Employees at Shea's Creek Reclamation Works:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some of the men at Shea's Creek are only employed for one week in every four or five weeks, whilst others are given constant work?

(2.) If so, why is any preference shown, and how many are so favoured?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Yes; this is done in order to employ as many as possible upon these works. For this week 330 labourers are employed on the intermittent system, and there are 2,971 awaiting employment.

(2.) Eighty-three permanent men are at present employed—they consist of drivers of horses, gangers, plate-layers, carpenters, blacksmiths, engine-drivers, and leading hands, who have an intimate knowledge of this work, gained by long experience, and it would be impossible to conduct these works if some men were not regularly kept on who had been specially trained in the particular duties required of them.

- (2.) Mr. Stokes, late Postmaster at South Broken Hill:—Mr. Thomas asked the Postmaster-General,—Has Mr. Stokes, the late Postmaster of South Broken Hill, been dismissed the postal service; if so, why?

Mr. Cook answered,—Yes. Irregularities were discovered in his accounts, and he absconded.

- (3.) Report on Management of Grenfell Hospital:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the report of Dr. Ashburton Thompson in connection with the Grenfell Hospital dispute?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—There will be no objection to lay the report upon the Table if the Honorable Member will move for it in the usual way.

- (4.) Bridge over Little River at Balderodgery:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he yet decided when tenders are likely to be called for the erection of the bridge over the Little River at Balderodgery?

(2.) Will he see that the work is proceeded with before winter sets in, and the contractor bound down to complete the work within the shortest possible period, owing to the dangerous nature of the crossing, especially during winter weather and in flood time?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) The erection of the proposed bridge involves the resumption of some land, and steps are being taken to resume this, after which the work will be proceeded with, to which effect the Honorable Member was informed on the 21st ultimo. The particulars relating to this land have now been received, and action will at once be taken towards a settlement of the deviation, after which tenders will be invited for the bridge.

(2.) Everything possible will be done to expedite the work.

- (5.) Clerical Branch of the Public Works Department:—Mr. Wilks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Committee of Inquiry into the Clerical Branch of the Public Works Department, as appointed by the Minister for Public Works, completed their duties?

(2.) If so, will he lay upon the Table of the House a copy of their report?

Mr. Young answered,—I have appointed the Departmental Board of Reference to inquire into this matter, and although they have met to consider it they have not yet made their report.

(6.)

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(6.) Minimum Rate of Wages and Sub-letting of Government Contracts:—*Mr. Watkins*, for *Mr. Smailes*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have Hudson Bros., Clyde, at present any contracts from the Works Department?
- (2.) If so, was the minute in regard to the minimum wage and sub-contracting inserted?
- (3.) Will he see that such minute is honoured?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

- (1.) Yes, three, viz., the supply, &c., of a crane for Garden Island, the supply of steel pipes for the Hunter River district, and the construction of an elevated tank for the Coonamble water supply.
- (2.) The minimum wage clause is inserted in the contract for the last-named work, but the other contracts were let before the introduction of the clause. The usual clause providing that the work is not to be sub-let or assigned without the consent of the Minister, is included in the conditions of each contract.
- (3.) Yes, if any breach of the regulations be brought under my attention. The conditions of the contract provide that if any case against the contractors be proved to the satisfaction of the Minister, he has full power to cancel the contract.

(7.) Land resumed for Hunter River Waterworks:—*Mr. Watkins* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was any land resumed from Messrs. James and Alexander Brown in connection with the construction of the Hunter River Waterworks?
- (2.) If so, what was the area of the land, and what amount of money was paid by the Crown for such?
- (3.) What title (if any) had the said James and Alexander Brown to the said land?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The sum of £300 was paid for 1 acre 1 rood and 1 perch, but no amount has yet been paid for a second resumption of 8½ perches.
- (3.) Freehold, vested in James and Alexander Brown, beneficiaries under Alexander Brown's will at date of resumption.

(8.) Appointments in the Forest Branch:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for *Mr. Tonkin*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) For what reasons were the services of *Mr. Forester Stopford* recently dispensed with?
- (2.) When was he appointed; what was his salary; was he an efficient officer; and during the term of his office was he ever reprimanded for misconduct?
- (3.) Is it a fact that shortly before his notice of dismissal, *Mr. Forester Stopford*, in the usual course of his duty, had occasion to take legal proceedings against two men in the employ of *Mr. T. R. Smith*, and that the evening before the cases were to be heard at the Pounrith Police Court he received instructions from the Mines Department to stay proceedings?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the services of gentlemen, appointed since *Mr. Stopford*, have been retained?
- (5.) When was *Mr. Forester John Smith* appointed, and what is his salary?
- (6.) Is it a fact that this officer has several times been reprimanded for misconduct, and on one occasion was recommended for dismissal?
- (7.) When recently retrenching in the Forest Branch were this gentleman's services retained?
- (8.) When was *Mr. Forester Brunker* appointed, and what is his salary?
- (9.) Is it a fact that this officer has, on several occasions, been reprimanded for misconduct?
- (10.) When recently retrenching in the Forest Branch were this gentleman's services retained?
- (11.) When was *Mr. Forester Cobcroft* appointed, and what is his salary?
- (12.) Is it a fact that this gentleman is over 70 years of age, and his retirement was recommended some years since on the ground that he was physically unfit for the position, and was his retirement gazetted?
- (13.) When recently retrenching in the Forest Branch were this gentleman's services retained?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

- (1.) Because the work in the district does not justify the retention of the services of a forester, and the retrenchment of *Mr. Stopford* was recommended by the Head of the Department on this ground alone.
- (2.) (a) 17th January, 1891; (b) £209; (c) fairly efficient; (d) not reprimanded.
- (3.) No. Such proceedings were taken and were for hearing on the 30th November, 1894, and he was instructed on the 29th of that month to stay proceedings as soon as it was found that the Lands Department was proceeding in a higher Court. I fail to see what connection there can be between this case and *Mr. Stopford's* retirement from the Service, papers never having been brought under my notice until a few days since. The Honorable Member has already been informed that the proceedings were stayed on the advice of the Crown Solicitor by the Lands Department. *Mr. Stopford's* services were dispensed with on the recommendation of the proper officer, which recommendation was made without consulting me, because there was not sufficient work in the district to keep a forester employed.
- (4.) Yes; but only two foresters, who are in charge of districts where their services are needed at present.
- (5.) (a) 3rd January, 1891; (b) £204 10s.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) Yes.
- (8.) (a) *Mr. Brunker* was appointed assistant forester 1st July, 1883; (b) £160.
- (9.) No complaint has been made or reprimand given since I have been in office.
- (10.) Yes.
- (11.) (a) 1st July, 1883; (b) £209.
- (12.) Yes; but I am informed that he is quite able to perform his duties. Retirement gazetted 19th December, 1890, and reappointed 8th July, 1891.
- (13.) Yes.

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2. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—The following Petitions, from certain inhabitants of the Colony of New South Wales, detailing a number of reasons against the imposition of a land and income tax, and praying the House not to pass the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill into law, were presented by the Members named,—  
 (1.) By Mr. Miller.  
 (2.) By Mr. Russell Jones.  
 Petitions received.
3. PAPERS:—  
 Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Hillston Free Public Library.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Report of the Commissioners of Fisheries for the year 1893.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Gunnedah.
4. BATHURST COMMON:—Mr. Crick presented a Petition from residents of Bathurst and persons entitled to the use and enjoyment of the Bathurst Common, praying the House to refuse to sanction the resumption by the Government of portion of the Bathurst Common for the purposes of a model farm.  
 Petition received.
5. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT OF DANIEL HAYES OF DUBBO (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. James Morgan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order,—“Cancellation of Contract of Daniel “Hayes of Dubbo,” laid upon the Table on 26th February, 1895, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.
6. FIERY CROSS MINE, BARMEDMAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. James Morgan, for Mr. Copeland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all correspondence, reports, evidence, and other documents in connection with the complaints made and inquiries held, also departmental action thereon, with reference to the non-working of the Fiery Cross Mine, Barmedman.  
 Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Majority Vote Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wallsend, Mr. Watkins, a notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., “the action of the Government in connection with the industrial dispute now taking place at the “Minmi Collieries.”  
 And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
 Mr. Watkins moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and negatived.
9. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 The House adjourned accordingly, at thirteen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*





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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH, 1895.

## 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Acting Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

## 2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Australian Hemp and Fibre Company :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Black, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Australian Hemp and Fibre Company has been in the hands of the Official Assignee, Mr. W. H. Palmer, to liquidate, from 26th April, 1894, till now?

(2.) Is it a fact that there are seventeen solvent shareholders in the Company, including Messrs. Henry Carey Dangar, J. W. Flood (a director), and George H. Cox (a director), and less than a dozen creditors, chiefly wage-earners, none of whom have been paid up till now?

(3.) Is it a fact that the uncalled capital of the Company is £3,947, and its liabilities £2,314?

(4.) Will he take steps to compel the Official Assignee to call in the unpaid capital, in order that the just debts of the Company may be satisfied?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

(1.) Mr. W. H. Palmer is not now an Official Assignee, but he was appointed Official Liquidator of the Company referred to, the order for the winding up of which was made on 10th May last.

(2.) I understand there were twenty-one shareholders settled on the list of contributories including the gentlemen named, and that there are twenty-four creditors, including three wage-earners, one of whom is in the employ of the Official Liquidator in connection with the Company's property. No moneys have yet, I am informed, been received by the Official Liquidator, nor have any of the creditors been paid.

(3.) Uncalled capital, £3,878; liabilities are, £2,121 19s. 11d.

(4.) It is not within the scope of the Minister's duties to interfere in the way indicated. Private rights are alone affected, and the ordinary processes of law are available in this as in other cases, to protect the interests of those concerned. I may add that the information sought by these questions is quite open to the parties concerned upon application to the proper office of the Supreme Court where the quarterly reports of the Official Liquidator have been filed, while the books connected with the Company's affairs may be inspected at the office of the Official Liquidator by any person entitled.

(2.) Inspections of Partially-paid Corps :—*Mr. Collins*, for Mr. Dick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the designations of Partially-paid Corps forming part of an administrative regiment, or connected under an administrative system with a consolidated regiment, which have been inspected by Major-General Hutton since 23rd April, 1893?

(2.) The dates of such inspections?

(3.) The hours when parades were formed up for and dismissed from such inspections,—each separately?

(4.) What moneys have been drawn by or paid to the inspecting officer and staff or orderly officer attending such inspections, exclusive of salaries and fares,—each separately?

(5.) What is the scale of allowances to each officer, by grades, who attend inspections, as concerns the general and regimental staffs?

(6.) The same information concerning all inspections by officers commanding consolidated regiments, inclusive of their staff, since 23rd April, 1893, in every respect, as in Questions 1, 2, 3, and 4?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—I am informed by the Major-General that it will take some considerable time to prepare this information, but as soon as it is ready it will be laid upon the Table.

(3.)

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- (3.) Distribution of Vote for Thinning out Forests:—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to expend the whole of the £25,000 voted for thinning out forests within the Moama district?
  - (2.) If not, is it a fact that reports from foresters of other parts of the Colony, recommending the thinning of certain forests, have so far been completely ignored?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2.) The reports are under consideration.
- (4.) Quarter Sessions and Circuit Courts:—Mr. Harris, for Dr. Hollis, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) At what places were Quarter Sessions and Circuit Courts held during 1894?
  - (2.) How often were these Courts held in each place?
  - (3.) How many cases were tried in each place during the year?
  - (4.) What is estimated to have been the total cost of holding these Courts during the year?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—This information can be more conveniently supplied in the form of a return which will be furnished if moved for in the usual way.
- (5.) Punts and Boats employed in the Roads and Bridges Department:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Anderson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many punts and boats are employed in the Roads and Bridges Department?
  - (2.) Where are they located?
  - (3.) What is the annual cost of repairing the same?
  - (4.) What is the annual revenue derived therefrom?
- Mr. Young answered,—A return will be prepared giving the information desired and furnished to the Honorable Member.
- (6.) Release from Prison of R. Hope Atkinson:—Mr. Bavister, for Mr. Black, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) How long is it since a man named Hope Atkinson was sentenced for defrauding the public by means of a so-called art union in the Imperial Arcade?
  - (2.) What was his sentence?
  - (3.) Has he since been released?
  - (4.) If so, when?
  - (5.) If released, why was his term of imprisonment commuted?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) Robert Hope Atkinson was convicted at the Sydney Gaol Delivery on 7th June, 1894, of conspiracy to defraud and maintaining a lottery.
  - (2.) Twelve month's imprisonment with hard labour.
  - (3.) Yes.
  - (4.) On 31st January last.
  - (5.) Atkinson's term of imprisonment was commuted, as there was no reason to suppose that he had put into his pocket any of the money of the subscribers in any other way than in using it to carry on the lottery and to bring it to a successful issue, while it was also thought a really deterrent blow had, by the conviction and imprisonment of eight months, been struck at the system of lotteries.
- (7.) Amendment of the Rabbit Act:—Mr. Macdonald asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he yet decided to bring in a Bill to amend the Rabbit Act in such a manner that no holder of land shall be compelled to pay towards the cost of erection or maintenance of a rabbit-proof fence which does not include his holding within the protected area?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—No; but I have invited a conference of persons interested in the rabbit question to be held at the Lands Office on the 2nd April next and following days, for the purpose of eliciting their views on the subject.
- (8.) Concessions made to Pleasure Parties travelling by the s.s. "General Gordon":—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Under what conditions, and why, are special concessions made by the Railway Commissioners to the steamboat "General Gordon" in connection with pleasure parties visiting the Hawkesbury River?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that there are numerous other steamers plying upon the river for the convenience of pleasure parties, and why are the same special conditions not extended to them?
  - (3.) Will the Railway Commissioners consider the advisability of placing the whole steamboat traffic of the river upon the same footing as the "General Gordon"?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) I am informed the s.s. "General Gordon" was specially built for the Hawkesbury River service prior to the erection of the Hawkesbury Bridge, and it has since been instrumental in bringing considerable business to the Railway Department. A combined ticket has been in force for years covering both the railway and steamer journeys.
  - (2 and 3.) The Commissioners are not aware of any other steamers plying under like circumstances, or as suitable for the trade as the "General Gordon," but they will be glad to consider on its merits any application from any other steamboat proprietor for similar arrangements.
- (9.) Road between Eugowra and Bindogandri Station:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—When is the road between Eugowra and Bindogandri Station likely to be opened for the use of the public, and what is the cause of delay in having it proclaimed in the interest of settlers and the travelling public?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—A notification of the intention to open this road will appear in the *Government Gazette* within a few days.

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- (10.) Extension of the Railway into the City :—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has the question of the extension of the railway into the city been considered by the Government, as recently promised to a deputation; if so, will he inform the House of the result or decision?
  - (2.) If not yet considered, can he state when the matter will receive attention?
- Mr. Reid answered,—This very important subject is now under the consideration of the Government.
- (11.) Relief granted by the Benevolent Asylum :—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that aged widows and other persons to whom relief in money and food has been granted by the authorities of the Benevolent Asylum are prevented from obtaining the same if unable to produce a receipt proving the rent of their abode to have been paid for the last previous period?
  - (2.) If the above is true, in whose interest is this course adopted—that of the person applying for the food, the State, or the property owner?
- Mr. Brunner answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Benevolent Asylum authorities :—
- (1.) Food is not under the circumstances withheld from the distressed and deserving poor; but in cases where rent money is allowed a receipt must be produced from the landlord to prove that the money is actually applied to the purposes intended by the society.
  - (2.) This course is adopted in the interests of the recipients of rent money in order to secure them the means of shelter.
- (12.) Free Railway Pass to Secretary of Australian Jockey Club :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is a free pass for the railways of this Colony granted to Mr. Clibborn, the Secretary of a horse-racing club?
  - (2.) Is it his intention to allow this to continue; and, if so, why?
- Mr. Reid answered,—A general pass is not granted to Mr. Clibborn over the railways, but occasionally, once, for instance, for a single journey during last year, a pass was issued to him. The practice has been in force for years, and I may quote a reply given on the same subject to a similar question in 1888, viz.—“It is held that as the Metropolitan races draw a large number of people to Sydney by railway, it is not unreasonable to grant the Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club a free pass occasionally in recognition of the benefit the club confers on the railway in this way.”
- (13.) Proposed Railway from Tamworth, *via* Manilla, to Barraba :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have the report, plans, &c., of survey of railway line from Tamworth, *via* Manilla, to Barraba, been submitted to him yet?
  - (2.) If so, has any decision been arrived at in regard to same?
- Mr. Young answered,—The field work has been completed, but the office work in connection therewith has not yet been taken up by reason of other urgent works being in hand. It will be proceeded with as soon as the staff can be spared from other duties.
- (14.) Estimate of Mr. Norman Selfe, M.I.C.E., for Pymont Bridge :—Mr. Watson, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Did Mr. Norman Selfe, M.I.C.E., &c., &c., give evidence before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works with regard to the construction of a new Pymont Bridge?
  - (2.) Did the Engineer-in-Chief for Roads and Bridges subsequently give evidence to show what he termed the “unreliability of irresponsible estimates,” and give a so-called quotation from a minute of the late Commissioner for Railways, Mr. Goodchap, to disparage the previous evidence by Mr. Selfe?
  - (3.) Has Mr. Selfe made representations to the effect—(a) that the so-called quotation from Mr. Goodchap’s minute was a garbled one, consisting of disconnected portions with the intervening words omitted; (b) that the Committee was misled thereby; and (c) that the minute if quoted properly conveys exactly the opposite meaning to that implied by the disconnected extracts given?
  - (4.) Has he ascertained if Mr. Selfe’s complaint is justified, and does he approve of officers of his Department making such representations to the Standing Committee on Public Works?
  - (5.) Will he lay a copy of the correspondence upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1 and 2.) A reference to the report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, laid upon the Table of the House on the 6th December last, will supply the information the Honorable Member asks.
  - (3, 4, and 5.) Mr. Selfe has made certain representations to the Department, and I have no objection to lay copies of them upon the Table if moved for in the usual way.
- (15.) Kenmore Asylum Contract :—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the contract be called for the Kenmore Asylum?
  - (2.) What will be the minimum rate of wage?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) Tenders will, if possible, be invited in a month’s time for the whole of the buildings, chargeable against this year’s vote.
  - (2.) This has not yet been determined, but it will be in due course.
- (16.) Mr. Stokes, late Postmaster at South Broken Hill :—Mr. Collins, for Mr. Thomas, asked the Postmaster-General,—What steps have the Government taken to bring Stokes, the late postmaster of South Broken Hill, to justice?
- Mr. Cook answered,—A warrant was at once issued for his apprehension, and steps have been taken by the Police to bring him to justice, but so far he has eluded arrest.

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3. **LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL**:—The following Petitions, detailing a number of reasons against the imposition of a land and income tax, and praying the House not to pass the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill into law, were presented by the Members named:—  
 (1.) By Mr. Collins—From certain inhabitants of New South Wales.  
 (2.) By Mr. Pyers—From Charles Cameron, Chairman of a Public Meeting of residents of the Richmond River.  
 Petitions received.
4. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL**:—Mr. Pyers presented a Petition from F. B. Galley, Mayor of Casino, and Chairman of a Public Meeting of land-holders and other residents on the Upper Richmond; held in Casino, representing that the provisions of the Local Government Bill are altogether inadequate to meet the just claims of the remote districts of the Colony, which have not, in the past, participated to any appreciable extent in the expenditure of public money, and that if the Bill become law it will absolutely ruin the land-holders in districts in no way connected with Sydney; and praying for such relief as the House may deem expedient.  
 Petition received.
5. **PYRMONT BRIDGE**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Deputy Speaker:—  
*By Deputation from His Excellency.*  
**FREDK. M. DARLEY,** *Message No. 49.*  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*  
 In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the removal of the present Pyrmont Bridge, and the construction in lieu thereof of a timber bridge with steel swing-span.  
*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 14th March, 1895.*  
 Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
6. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (Harbour Improvements at Newcastle)** [*Formal Motion*]:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of carrying out certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle.  
 Question put and passed.
7. **GRENFELL HOSPITAL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the report of Dr. Ashburton Thompson in connection with the Grenfell Hospital dispute.  
 Question put and passed.
8. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—  
 (1.) Cowra Street-Awnings Validation and Regulation Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 26th March.  
 (2.) Homestead Protection Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Tuesday, 16th July.
9. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of January, 1895.  
 (2.) Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of February, 1895.  
 Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Speaker entered the House and took the Chair.*

10. **LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Molesworth reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as Mr. Speaker had ruled thereon.  
*Point of Order*:—Mr. Molesworth explained that the Committee having under consideration clause 56 of the Bill, dealing with the disposal, by the Crown, of land which had become vested in it under the provisions of the Bill, an amendment eliminating the words, "sold and disposed of" with a view to substituting the word "leased" was proposed, which amendment he held to be out of order. Exception being taken to his decision, the Committee ordered that the question be referred for Mr. Speaker's ruling.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Speaker said that as in a previous clause the Committee had already declared that land resumed under this Bill would be vested in the Crown, and, therefore, subject to all the laws regulating Crown lands, it would be inconsistent with what the Committee had already done to change, as was attempted by this amendment, the whole tenor of the laws for the disposal of Crown lands. He, therefore, ruled the amendment out of order.  
 Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 15 MARCH, 1895, A.M.

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

Mr. Brunner moved, "That" the report be *now* adopted.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 27" instead thereof.

Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 27,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup> with a further amendment. Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 19 MARCH, 1895.

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

DEATH OF HIS EXCELLENCY, SIR R. W. DUFF, P.C., G.C.M.G., GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Reid announced to the House the death of His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Robert William Duff, P.C., G.C.M.G., Governor of this Colony, and expressed his sense of the loss which the Colony had sustained in his death.

2. ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO LADY DUFF:—Mr. Reid moved (*by consent*) without Notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address of Condolence to Lady Duff on the death of His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Robert William Duff, P.C., G.C.M.G.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunner, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Lees, Mr. McGowen, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Sec, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address,—

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

“To LADY DUFF, Government House, Sydney.

“Madam,

“We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our profound sympathy with you, in the irreparable loss which you and your family have been called upon to suffer by the death of your late husband,

“The Right Honorable Sir ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, P.C., G.C.M.G., Governor of this Colony.

“We are deeply sensible of the loss which we and the public have also sustained.

“Speedily broken though His Excellency’s term of office has been, we desire to assure you that your late husband will long be remembered in this Colony as a faithful servant of the Crown, and an able, worthy, and zealous Governor of New South Wales.”

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Address, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

And Sir George Dibbs having seconded the Motion and addressed the House,—

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Reid moved, That the Address of Condolence now adopted be communicated by Mr. Speaker to Lady Duff.

Question put and passed.

3. THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—Mr. Speaker announced that the Clerk of the House, Mr. Webb, had now returned to duty, his leave of absence having expired.

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Investing of Deposits in the Savings Banks:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the amount of deposits in the Savings Bank of New South Wales on 31st December, 1894?

(2.) What was the amount of deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank on 31st December, 1894?

(3.) What was the amount lent on mortgage by the Savings Bank of New South Wales on 31st December, 1894?

(4.) How much of the amount lent on mortgage was advanced to farmers and producers on the security of country lands?

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- (5.) What was the amount deposited in Banks by the Savings Bank of New South Wales on 31st December, 1894?
- (6.) What was the amount deposited in Banks by the Post Office Savings Bank on 31st December, 1894?
- (7.) What was the total amount of money invested in Government Debentures or in Treasury Bills, or deposited with the Treasurer, by the Savings Bank of New South Wales and the Post Office Savings Bank, on 31st December, 1894?
- (8.) Has the Treasurer considered the question of extending the operations of the Savings Banks by making advances on country freehold or conditional purchase lands to farmers and producers?
- Mr. Reid answered,—The information has been applied for, and when furnished it will be laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.
- (2.) Testing of Spirits for Sale at Public-houses:—Mr. Afleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is there any person or persons at present appointed to periodically obtain samples of spirits retailed at the various public-houses?
- (2.) If no person or persons are now appointed, will he issue instructions to have the Inspectors and Sub-inspectors of Police appointed to visit and obtain periodically samples of spirits exposed for sale for the purpose of testing the same?
- Mr. Brunner answered,—
- (1.) This is the duty of the Licensing Inspectors, and they are instructed to perform it at irregular intervals.
- (2.) A large number of samples have been so obtained and analysed.
- (3.) Men Imprisoned for Mount Rennie Outrage:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take into consideration the desirableness of releasing the men who some years ago were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment in connection with the Mount Rennie outrage?
- Mr. Gould answered,—As these men have served but little more than eight years of their death-commuted sentences, I do not consider the time has arrived to consider the question of remission.
- (4.) Prohibition of Importation of Australian Meat into France:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the authorities in France have declined to admit Australian meat into their country; if so, will he take steps to retaliate by prohibiting French wines from being admitted here?
- Mr. Reid answered,—It is so stated in the newspapers. We have no power to prohibit the goods of any particular country as distinguished from another from being imported.
- (5.) Leave of Absence to Lieutenant-Colonel Williams, P.M.O.:—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Donnelly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Lieutenant-Colonel Williams, P.M.O., has been granted six months leave of absence on private affairs?
- (2.) What salary is he paid during such absence?
- (3.) What are his allowances?
- (4.) How are his duties provided for during his absence, and at what expense to the Government?
- (5.) Who is the medical officer discharging his duties during said absence?
- Mr. Brunner answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £257 12s.
- (3.) £114 18s.
- (4.) It has been arranged that Surgeon-Major Dansey and Surgeon-Captain Roth shall perform the Principal Medical Officer's duties between them without additional expense to the Government.
- (6.) Carriage of Ores and Auriferous Quartz and Stone:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the high cost for the carriage of ores and auriferous quartz and stone upon railways is a deterrent to the development of promising mines?
- (2.) Will he take steps to induce the Railway Commissioners to modify these charges?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that a very low rate prevails for the carriage of all ores in quantities, the freight charged for these articles being about the lowest in the railway tariff, viz.,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ton per mile.
- (7.) Land available for Settlement on Mathoura Holding, Deniliquin:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that there is a very small quantity of Crown lands available for settlement within the resumed area of Mathoura holding, No. 603, Land District of Deniliquin?
- (2.) What are his reasons for withdrawing from selection special area No. 21-963, proclaimed 19th January, 1895, county of Townsend, parish of Boyco, containing an area of 222 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres within the resumed area of Mathoura holding?
- (3.) What are his reasons for making this land available for auction sale only?
- (4.) Who recommended the withdrawal of this land from selection, and its sale by auction only?
- (5.) Has he not received numerous protests from Mr. Chanter and others against the sale by auction of Crown lands within the Land District of Deniliquin?
- (6.) Is he not aware that the last land made available for selection on Mathoura holding induced a large number of applicants to compete for it, and that the present holders are all *bonâ fide* settlers?



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(7.) Will he recognise the great demand for selections in that district, and again make this 222½ acres available for conditional purchase?

(8.) Will he, generally, within the Land District of Deniliquin, make all Crown lands suitable for small settlers available for ordinary selection for a reasonable period, before attempting to dispose of it by any other method?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The area was a fragment surrounded by alienated land, and it was considered the best course to sell it by auction.

(4.) The officers of the department.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) No.

(7.) I have already decided to do so.

(8.) Yes.

(8.) Tenders for Collection and Delivery of Wool to and from the Railway:—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What tenders and prices were received in the year 1888 for the collection and delivery of wool and other goods in connection with the Government railways?

(2.) Was the contract entered into that year for such delivery for the period of one year only?

(3.) Is it a fact that the successful tenderer had his or their tender extended for a period of twelve months at the same price after the contract expired in 1891?

(4.) What was the name and address of the successful tenderer?

(5.) How many bales of wool were carted by the contractor for the Railway Department, and the amount paid for during the contract, 1888 to 1892?

(6.) The like information in regard to the number of butts and bags of wool respectively?

(7.) How many consignments of goods over 1 cwt. and up to 5 cwt. were carted by the contractor with the Railway Department, and the amount paid for during the currency of the contract, 1888 to 1892?

(8.) The like information in regard to goods over 5 cwt. and up to 10 cwt.?

(9.) The like information in regard to goods over 10 cwt. and up to 15 cwt.?

(10.) The like information in regard to goods over 15 cwt. and up to 20 cwt.?

(11.) The like information in regard to the contract for 1892 to 1895?

(12.) What tenders and prices were received in 1892 for the delivery of wool and other goods in connection with the Railway Department?

(13.) Was the contract for a period of three years?

(14.) What was the name and address of the successful tenderer?

(15.) How many bales of wool were carted by the contractor, and the amount paid for during the term of the contract 1892 to 1895?

(16.) The like information in regard to butts and bales of wool respectively?

(17.) How many consignments of goods up to 5 cwt. were carted by the contractor with the Railway Department, and what was the amount paid for during the currency of the contract 1892 to 1895?

(18.) The like information in regard to goods over 5 cwt. and up to 10 cwt.?

(19.) The like information in regard to goods over 10 cwt. and up to 15 cwt.?

(20.) The like information in regard to goods over 15 cwt. and up to 20 cwt.?

(21.) Did the contractors for the delivery of wool and other goods from Darling Harbour during the term of their contract 1892 to 1895 receive remuneration, and what was the amount paid for either stripping, folding, carting, loosing ropes, and loading up ropes and tarpaulins covering trucks of wool arriving at Darling Harbour?

(22.) What was the amount paid the contractor for loading wool from the trucks on to their own vehicles, 1892 to 1895?

Mr. Reid answered,—I would point out that it is impossible to give the information here asked in the shape of an answer to Questions. I would advise the Honorable Member to inquire into the matter at the office of the Railway Commissioners, where full information can be obtained; or, if the Honorable Member does not feel inclined to adopt that course, to move for a Return.

(9.) Public Works Committee—Pymont Bridge:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many sittings did the Public Works Committee hold upon the Pymont Bridge during this and last Parliament?

(2.) How many public officers attended these sittings, and what is the total of their time taken in each case?

(3.) What is the cost of plans, reports, &c., prepared by officers of the Department?

(4.) What is the total of fees?

(5.) The amount of all incidental expenses in connection therewith, including the cost of printing?

Mr. Young answered,—The information asked for is at my disposal only through the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will postpone his questions until next Thursday.

(10.) Mr. Maitland, P.M.:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as stated by the Minister of Justice on Wednesday, 6th March, that the salary of Mr. Maitland is now actually less than it was at Milparinka?

(2.) If so, how does he account for the Answer given to a Question asked by Mr. Sleath on the 18th December, 1894, when the Minister stated that Mr. Maitland's salary had been increased by £45?

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Mr. Gould answered,—Mr. Maitland, who is not a salaried officer of the Department of Justice, but is of the Department of Mines, receives an addition of £45 per annum to his actual salary by his removal to Braidwood, but while at Milparinka he also received a house allowance of £60 per annum, a fact of which I was not aware when the first question on the subject was answered by me in December last. As no house allowance is granted at Braidwood Mr. Maitland thus suffers a reduction of £15 per annum.

5. **OVERDUE RENTALS, LAND DISTRICT OF DENILQUIN** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) All overdue rentals which have been received from pastoral tenants and selectors within the Land District of Denilquin, without payment of interest.  
 (2.) The amounts, and from whom received.  
 Question put and passed.
6. **ADVANCES TO FARMERS**:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should immediately bring before Parliament a scheme for making advances to farmers—both pastoral and agricultural.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Rose moved, That the Question be amended by adding the words, “by issuing National Bank “funded stock on approved security, with a thirty years’ currency, bearing interest at 4 per cent.”  
 Question proposed—That the words proposed to be added be so added.  
 Debate continued.  
 Mr. Speaker ruled the proposed amendment out of order, as being similar to a matter already discussed in this Session.  
 Mr. Rose thereupon requested Mr. Speaker to decide as to whether the original motion was in order, substantially the same Question having been discussed during the present Session.  
 Mr. Speaker supported the objection taken, and declared the motion to be irregular.
7. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT PARTIAL REPEAL BILL**:—Mr. Sleath moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal subsections 3, 4, 5, and 6, of section 27 of the “Government “Railways Act of 1888.”  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
8. **RAILWAY FROM COBAR TO WILCANNIA, THENCE TO BROKEN HILL**:—Mr. Sleath moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable, in the best interests of the country, that the construction of the railway from Cobar to Wilcannia, thence to Broken Hill, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on 30th April, 1891, be immediately proceeded with.  
 (2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Lyne moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 9th April.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 11th October, 1894.*

9. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Mr. Reid stated to the House the order in which the Public Business would be proceeded with. He also called attention to a change which had taken place in the Ministry, Mr. W. H. Suttor having resigned, and Dr. Garrahan having accepted, the position of Vice President of the Executive Council.
10. **PAPERS**:—  
 Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Minute by the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, with Report by the Superintendent of Dredges, on Dredging Operations for the year 1894.  
 (2.) Report by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction, on “Some Differences in Railway “practice in Australia, England, and America, with special reference to economy of construction.”  
 (3.) Minute requesting Government Land Valuer to report on the commercial aspect of the works at Cook’s River, Shea’s Creek, and Muddy Creek, together with his report thereon.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (4.) Minute sent to Crown Solicitor with respect to repair of Solitary Creek Bridge at Rydal.  
 Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting alleged evasion of the Beer Duty Act.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock on the prospects of the frozen meat trade on the Continent of Europe.  
 Ordered to be printed.
11. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** (*Railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan*):—  
 Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, subject to the modifications recommended by the said Committee.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Price moved, That the Question be amended by adding the words “and that the betterment “principle be applied to the land served by the railway.”

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Molesworth moved,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

12. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on the Bill,—Mr. Brunker moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

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

13. NARRABRI TO MOREE RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Expenditure in connection with the Shearer's Dispute, 1894:—Mr. Schoy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a statement showing,—

(1.) The total expenditure borne by the Government (all Departments) for the employment of police, special trains, coaches, provisions, and all other items in connection therewith, rendered necessary by or contracted in relation to the difficulties between the pastoralists and shearers during the year 1894?

(2.) The amounts paid by pastoralists and others towards the cost of the police protection, &c., afforded them, specifying the separate amounts, and the names of the persons making such payments?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) As far as can be ascertained, the total cost of conveyance of police, maintenance, &c., during the period mentioned amounted to £12,949 8s. 10d. This is irrespective of the pay of the police, as, during the period they were engaged on this special duty, they either belonged to the district where they were employed or were drafted from other divisions.

(2.) No such payments have been made.

- (2.) Reduction of Governor's Salary:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to pass a Bill to reduce the salary of future Governors before the preliminary steps are taken to appoint a successor to the late Sir Robert W. Duff?

(2.) If not, will the Government abandon their opposition to the Bill introduced by Mr. O'Sullivan, having the same object in view?

Mr. Reid answered,—In reference to this Question, and also Questions Nos. 10 and 11 upon to-day's Business Paper, all practically upon the same subject, I have to state that the matter of these questions has not escaped the attention of the Government, and that they are now making certain inquiries on the subject.

- (3.) Members of Public Works Committee:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that it is provided for by law that the Public Works Committee shall consist of thirteen members?

(2.) Is he aware that for some months past there has been a vacancy on the Public Works Committee?

(3.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Crown Law Officers as to whether the Public Works Committee can legally sit, hear evidence, and determine questions, while the vacancy referred to remains unfilled?

(4.) When does he propose filling the vacancy referred to?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) It is provided by law that as soon as practicable after the commencement of the first Session of every Parliament, a Committee, consisting of thirteen gentlemen, shall be appointed.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) This is not necessary; the Act defines what is a quorum.

(4.) This is under consideration.

- (4.) Sewerage Works at Double Bay:—Mr. Ashton, for Mr. Knox, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have tenders been called for the completion of the sewerage works in Double Bay?

(2.) If not, will he state when such tenders will be called for?

Mr. Young answered,—Not yet; but the ejectors have been ordered, and tenders for the work will be invited about the middle of April.

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- (5.) Shops used for Betting Purposes:—*Mr. Ashton*, for *Mr. Knox*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that shops are being kept in the city and suburbs for the purpose of betting?
  - (2.) Is not the purpose for which these shops are kept known to the police?
  - (3.) Does not the Act 39 Vic. No. 28 deal with the keeping of shops for the purpose of betting?
  - (4.) What steps, if any, are being taken by the police to prevent betting shops being kept?
  - (5.) Will he immediately cause the necessary steps to be taken to prosecute persons keeping shops of this nature?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1, 2, and 3.) Yes.
  - (4.) There have been 351 prosecutions of keepers of these shops during the last eighteen months, but the small penalties inflicted have not operated as a deterrent. The evil is not likely to be suppressed unless offenders are more severely dealt with.
  - (5.) The matter will continue to receive police attention.
- (6.) Lighting of Postal Pillars:—*Mr. Watson*, for *Mr. McGowen*, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that one of the conditions upon which the concessions to erect postal pillars in the city and suburbs was granted to the Postal Pillar Company was that they, the Postal Pillar Company, agreed to fix and maintain a light on and in the upper portion of each postal pillar erected by them?
  - (2.) If so, has his attention been directed to the fact that the lamps on and in the upper portion of the said pillars are not lighted, and further that the glass has been removed from the frame of the aforesaid upper portion, and sheet-iron or a similar material substituted?
  - (3.) Will he insist on the conditions upon which the erection of these pillars were permitted being fully complied with?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—It was understood that the lamps should be lighted, but it appears that the contractors do not admit their liability in this respect, and the opinion of the Crown Solicitor will be asked.

- (7.) Humula Cemetery:—*Mr. Travers Jones* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that frequent applications have been made for money to fence-in the Humula Cemetery, and protect the graves therein from destruction by stock feeding and tramping over them?
  - (2.) Will he immediately place the trustees in a position to fence in the cemetery, and prevent the disgraceful desecration which has existed so long?

*Mr. Carruthers* answered,—

- (1.) Yes; applications have been made by *Mr. Gormly*, M.P., and the Honorable Member, and reference has been made to the District Surveyor, who estimates the cost of fencing at £49.
- (2.) As the whole of the amount voted for fencing cemeteries for the six months ending 30th June next has been exhausted, excepting the small balance of £8 10s., the matter must stand over till Parliament votes funds for the purpose.

- (8.) Repair of Roads in Tumut Electorate:—*Mr. Travers Jones* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the Road Superintendents of the Tumut Electorate been instructed by the Department to stay their hands in the expenditure of road votes?
- (2.) Have they been informed that a portion of the unexpended vote of £216,000 is available for expenditure in putting the roads in order for traffic?
- (3.) Will he give instructions to the Road Superintendents to have the money available expended in most necessary works, in order to give relief to the unemployed of the electorate, who are much in want of work?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes; but approval must be obtained before any work can be undertaken.
- (3.) They have already been instructed to proceed with the expenditure of road votes with as little delay as possible.

- (9.) "Costa Rica Packet" Case:—*Mr. James Morgan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has the Government pledged itself for the liability of the costs in the arbitration in reference to the "Costa Rica Packet" case?
  - (2.) Who is preparing the papers to lay before the arbitrators?
  - (3.) Is there anyone in England, having personal knowledge of the facts, to assist, by explanation of the papers, the gentleman preparing the case?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) These are being prepared under the supervision of the Agent-General.
  - (3.) No, and it is not considered necessary to pay the expenses of sending anyone to England, and his maintenance there.
- (10.) Appointment of Governor:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government insist, prior to any successor being appointed to the late *Sir Robert Duff*, on the name of any proposed appointee being submitted to the people of New South Wales for an expression of approval or otherwise?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I have already answered this Question in replying to Question No. 2. The Answer to that Question substantially answers the Question of the Honorable Member.

- (11.) Reduction of Governor's Salary:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Does he intend to intimate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies that there is a probability of the salary to future Governors of this Colony being reduced?

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(2.) In view of the present most opportune circumstances for such a movement, does he intend to introduce a measure for the reduction of the salaries of all future Governors?

(3.) If not, will he immediately arrange that any measure having such reduction for its object shall be discussed by this House before any new appointment is made?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Answer to the preceding Question will apply to this Question also.

(12.) Statutory Declarations required in cases of Assignment and Conveyances:—Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) If it is now (a) the exception, practice, or (b) the established custom, without exception, for the Commissioner of Stamp Duties not to accept the statement in assignments and conveyances as to the consideration passing unless such statement is supported by a statutory declaration that it is true?

(2.) If the former (a) be the case, what assignments, other than those exhibiting *mala fides*, are selected as forming the exceptions, and what are the reasons?

(3.) If the latter (b) be the case, when did such custom commence, and what notice was given of the same?

(4.) In how many cases of assignments and conveyances since the beginning of this year have statutory declarations been called for, and in how many cases during the same period have the reasons for such requisitions been asked for and vouchsafed?

(5.) Is it possible, and can he arrange to have identical procedure followed in all matters of stamping of assignments and conveyances?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The practice is, and always has been, to ask for declarations affording such information as may be deemed necessary in connection with the assessment of Stamp Duty on assignments, conveyances, and all other instruments presented for stamping, *vide* sec. 17, 44 Vic. No. 3, also regulation to Stamp Act of 1880, No. 6.

(4.) The number cannot be given, as no record is kept. In three cases, I think, the reasons for demanding the declarations have been asked for. Reasons are not given.

(5.) No; discretionary power must vest in the Commissioner.

(13.) Leave of Absence to Mr. Justice Stephen:—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Price, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that Mr. Justice Stephen is absent from the Colony on full pay; and, if so, the length of such leave of absence?

Mr. Gould answered,—Yes; the Honorable Mr. Justice Stephen has been granted six months' leave of absence on full salary, from the 11th February last, on the ground of ill-health.

(14.) Mr. Postal Inspector Burnett:—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Price, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) The date of the appointment of Mr. Postal Inspector Burnett?

(2.) The salary received by that officer in 1890 and 1895?

(3.) The expenses received by that officer in 1892, 1893, and 1894?

(4.) How many postal inspectors were there in 1880, and how many at the present time?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Date of first appointment, 4th April, 1862; Inspector of Telegraph Lines and Stations and Acting Postal Inspector, 1st April, 1890; Postal Inspector, 1st January, 1893.

(2.) From 1st January to 31st March, 1890, as Post and Telegraph Master, Hay, £380 per annum and quarters; from 1st April, 1890, as Inspector, £450 per annum; 1895, £425 per annum.

(3.) 1892, £217 10s.; 1893, £240; 1894, £229 10s.

(4.) 1880—Seven, in addition to two Railway Telegraph Inspectors, who partially assisted. 1895—Nine.

(15.) Health of Prisoner Roderick M'Namara:—Dr. Graham asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he call for a medical report on the state of health of a prisoner named Roderick M'Namara, at present serving a sentence of seven years in Darlinghurst Gaol for fraud in connection with the Australian Banking Company, and who is said to be suffering from a recurrent cancer on his face, and general wasting?

(2.) In the event of his being satisfied as to the incurable nature of the prisoner's illness, will he give the case his early consideration, with a view to remitting the remaining portion of the prisoner's sentence?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) The Medical Adviser to the Government, in consultation with the Visiting Surgeon to Darlinghurst Gaol and Dr. J. M. M'Donagh, recently made an examination of prisoner M'Namara, and the Medical Adviser reports that there is an epitheliomatous growth upon the lip, which a simple operation will remove.

(2.) M'Namara's case, with others, is under the consideration of the Cabinet, and before it can be considered apart from the others I must be satisfied that the operation about to be performed has not resulted successfully.

(16.) Annoyance to Residents of Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets:—Dr. Graham asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the police authorities aware of the great annoyance caused to the residents of Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets, Sydney, by the flagrant scenes of soliciting and importuning that are constantly witnessed there?

(2.) Have formal complaints been made by the inhabitants of the district regarding this evil, and have the authorities made any attempt to deal with the matter?

(3.) Will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view to the police promptly remedying the matter?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that the following report has been furnished to him by the Superintendent in charge of the Metropolitan District:—

“Complaints of annoyance from women of ill-fame promenading and misconducting themselves in Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets have frequently been made during many years past, but soliciting and importuning are not offences against any law, and it is found difficult to detect them misconducting themselves in any manner of which the law would take cognizance. Large numbers

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of them are continually brought before the Magistrates, but, instead of being sent to gaol, many of them are handed over to the representatives of the various Charitable and Reformatory Institutions, in which they very rarely remain for any considerable time, and are, therefore, often almost immediately found in the streets again."

- (17.) Postmaster at Buckley's Crossing :—Mr. Molesworth asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) What is the name of the postmaster at Buckley's Crossing, and what salary does he receive?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that his salary was increased by £10 per annum in May or June last on the ground that no rent was charged by him for the premises occupied by the Department?
  - (3.) What rent was formerly paid for the post-office at Buckley's Crossing?
  - (4.) Has the said postmaster lately made application for rent of his premises, and does the Department intend granting same?

Mr. Cook answered,—

- (1.) Thomas Wroe; £92 per annum.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) None.

(4.) An application for rent was recently made on the postmaster's behalf, but it was refused, as it is not customary to pay rent for post offices conducted by persons who are not regular officials of the Department. It was at the same time proposed to open an official office at Buckley's Crossing-place, but Mr. Wroe having offered to continue the duties of postmaster and telephone operator, for a reduced salary of £78 per annum, his offer has been accepted, the reduction to date from the 1st proximo.

- (18.) Scheme for Flood Prevention on the Clarence :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What decision has been arrived at respecting Mr. Archibald's scheme for flood prevention on the Clarence?

Mr. Young answered,—It cannot be seriously entertained owing to its enormous cost.

2. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Sir Henry Parkes, a Notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the abuse by the Premier of an established Parliamentary usage in delivering a strongly argumentative party speech under the guise of a Ministerial Statement, when the practice of "the House renders reply impossible."

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

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. RESERVES DECLARATORY BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, without Notice, That it is a case of urgent and pressing necessity that "A Bill to declare the effect of, and to amend the law relating to, withdrawals and reservations from lease or from occupation license, and the revocation and cancellation of the same; to validate certain reservations from lease; and for other purposes," should be passed through all its stages on this day.

Question put.

The House divided.

	Ayes, 80.		Noes, 5.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Wall,	Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Sleath,
Dr. Ross,	Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Sebey,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Thomas,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Gornily,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Adleck,	Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. See,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. O'Reilly,	
Mr. Gould,	Mr. F. Clarke,	Mr. Millen,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Perry,	
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Whiddon,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Fowler,	
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Griffith,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Fegan.	
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Macdonald,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Law,		
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Bavister,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Carruthers then moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to declare the effect of, and to amend the law relating to, "withdrawals and reservations from lease or from occupation license, and the revocation and "cancellation of the same; to validate certain reservations from lease; and for other purposes," through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.)



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(3.) Whereupon Mr. Carruthers moved, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare the effect of, and to amend the law relating to, withdrawals and reservations from lease, or from occupation license, and the revocation and cancellation of the same; to validate certain reservations from lease; and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 73.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. F. Clarke,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Donnelly,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Fowler.
Mr. Garrard,	Sir Henry Parkes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Mackay,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Schey,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Miller.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Wood.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare the effect of and to amend the law relating to withdrawals and reservations from lease or from occupation license, and the revocation and cancellation of the same; to validate certain reservations from lease; and for other purposes,*"—And moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only nine Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Schey, Mr. Miller, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Wood, Mr. Price, and Mr. Rose.

Bill read a first time.

(4.) Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Black,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Waddell,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. See,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Stephen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Millen.
Mr. Affleck,	

Noes, 32.

Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Hughes,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. Watkins.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

4. NARRABRI TO MOREE RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Narrabri to Moree.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Narrabri to Moree,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Question put, and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

Message sent accordingly.

5. LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be "now" read a third time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Chanter moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "now" with a view to the addition of the words "this day six months."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cum,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Millen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Piddington,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Newman,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. FitzGerald,	
Mr. See,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James Morgan,	
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Price,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Wood.
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Gornly,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Rawlinton,	
Mr. Carroll,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Original Question then put,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Law,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Millen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Wilks,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Ferguson.
Mr. Newman,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. FitzGerald,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. See,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Chanter,	
Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Rawlinson,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Gormly.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Bill do now pass.

Question put

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Brunker,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Law,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Macdonald,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. McLean.

Noes, 24.

Mr. See,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. FitzGerald.
Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. Carroll.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a tax on land and a tax on income; to provide for the creation of taxation districts; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments, and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the establishment of a system of direct taxation by means of a tax on land and a tax on income; to provide for the creation of taxation districts; for the appointment of officers for the levying, assessment, and collection of such taxes; to provide for appeals from assessments, and for purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st March, 1895, a.m.

6. RESERVES DECLARATORY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Thomas Brown moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clause 7" instead thereof.

Question

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

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

The House divided.

## Ayes, 43.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Whiddon,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Millen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Ashton,	

## Noes, 19.

Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Gormly.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Gardiner.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only six Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Miller, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Sleath, and Mr. Watkins.

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

Mr. Carruthers then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare the effect of, and to amend the law relating to, withdrawals and reservations from lease or from occupation license, and the revocation and cancellation of the same; to validate certain reservations from lease; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the effect of, and to amend the law relating to, withdrawals and reservations from lease or from occupation license, and the revocation and cancellation of the same; to validate certain reservations from lease; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 21st March, 1895, a.m.*

The House adjourned at half-past One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 21 MARCH, 1895.

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

TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT, 1892, AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Garrard, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 50.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend and extend the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1892.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 21st March, 1895.*

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

2. ARMIDALE WATER SUPPLY WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 51.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Armidale Water Supply Works Act, 1894,'"—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, 21st March, 1895.*

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Disfranchisement of Electors:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it his intention to introduce a Bill to remedy the disfranchisement of electors under the provisions of the Electoral Act which is now caused by changes of residence?

(2.) If so, when?

(3.) Will he expedite the passage of such a Bill, so that it may take effect before the making out of the next General Roll of electors?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—This matter has already been considered by the Government and a Bill is now in course of preparation.

(2.) Markets for our Produce outside the Colony:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take active steps to assist our producers to open up fresh markets for their produce in other parts of the world?

(2.) Will this work be placed under the control of the Minister of Public Instruction and Labour?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to utilise the Department of the Agent-General in London in this matter?

(4.) Is it intended to appoint an unpaid advising Board of capable men to assist the Minister?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Under consideration.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Under consideration.

(3.)

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(3.) Issue of Miners' Rights to Fossickers:—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Tonkin*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Have any instructions been issued from the Mines Department that action should be taken against men working and fossicking in mining districts without miner's rights?
- (2.) If not, is he aware five cases were heard at the Sofala Court last week in which several men were fined for so working?
- (3.) Will he at once cause to be issued to these men miner's rights, seeing the Department has been lately issuing miner's rights and railway passages free to the unemployed in Sydney?
- (4.) Will he use his best endeavours to have the amount of fines remitted to these men?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

- (1.) No, but a circular issued from the Department appears to have been misunderstood. It was intended that the attention of persons who were not holding miners' rights, &c., should be called to the risk they thereby run. This intention has now by a subsequent circular been made more clear.
- (2.) The fact has been reported, and the Warden was at once asked to furnish the facts.
- (3.) If application therefor be made it will be dealt with in accordance with the usual practice of the Department.
- (4.) Inquiries are being made respecting the names of the persons and amounts of fines, with a view to consider the refund of such fines.

(4.) Public Works Committee—Pymont Bridge:—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many sittings did the Public Works Committee hold upon the Pymont Bridge during this and last Parliament?
- (2.) How many public officers attended these sittings, and what is the total of their time taken in each case?
- (3.) What is the cost of plans, reports, &c., prepared by officers of the Department?
- (4.) What is the total of fees?
- (5.) The amount of all incidental expenses in connection therewith, including the cost of printing?

*Mr. Young* answered,—The Secretary to the Committee has furnished me with the following information in reply to this Question:—Full information with regard to these Questions can be obtained by a reference to the report on the proposed removal of the Pymont and Glebe Island Bridges, laid upon the Table of the House on 6th December, 1894. The inquiry carried out by the Public Works Committee, to which these Questions refer, embraced not only the proposed removal of the Pymont Bridge, but the proposed removal of the Glebe Island Bridge, and the reclamation of Darling Harbour to Bathurst-street or to Market-street, the reclamation of the harbour involving a large resumption of private property. There were two inquiries by the Committee, the first being abruptly terminated by the dissolution of Parliament. No fewer than twenty-nine schemes for carrying out the desired works were submitted to the Committee and received their consideration. Six of these were from the Department of Public Works, the estimated cost of the six varying from £332,000 to £33,500, the reduction shown by the last amount being the result of the Committee's investigation. With regard to that portion of the Question referring to my Department, I have to inform the Honorable Member that the departmental cost of surveys, borings, preparation of plans for bridges, and altered lines of sewers, together with the cost of examining and reporting upon rival schemes in connection with the Pymont and Glebe Island bridges was £2,995 Is. 11d.

(5.) Proposed Road from Freeman's Reach to Bulbridge:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the clearing of a proposed road from Freeman's Reach to Bulbridge, in the Hawkesbury Electorate, has been given to the farmers of the surrounding locality on the plea that their crops have been destroyed by floods?
- (2.) If so, is it a fact that some of the farmers thus assisted are fairly well-to-do, and that others have suffered little through the recent floods?
- (3.) If so, will he, when the clearing is concluded, proceed with the roads formation on the butty-gang system, in order to give the unemployed labourers of the district an opportunity of earning tucker?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

- (1.) I authorised a grant, which had lately been made, of £172 for this road, being expended by day labour and small tasks, in order to relieve people stated to have been in distress in consequence of the floods.
- (2.) So far as the information supplied to the Department by the Member for the district and others went, these people were in deep distress.
- (3.) It is not proposed to do this at present.

(6.) Immigration Office:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many persons are employed in the Immigration Office?
- (2.) What is the entire cost (as salaries) of the persons employed in this office?
- (3.) Will he take steps to abolish the office without delay?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—Arrangements have already been made to dispense with the services of the officer in charge of the Immigration Branch, and any duties appertaining thereto will in future be performed by a clerk in the Chief Secretary's Department.

(7.) Apportionment of the Military Vote:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Hogue*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to the late reduction by Parliament of the Military Vote by £7,000, will he state how it is intended to apportion the same?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—This matter is now under consideration.

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(8.) Exclusion of the Press from Meetings of the Royal Commission on Fisheries:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Press is excluded from meetings of the Royal Commission on Fisheries when that body is taking evidence?
- (2.) Is this the usual procedure in connection with Royal Commissions?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes.

(9.) The Governor's Salary:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the salary paid for the office of Governor?
- (2.) What expenses attendant on the position are defrayed from the Consolidated Revenue independent of salary?
- (3.) Is it part of the Government's scheme of retrenchment to reduce this salary?
- (4.) If not, why not?
- (5.) Is he aware that the Victorian Government had no difficulty in securing the services of a Governor at a reduced salary?

Mr. Reid answered,—This matter, as I stated yesterday, is engaging the attention of the Government.

(10.) Mr. Want, Q.C.:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is Mr. Want, Q.C., appearing in No. 2 Jury Court as counsel for the Railway Commissioners in the action *Morrissey and Wife v. Railway Commissioners*?
- (2.) Does Mr. Want, Q.C., appear there as Attorney-General or as counsel for the defence?
- (3.) Does Mr. Want, Q.C., receive fees from the Railway Commissioners for such appearance?
- (4.) If so, what fees has he received, and what is he to receive, so far as any agreement has been made?
- (5.) Is such defence included in Mr. Want's duties as Attorney-General, and held to be paid for in the salary of his office as Attorney-General?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Counsel for the defence.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) None yet.
- (5.) No.

(11.) Chief Railway Commissioner:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has he taken any money from the Public Treasury, unauthorised by Parliament, towards the payment of the Chief Railway Commissioner's expenses?
- (2.) If so, what amount?
- (3.) If not, will he first obtain the authority of Parliament before paying any part of the expenses of the Chief Railway Commissioner?

Mr. Reid answered,—No money has been taken from the Public Treasury unauthorised by Parliament, but £500 was, on the 28th February last, advanced to the Chief Commissioner for Railways from the vote for railway expenses, to meet the actual expenses of the Commissioner during his visit to Europe, the amount to be accounted for by him. I think it is only fair with reference to this matter that I should give a little additional information. The question as to the representation of this Colony at the International Railway Congress to be held in London in June next was raised by the Belgian Government, who, with the British Government, were responsible for initiating the Congress. In May, 1894, the Secretary of State for the Colonies communicated with the Governor of this Colony upon the subject, in obedience with the wish of the Belgian Government, and asked this Government whether it desired to be represented at that Congress. The matter was referred to the Railway Commissioners. At that time no definite recommendation was made; but on the 12th September, last year, I received the following recommendation from the Railway Commissioners:—"The enclosed communications from the Belgian Consul-General and Lord Ripon to His Excellency the Governor have not been dealt with earlier, as the Commissioners could not, until now, see their way clear to make any recommendations regarding representation at the Congress in question. The International Congress has assumed very important proportions since it was first inaugurated, and a great effort is being made to ensure the meeting in London in June next being a very important one, as it is the first time it has been held in England, or the proceedings have been in the English language. A vast amount of information on various subjects has, at the request of the various bodies appointed in connection with the Congress, been prepared and forwarded by the Commissioners, and the subjects to be discussed at the Congress are of the most varied and important nature. The Commissioners strongly recommend that the New South Wales railways should be represented by the Chief Commissioner; and if this were approved, it would also afford the opportunity of investigating railway questions of various kinds in Europe and America, which would be of great value to the Colony, as considerable changes will, no doubt, have taken place during the six years he has been in Australia." This recommendation was before me for some time, when the question was raised by the Chief Commissioner with reference to the terms of his agreement with the Government who engaged him, and he brought the terms of that agreement and the correspondence connected with it under my notice. He also stated to me that the matter had been mentioned to previous Governments, and when the leader of the Opposition the other night made use of an expression—which I do not say conveyed the idea, but might be construed to convey the idea—that this claim was a new one to him, I inquired of the Chief Commissioner whether that was so, and I received an answer to this effect, that although the matter had never been officially raised with the

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Dibbs Government, it had been mentioned by the Chief Commissioner on several occasions. When the Chief Commissioner pressed upon me the claim which he had mentioned to previous Governments with reference to the correspondence under which it was left to the justice of Parliament, if he gave satisfaction, to consider whether he should get, in connection with his first term of service, a higher salary than that agreed upon, I pointed out, of course, the very great difficulty of dealing with a matter of that sort at the time this Government came to have anything to do with it; but when the question came up, the idea occurred to me that as the Chief Commissioner had certainly been led by that correspondence to believe that if he was a success, and if he gave satisfaction, the question of increased remuneration would be considered by the Government in a spirit of justice, I, having a very strong conviction that he had given the utmost satisfaction to the Government of this country—and I believe the head of every Government during his term has held that opinion—felt that this claim should be recognised in some way; and it occurred to me that it would be a proper way, and in the public interest as well as the interests of the public service, to give the Chief Commissioner this leave of absence, and to commission him to perform a very useful and important service by representing this Colony at the Railway Congress, and also to visit other countries in connection with the railway system of this country. It was under these circumstances that this Government authorised him to represent New South Wales at that Congress, and approved of the payment of his actual travelling expenses in connection with it. And thus it was that this payment of £500 was made in advance to the Chief Commissioner.

(12.) Civil Service Fund:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Civil Service Board sent in their report on the actuarial condition of the Civil Service Fund, in accordance with the provisions of the Act?
- (2.) If so, when will it be laid upon the Table of the House?
- (3.) If not, what is the reason for the delay?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) I will presently lay a copy upon the Table.

(13.) Allowances to District Road Superintendents:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that District Road Superintendents have been allowed a percentage on all unexpended road votes; if so, how much has been allowed, and the amount unexpended out of last year's vote or during the last six months?

Mr. Young answered,—If the Honorable Member will pardon me for so characterising it, this ridiculous Question has been asked on several occasions by various persons and replied to, in each instance, in the most emphatic negative. I cannot comprehend how such an erroneous idea as that referred to could ever have gained currency, there being not the least foundation for the creation of such an impression.

(14.) Buildings at Eveleigh and Macdonaldtown Railway Stations:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Who were the contractors for the erection of the new station buildings at Eveleigh and Macdonaldtown Railway Stations respectively?
- (2.) What was the contract price in each case?
- (3.) Did either of these contractors enter any action at law against the Railway Commissioners in relation to such contracts?
- (4.) Did either of them threaten to do so?
- (5.) What sum of money was paid to the contractor in each case in settlement of such actions or claims (if any)?
- (6.) On what date were such moneys paid?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Messrs. Murray and Stewart.
- (2.) Eveleigh, £6,007 13s. 1d.; Macdonaldtown, £4,288 5s. 10d.
- (3 and 4.) Yes; a claim was made for £20,000.
- (5.) £7,500 was certified to be due by the Engineer under the contracts, and the amount was paid in full settlement for work done in respect of both contracts.
- (6.) 25th May, 1893.

(15.) Engagement of Mr. Lewis Sampson at Chicago Exposition:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was a written agreement with Mr. Lewis Sampson drawn up with the knowledge and consent of Sir Arthur Renwick, the Executive Commissioner of Chicago Commission, and signed by the said Lewis Sampson, whereby the said Lewis Sampson was engaged to assist Mr. Robert Hudson, the Superintendent at such Exhibition?
- (2.) Was a cablegram sent by the Executive Commissioner from Chicago to the Premier in or about the month of May, 1893, requesting him to send Mr. Sampson on to Chicago?
- (3.) How much money was paid by the Commission to Mr. Sampson for salary and what dates did such payments cover?
- (4.) Has the said Lewis Sampson made a claim for salary from December, 1892, the date on which he alleges he was notified to start for Chicago, up to June, 1893, the date on which he actually left?
- (5.) Was a minute sent by the Secretary of the Executive Commission to the Colonial Secretary, in June, 1893, requesting a sum of money to pay passage of Mr. Sampson to Chicago, according to his agreement?

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Mr. Brunker answered,—The following Answers have been furnished by the Executive Commissioner to the Chicago Exhibition :—

- (1.) Mr. Sampson has stated to the Executive Commissioner that there was some written agreement between Mr. Hudson and himself, but the Executive Commissioner has never seen it.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Salary was paid to Mr. Sampson from the time of his arrival at Chicago till the close of the Exposition, as well as his travelling expenses from Sydney to Chicago and from Chicago to Sydney.
- (4.) The Executive Commissioner is not aware of this.
- (5.) There is no record of such minute.

## 4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of an actuarial examination of the state and sufficiency of the Civil Service Superannuation Account.
  - (2.) Despatch respecting the adhesion of New South Wales to the Anglo-French Postal Convention, 1890.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Bendoura, county of St. Vincent, for the deviation of the road from Erlington to Ballalaba.

5. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT, 1892, AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1892.

Question put and passed.

6. ADULTERATED LIQUORS NOW OR RECENTLY IN BOND (*Formal Motion*) :—

Mr. James Morgan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in the Department of Justice relating to adulterated liquors now or recently in bond, subsequent to those ordered to be printed by the Legislative Assembly, on 1st November, 1894.

Question put and passed.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT :—

Mr. Speaker stated he had received from the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan, Mr. O'Sullivan, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the necessity for some relief being accorded to the selectors in the matter of the payment of their annual instalments and interest."

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

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

## 8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL :—

The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

## 9. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL :—

The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Smailes.
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Affleck,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Gardiner.

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Mr. Willis,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Nicholson.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Cann.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lee reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

10. RESERVES DECLARATORY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to declare the effect of, and to amend the law relating to, withdrawals and reservations from lease or from occupation license, and the revocation and cancellation of the same; to validate certain reservations from lease; and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st March, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

RESERVES DECLARATORY BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21st March, 1895.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 6. Omit "passing" insert "commencement"  
Page 2, clause 1, line 6. After "section" omit remainder of clause  
Page 2, clause 2, line 21. After "section" omit remainder of clause  
Page 2, clause 3, line 37. After "reservation" omit remainder of clause  
Page 2, clause 4, line 40. Omit "passing" insert "commencement"  
Page 2, clause 5, line 51. Omit "passing" insert "commencement"  
Page 2, clause 6, line 56. Omit "passing" insert "commencement"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

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

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

F. W. WEBB,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 26 MARCH, 1895.

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

ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO LADY DUFF ON THE DEATH OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR R. W. DUFF, P.C., G.C.M.G.:—Mr. Speaker reported that, in pursuance of the resolution of this House, he had communicated to Lady Duff the Address of Condolence passed on the 19th instant; and that Lady Duff had made thereto the following reply:—

“ Mr. Speaker, “ Government House, Sydney, 23 March, 1895.  
 “ Will you be so kind as to express for me, to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, my  
 “ most sincere thanks for the message of sympathy they have sent me, through you, in this my  
 “ time of terrible sorrow.

“ My husband entered on the Governorship of this Colony with the bright hope of  
 “ completing his full term of office, and during that time of being able to devote himself absolutely to  
 “ the weal of New South Wales. It gives me deep satisfaction to know that those endeavours on  
 “ his part, though cut so short, have been appreciated by you and all those other loyal servants  
 “ of the Queen with whom he was associated.

“ I remain, Sir,  
 “ Your obedient Servant,  
 “ L. DUFF.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Solicitors employed by Curator of Intestate Estates:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Price*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Curator of Intestate Estates employs private solicitors outside the Crown Law Officers in connection with the work of his Department?
- (2.) If so, by whose authority are private solicitors employed?
- (3.) The amounts paid to private firms of solicitors for work in connection with the office for the years 1892, 1893, and 1894, and the value of the estates in connection with which such legal expenses have been incurred?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Curator, by the order of the Probate Judge, under section 75 of the Probate Act, has the same power as an ordinary administrator, and therefore authority to employ a private attorney, but he is not entitled to employ the Crown Solicitor.
- (3.) The Curator informs me that the amounts paid to private firms of solicitors during the years 1892, 1893, and 1894, including counsel's fees (£326 16s. 1d.), were £2,524 8s. 4d., and the values of the estates £116,983 5s. 6d.

(2.) Homestead Lease on the Toulby Run, near Jerilderie:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Sleath*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a homestead lease was taken up on the Toulby Run, near Jerilderie, by one Jones?
- (2.) Did Jones afterwards throw the lease up, and make a statement to the Land Board that he was only acting as a dummy for one Curten, a publican, in Jerilderie?
- (3.) Was the lease sold, and did Curten produce a mortgage on the land and improvements?
- (4.) Was it bought in the name of one Walter Morris, on behalf of Curten, for the amount of the mortgage?
- (5.) Has an agreement been entered into between Curten and Morris, providing that the latter should receive from the former £1 per week for six months, and £500 as a bonus at the end of five years?

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- (6.) Have all or any of the conditions of the Act been complied with in regard to improvements?  
 (7.) Is there a dwelling-house of any description on the land in question?  
 (8.) Will he take steps to have a thorough investigation made in reference to this case?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The reply to this question is so lengthy that I propose presently to lay it upon the Table in the form of a Return.

- (3.) Spirits procured for Analysing by Licensing Inspector for Sydney:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What number of samples of spirits were procured by the Licensing Inspectors for Sydney, for analysing, during the six months ending 31st December last?  
 (2.) How many were proved to be adulterated, and were they of a dangerous character?  
 (3.) What punishment was imposed on those who sold the adulterated spirits, if any?  
 (4.) Will the Licensing Inspector appear and object to the granting of fresh certificates by the Bench of those selling adulterated spirits, if any?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that the Metropolitan District Inspector under the Licensing Act reports as follows:—

- (1.) Thirty.  
 (2.) In four cases the liquors were proved to be adulterated, and unfit for human consumption.  
 (3.) Summonses have been issued in four cases, which are now pending.  
 (4.) The Licensing Acts do not provide for the forfeiture of the right of a licensee to continue to hold a license upon one conviction for adulteration.

- (4.) Fish exposed for Sale at the Corporation Fish Market, Woolloomooloo:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of correspondence between himself, the Colonial Treasurer, the Board of Health, the Inspector-General of Police, and other persons, in regard to the alleged rotten and putrid fish sold, or exposed for sale, at the Corporation Fish Market, Woolloomooloo?  
 (2.) Also letters, reports, &c., made by officers of the Board of Health, the Inspector-General of Police, or any policeman in regard to the above?  
 (3.) What steps, if any, have the Government taken to stop the sale of alleged putrid or stinking fish at the Fish Market, and will he take steps to prosecute any persons who sell or exhibit for sale fish that are unfit for human consumption?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I will lay the papers upon the Table in the form of a return. It will convey the information asked for in the third question.

- (5.) Connection of Randwick Police Station with Telephone Exchange:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Storey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Inspector-General of Police has notified the Randwick Borough Council that the Department could not sanction connecting the local police station with the telephone?  
 (2.) If so, what are the objections to the carrying out of this work?  
 (3.) How far distant is the local police station from the local telephone exchange?  
 (4.) What is the estimated cost of the work?  
 (5.) Have any other suburban police stations been connected with any of the suburban telephone exchanges; if so, which are they?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1.) Yes, at the present time.  
 (2.) There being no funds available, and there are seven other police stations to which such connections are equally desirable.  
 (3.) 354 yards.  
 (4.) The cost of connection would be trifling, but it would entail an annual charge of £12 in each case.  
 (5.) One—Concord, the position being isolated.

- (6.) Contract Draftsmen employed by Survey Department:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What are the names of the contract draftsmen employed by the Survey Department, and where are they employed?  
 (2.) What class of work are they employed on?  
 (3.) What is the amount earned by each one monthly during the past six months?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for this information in the form of a return, I shall be happy to supply it.

- (7.) Tenders for Narrabri-Moree Railway:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Collins, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he consider the advisableness (if practicable), when calling for tenders for the Narrabri-Moree Railway, to have them called in different sections, so as to allow contractors with small means to tender for the work?

Mr. Young answered,—Due consideration will be given to the suggestion of the Honorable Member, when the tenders are being arranged for.

- (8.) Cases of Diphtheria treated with Anti-toxin:—Mr. Stevenson, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he obtain from the Board of Health a return showing the number of cases of diphtheria that have been treated with anti-toxin, and the result of the same up to the present date?  
 (2.) Has the use of anti-toxin been found in any case to have caused the death of the patient from heart failure, disease of the kidneys, or septicæmia; if so, in what percentage of cases have such results occurred?

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Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed that forty-eight tubes of anti-toxin have been issued and some information has been collected as to its action, but it is yet too early to give anything like a detailed report. This, however, will be done as soon as possible.

(9.) Advance made to the Chief Railway Commissioner :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Why did he advance £500 to the Chief Railway Commissioner without the authority of Parliament?

Mr. Reid answered,—The arrangement, of which a part is referred to by the Honorable Member was approved for good and sufficient reasons, and in the public interest.

3. PAPER :—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Statement respecting homestead lease taken up on the Toulby Run, near Jerilderie. (*Vide Mr. Sleath's Question No. 2, Votes No. 65, Tuesday, 26th March, 1895.*)

4. EIGHT HOURS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Schey moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Perry moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 3 and "6" instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 9th April.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 11th October, 1894.*

5. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, "That," during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered,—

(1.) Friday in each week be a sitting day of this House; that the House meet at "Three" o'clock p.m.; that General Business take precedence of Government Business; that, on every alternate Friday, Orders of the Day take precedence of Motions; and that the General Business already on the paper for Tuesdays be transferred to the following Fridays in each week.

(2.) Government Business take precedence of General Business on Tuesday in each week.

Mr. Affleck moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words, "this House resolves to meet on Thursdays at half-past 10 a.m. during the remainder of the present Session, and that an adjournment for one hour at 1 o'clock take place for luncheon, private Members' business having precedence up to 6 p.m. on the "Thursdays," instead thereof.

Mr. Speaker said he could not submit the proposed amendment, being bound by a decision of the House itself on 16th April, 1874, over-ruling the decision of Mr. Speaker Arnold on a similar amendment. On that occasion Mr. Speaker Arnold declared the amendment to be in order, but the House dissented from his ruling. That dissent must therefore be taken to decide that Mr. Affleck's amendment is out of order.

Original Question again stated.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Moore moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "Three" and inserting the words "half-past One" instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the word left out, be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Thomas Brown
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hughes,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Ravister,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Black.
Mr. O'Reilly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. Mackay,	
Mr. Newman,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. See,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Rose,	
Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. Pyors,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. James Morgan,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Russell Jones,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Ewing,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,

26th March, 1895.

Question, as amended, put,—That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered,—

(1.) Friday in each week be a sitting day of this House; that the House meet at half-past One o'clock p.m.; that General Business take precedence of Government Business; that, on every alternate Friday, Orders of the Day take precedence of Motions; and that the General Business already on the paper for Tuesdays be transferred to the following Fridays in each week.

(2.) Government Business take precedence of General Business on Tuesday in each week.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Young,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Smailes,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Law,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Sleath.
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Dick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Storey.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Lync,	Sir Henry Parkes.
Mr. See,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Russell Jones.
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. James Morgan,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Ewing,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Pymont Bridge*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the removal of the present Pymont Bridge, and the construction in lieu thereof of a timber bridge with steel swing-span, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Hogue,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Ewing.

Noes, 14.

Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Lync,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Gardiner.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wood,
Mr. James Morgan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. RESERVES DECLARATORY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the effect of and to amend the law relating to withdrawals and reservations from lease or from occupation license, and the revocation and cancellation of the same; to validate certain reservations from lease; and for other purposes.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th March, 1895.*

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8. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT, 1892, AMENDMENT BILL:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrard, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1892.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
- Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.
- The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
- Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1892.
- On motion of Mr. Garrard, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Garrard then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1892*,"—which was read a first time.
- Mr. Garrard moved, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH, 1895, A.M.

9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan*):—
- The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Young:—"That it is expedient that a line of railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan, "as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, subject to the modifications recommended by the said Committee."
- Upon which Mr. Price had moved, That the Question be amended by adding the words "and that the betterment principle be applied to the land served by the railway."
- And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—
- The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
- Question put, That the words proposed to be added be so added.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Lyne,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. McGowen.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Schey,  
Mr. Gardiner.

Noes, 38.

Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Barister,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hogue.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Millard,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put and passed.

10. ANJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Twenty-two minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*





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No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH, 1895.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council, authorising the transfer of an amount from one Head of Service to supplement a vote for another Service in connection with the Department of Mines, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Assessment paid by Stock-owners under Diseases in Sheep Acts:—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the total amount paid in 1894 by stock-owners as assessment under the Diseases in Sheep Acts?

(2.) To what fund is the money so raised placed, and how expended?

(3.) Is there a credit balance to the credit of said fund, and, if so, what is the amount of same?

(4.) Is the whole cost of working the Stock Department paid out of the funds levied from the stock-owners in New South Wales, or is any portion paid out of the Consolidated Revenue; and, if so, how much annually?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) The total receipts under the Diseases in Sheep Acts during the year 1894 amounted to £18,912 17s. 11d.

(2.) The Sheep Account Trust Fund. The money is expended in payment of salaries and other expenses in carrying out the Diseases in Sheep Acts.

(3.) No, not at present.

4. No. The following amounts were voted for 1894, and paid from the Consolidated Revenue:—Imported stock, £2,934; registration of brands, £1,875; management of pounds and commons, £130; for the purposes of the Pastures and Stock Protection Act, £2,500; cultivation of virus of pleuro-pneumonia and investigation of parasitic diseases in stock, £50; control and marking and fencing of travelling stock and camping reserves, purchase of land for crossing places, improvement of access to water reserves, removal of obstructions, and suppression of trespass, £1,500.

(2.) Electric Light for Berrima Gaol:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has an electric lighting plant been erected at Berrima Gaol?

(2.) Is the light supplied to all prisoners; and if not, why not?

(3.) How long is the light available each night?

(4.) Is it available only from 7 to 8 p.m.?

(5.) Will he give instructions to make it available from dark till a reasonable hour, say 9 p.m.?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The light is only supplied to prisoners in the "A" division who occupy separate cells, and who are not undergoing separate treatment for misconduct in gaol. Prisoners in association in the gaols of the Colony are not provided with lights in their cells, and there is no reason why prisoners in the gaol at Berrima should be treated differently from the prisoners in other gaols. Uniformity must be observed in the treatment of the different classes of prisoners, no matter where they are serving their sentences.

(3.) The light is available until 8 o'clock p.m.

(4.) The turning on of the light depends upon the season of the year. It is turned on earlier during the winter evenings than in summer.

(5.) Eight o'clock is considered to be quite late enough, as the prisoners have to rise at a very early hour in the morning.

(3.)

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- (3.) Prisoner confined in Berrima Gaol:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is there at present a boy confined in Berrima Gaol who, three and a half years ago, was sentenced to death on a charge of rape, when only 14 years of age?
  - (2.) Was that sentence commuted to penal servitude for life?
  - (3.) Have the gaol authorities refused to allow that boy to learn a trade, although he has repeatedly asked to be allowed to do so?
  - (4.) Is this boy kept confined to the company of old and hardened criminals?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1 and 2.) No, but the Comptroller-General of Prisons informs me there is a youth who, in 1891, at the age of seventeen, was convicted of carnally knowing a girl under the age of ten years, and against whom sentence of death was recorded, but was subsequently commuted to imprisonment for life with hard labor. Two previous convictions for stealing are recorded against this youth, whose conduct in gaol is bad.

- (3.) No.
- (4.) No.

- (4.) Distribution of Prospecting Vote:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the fact that a large number of applications for assistance from the Prospecting Vote have been made from Mount Drysdale and other parts of the Cobar Electorate, will he cause the various claims referred to to be inspected by the Prospecting Board with the least possible delay, so that the applications can be dealt with?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Yes; the field will be visited with the least possible delay.

- (5.) Advance to the Chief Railway Commissioner:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will the Chief Railway Commissioner be entitled to any further sum for expenses than the £500 already advanced?
  - (2.) Is it the rule of the Railway Department to advance expenses before such expenses are incurred?
  - (3.) Will the Chief Railway Commissioner be called upon to furnish vouchers for expenses?
  - (4.) On what authority are sums of money appropriated to the credit of railway officials beyond their stated salary?
  - (5.) What is the object of the Treasurer's Advance Fund?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes, if the expenses incurred exceed the sum advanced.
- (2.) It is usual to pay an advance on account of expenses where officers are required to leave the Colonies for departmental service.
- (3.) The Chief Commissioner has given the usual undertaking to account for the amount advanced.
- (4.) Such payments to railway officials are made on the authority of the Railway Commissioners.
- (5.) To enable the Treasurer to make advances to public officers (not otherwise provided for of course), and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature.

- (6.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) If he is aware that hundreds of Civil Servants have expressed themselves in favour of foregoing any claim on the Superannuation Fund, provided their payments up to date, with current rate of interest added, are refunded?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that sums from the Consolidated Revenue are continually placed to the credit of the Superannuation Fund without the sanction of Parliament?

Mr. Reid answered,—

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

- (7.) Amendment of the Land Bill:—Mr. James Morgan, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the widespread depression existing amongst the selectors of the Colony, will he cause the Land Bill now before the Legislative Council to be so amended in clause 26 as to give him power, after investigation, to grant to selectors an extension of time wherein to pay their instalments on conditional purchases and rents on conditional leases for a period of three years, the whole amount and interest at the rate of 3 per cent. to become a first charge on the land?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Ample power is already provided to be taken in the Land Bill to give necessary temporary relief to selectors.

- (8.) Government Buildings at Walgett:—Mr. James Morgan, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he called for a report from his officers concerning the dilapidated state of the Government post-office, court-house, and gaol at Walgett?
  - (2.) If so, has that report disclosed the fact that the buildings, especially the post-office, are in an undoubtedly dangerous condition, and at the point of total collapse?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that thousands of pounds have been paid for these buildings, and will he take action to prevent their ruin for the want of timely repairs?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The report on post offices states the walls are rent and the building, in consequence, partially unsafe.
- (3.) The amount expended upon these buildings is as follows:—Court and watch house, £850; court-house, £3,097; police station, £2,535; post and telegraph office, £2,688; gaol, £5,494; police officers' quarters, £1,903; total, £16,567.

I will take action without unnecessary delay.

(9.)

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(9.) Garangula Gold-field:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Garangula Gold-field is situated on privately-owned freehold land?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the owner or his agent has recently demanded a rent of 2s. 6d. per week from every man mining on the field?
- (3.) Has it been represented to him that the field is of such a character as would make it advisable for the Government to resume the land comprising the gold-field?
- (4.) If so, what decision has he come to on the matter, and when will action be taken?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) It is understood that a certain sum is paid by the miners under an agreement with the owner.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) No decision has yet been come to, as there are legal difficulties in the way. The Crown Solicitor has been asked to advise upon the matter, and upon receipt of his reply the question will be decided.

(10.) Late Railway Accident on the Zig-Zag:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of any report that may have been made concerning the late railway accident on the great Zig-Zag?
- (2.) If so, when will the same be available?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will have pleasure in laying a copy of the Report on the Table for the information of the Honorable Member.

(11.) Sale of Tickets by Tram-guards:—Mr. Sleath asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that tram-guards have to pay out of their own pockets any deficiency that may arise through the selling of tickets?
- (2.) Have the tram-guards to make up any deficiency that may arise through bad money being paid to them?
- (3.) Is it a fact that one guard had to refund 10s. alleged to have been dropped by a passenger when passing it to the guard?
- (4.) Do the guards get any percentage for selling tickets; and, if not, why not?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I am informed that as a rule tram-guards make up any deficiency that arises if they are short in their cash on account of sales of tram-tickets or accept bad money; but the latter cases rarely occur.
- (3.) No; but a case has occurred in which the tramway manager has called upon a conductor to pay the sum of 10s. lost by him.
- (4.) No; the selling of tickets comes within their ordinary duty.

## 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for Public School purposes at Collingrove, Rockmore, and Sparling's Swamp.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 21st March, 1895,—“Adulterated liquors now or recently in bond.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Marlee, county of Macquarie, for a gravel pit at Wingham.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Trustees of National Park Trust for the year 1894.
- (2.) Return respecting apportionment of reduction of £7,000 on votes for Military and Naval Forces for half year ending June, 1895.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Amended clause A of Regulation No. 9 of the Regulations relating to Lead-poisoning.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Report respecting the derailment of a passenger train on the Lithgow Zig Zag on 12th March, 1895.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Statement of Accounts of the Government Savings Bank for the year 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

## 4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put and passed.

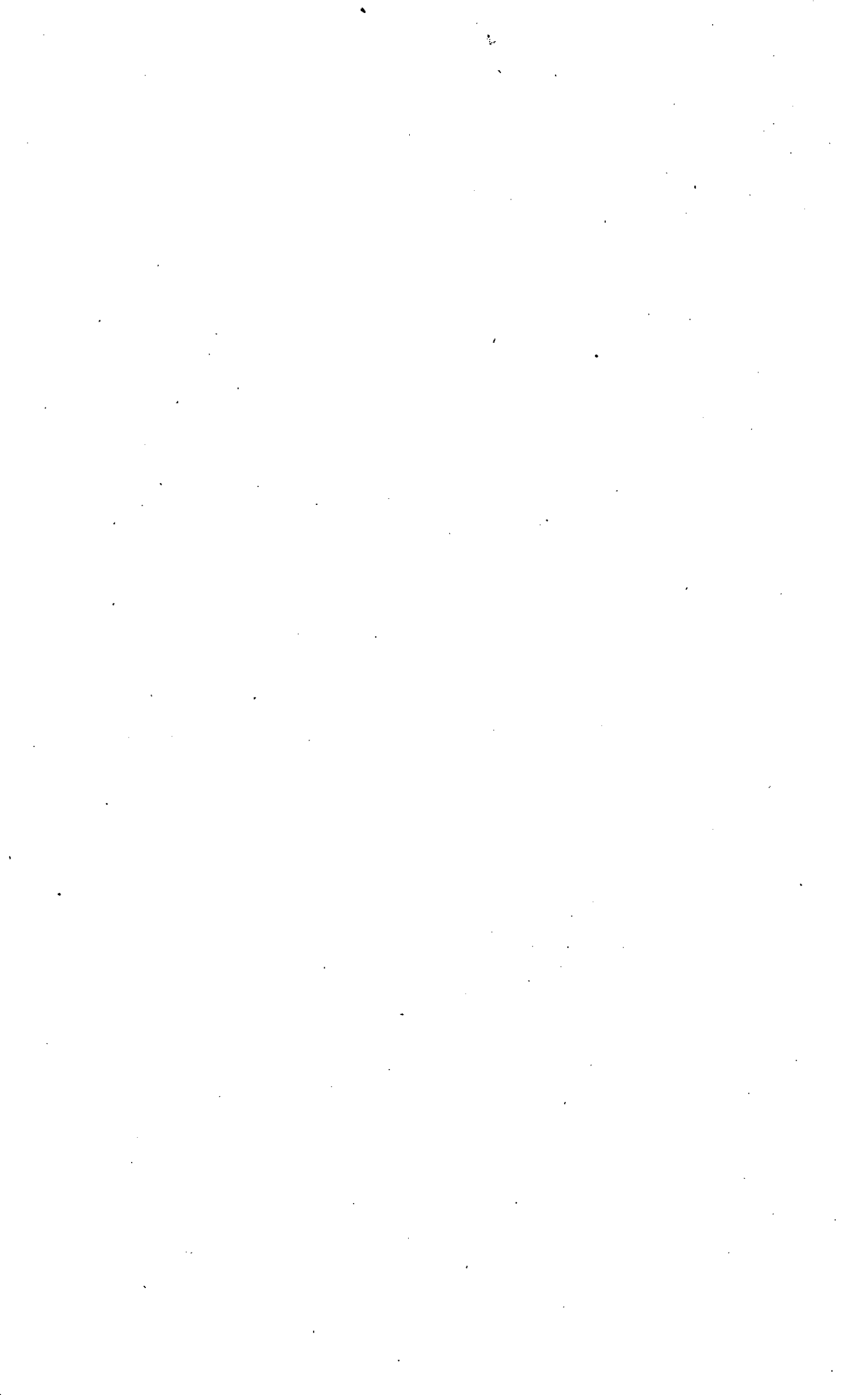
Bill read a second time.

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

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

The House adjourned, at eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.



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No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 MARCH, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Site for Cemetery at Wyong:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the site dedicated for a public cemetery at Wyong is a huge swamp, and after heavy rains the land is covered with water several feet deep?
  - (2.) When was the land dedicated, and at whose instance was the site chosen?
  - (3.) Who applied for the grant of money to fence the land in question?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that no bodies have ever been interred there, and that it is impossible to use the site for burial purposes?
  - (5.) Have the residents complained, and applied for a suitable site; if so, what action has been taken to provide the residents of Wyong, Wyong Creek, and Jiliby Jiliby with a cemetery?
  - (6.) Has the District Surveyor been asked to meet the residents and report upon a suitable site; if so, what is the nature of his report?
  - (7.) Is he aware that the nearest cemetery is at Ourimbah, distant from Wyong 6 miles, and from Jiliby Jiliby over 10 miles?
  - (8.) As there is a large population in the vicinity of Wyong, &c., will he cause a site to be dedicated for a cemetery at an early date?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware.
  - (2.) The land was dedicated on the 2nd December, 1887, the site having been recommended by the Local and District Surveyors.
  - (3.) The Reverend R. M. Walker, of Belmont.
  - (4.) I am not aware.
  - (5 and 6.) Applications for a more suitable site have been received, and referred to the District Surveyor for report, which has not yet been furnished.
  - (7.) According to the office maps, the nearest cemetery is at Yarramalong, about 5 miles distant from Wyong.
  - (8.) The District Surveyor has been instructed to expedite his report.
- (2.) Refrigerating Cars constructed by Hudson Bros.:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the contract price per car of twelve refrigerating cars constructed by Hudson Bros.' Company for the Railway Commissioners?
  - (2.) What portions of the vehicles and fittings were supplied by the Railway Commissioners?
  - (3.) Were there any extras; if so, what were they, and what was paid for them?
  - (4.) Did the work in them give entire satisfaction?
  - (5.) If not, what fault was found with them, or any of them; and what action was taken in regard to the matter?
  - (6.) Is the work in the cars standing well, and giving satisfaction?
  - (7.) Have any similar cars been built in the railway workshops?
  - (8.) If so, what have such cars cost, exclusive of such parts and fittings as are supplied to contractors when building similar vehicles?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) I am informed the contract price for twelve cars is £474 each.
- (2.) The conditions of contract for the following, viz.:—Bogies complete with brake gear, wheels and axles, Turton's buffers complete, draw gear, side chains and screw couplings complete, Westinghouse brake patent parts and hose couplings.
- (3.) No.
- (4 and 5.) Yes; the work so far has given satisfaction.
- (6.) Yes, in the cars delivered.
- (7.) Yes. Two similar cars have been built in the shops, but with the addition of an extra roof.
- (8.) Cost each £528 exclusive of fixed shop charges. (3.)

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- (3.) Trailing Cars constructed by Hudson Bros. :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the contract price per car for the twenty-four trailing cars constructed by Hudson Bros.' Company for the Ocean-street cable tramway?
  - (2.) What portions of the vehicles, trimmings, or fixings, were supplied by the Railway Commissioners?
  - (3.) Were there any extras; if so, what was the nature of them, and what was paid for them?
  - (4.) Did the work in them give entire satisfaction?
  - (5.) If not, what fault was found with them, or any of them; and what action was taken in regard to the matter?
  - (6.) Is the work in the cars standing well, and giving satisfaction?
  - (7.) Have any similar cars been constructed in the railway workshops?
  - (8.) If so, what have such cars cost to build, exclusive of all such parts, trimmings, &c., as are supplied to contractors when building similar vehicles?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) I am informed there was no contract price per car arranged. The contract was for twenty grip cars and twenty-four trail cars for a lump sum of £7,756. This amount, however, was reduced to £7,673 15s. 6d. by amount of deductions for sash-holders, lamps, and carpeting dispensed with, over extras for improvements to destination boards, springs for side lamps, alterations to brake gear, &c.
- (2.) Wheels and axles, india-rubber draw gear, springs, and plates, photographs, and roller blinds, as provided for in the conditions.
- (3.) There were no extras, as usually understood. The allowances by the contractors for items dispensed with, over and above payments for some minor alterations and additions, showed a gain to the Department.
- (4 and 5.) The work gave satisfaction.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7 and 8.) No similar cars have been made in the railway workshops.

- (4.) Mineral Wealth of the Colony :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—With reference to the oft-repeated assertion that this Colony is rich in mineral wealth, awaiting development,—

- (1.) Are the Government Geologists of that opinion?
- (2.) Have they pointed out, or are they prepared to point out, localities where valuable deposits of gold, or other minerals, are supposed to exist?
- (3.) If so, does the Government intend to have any such localities properly tested, by boring or otherwise?
- (4.) Does the Government contemplate adopting any special measures to further the development of the mining industry, with a view to opening up new and profitable avenues of employment, and bringing into circulation some of the above-mentioned latent wealth to meet the Colony's present necessities?
- (5.) If so, when will the same be announced?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) A systematic geological survey of the whole Colony would no doubt indicate the limits of the areas within which coal, shale, &c., and the ores of the various metals, would be likely to occur, but their discovery within those areas would still depend, to a certain extent, upon careful prospecting. The cost of such a geological survey would be very great, and would necessitate a much larger staff than at present exists. Under present arrangements the services of the Government Geologist and the three geological surveyors are utilised in examining and reporting upon areas of special economic interest.
- (3.) Numerous localities are being tested.
- (4.) The Government fully recognises the importance of adopting all practical measures for further developing the mining industry, and is, from time to time, adopting such measures.
- (5.) Answered by No. 4.

- (5.) Members of the Water and Sewerage Board :—Dr. Graham asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) In reconstructing the Water and Sewerage Board, does he consider it essential that at least one of the members of that Board should be specially acquainted with the science of public health, inasmuch as the water service and sewerage systems in every community are determinate factors in the standard of health?
- (2.) Is he aware that the present Board call upon medical practitioners to furnish them with returns of infectious diseases prevailing among the community from time to time, thus showing that the members of the Board at least recognise the importance of being assisted by those who are in touch with the general affairs of public health?
- (3.) Is it understood that the recent appointment of two architects as members of the Water and Sewerage Board completes his reconstruction scheme, or has he any intention, in view of the public importance of the matter, of inviting the President of the Board of Health, or some other sanitary expert, to take an official seat on the Board?

Mr. Young answered,—I fully recognise the importance of the Board being in touch with all questions connected with the science of public health, and as a matter of fact, as pointed out by the Honorable Member himself, the Board take the necessary steps to obtain the best advice on the subject, but I do not know that it is necessary that a medical gentleman should be actually on the Board. In any questions which may arise which makes it desirable that the President of the Board of Health should offer his advice, that could easily be obtained in the usual way through the Ministerial Head of his Department. The law provides that the Board shall consist of seven members and no more; and, as the full number has been appointed, I am unable to add to that number without an alteration being made in the existing law.

(6.)

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- (6.) Lease of Offices of Hunter District Water and Sewerage Board at Newcastle:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Edden*, asked the Secretary of Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he has decided to renew the lease of the offices of the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Board at Newcastle for three years from 1st July?
  - (2.) If so, what is the rental proposed to be paid?
  - (3.) What is the rental at present paid?
  - (4.) In the original lease was there any provision for an increase of rent in the event of a renewal?
  - (5.) Will there be any objection to laying the papers in connection with this matter upon the Table of the House?
- Mr. Young* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) £350 per annum.
  - (3.) £300 per annum.
  - (4.) Yes, at £400 per annum.
  - (5.) There is no objection if moved for in the usual way; or, if preferred, the Honorable Member can peruse the whole of the correspondence at any time at the Public Works Office. The latter course will mean the saving of expense in preparing the papers for the Table of the House.
- (7.) Resident Engineer of the Shoalhaven and Kiama Road District:—*Mr. Morton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to remove the headquarters of the resident engineer of the Shoalhaven and Kiama Road District from Nowra to Kiama?
  - (2.) If so, for what reason?
- Mr. Young* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) It has been sanctioned at the request of the local officer, and as there was no departmental objection to it, the change was agreed to. It should be noted that since the head-quarters of the district were changed some years ago from Kiama to Nowra, an alteration in the boundaries of the district has taken place by which the northern boundary was extended  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles, with a corresponding reduction on the southern side.
- (8.) Piece-work for Contracts for Public Works Department:—*Mr. Smailes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is piece-work held by his Department to be sub-contracting?
  - (2.) If so, is the clause (inserted in contracts) to suppress sub-contracting held to apply to piece-work also?
  - (3.) Under the minimum wage clause, is boy labour allowed on work that up to the present has been done by men?
- Mr. Young* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) The distinction between piece-work and sub-contracting is so fine that it is difficult to categorically answer the questions of the Honorable Member. Each case will be dealt with on its merits, but I shall take care to insist that the clause relating to sub-contracting shall be adhered to, in accordance with the principles which clearly underlie it, viz, the prevention of the practice of "sweating."
- (3.) Where it is clearly to the interest of the work that men should be employed, boy labour would not be allowed.
- (9.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Civil Service Superannuation Fund has drifted into a state of hopeless insolvency?
  - (2.) If so, what steps do the Government purpose taking in connection with the matter?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—
- (1.) I have not yet considered the report laid upon the Table last week in reference to this matter.
  - (2.) I consider this matter one of many requiring speedy attention.
- (10.) Retrenched Civil Servants:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the great tax on the Civil Service Superannuation Fund, which the larger number of retrenched Civil Servants have become, is it the intention of the Government to adhere to the rule, wherever possible, of filling up vacancies that from time to time occur by reappointing to the Service men who have been retrenched?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—Yes.
- (11.) Navigation Act Amendment Bill:—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Watson*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to again introduce the Navigation Act Amendment Bill; if so, when?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—There is a rule of Parliament which prevents the introduction during the same session of a Bill which has been thrown out. If the action taken in the other chamber is equivalent to that, then the Bill could not be dealt with there again this session. If the Government cannot bring up the Bill this session they certainly will do so next session.
2. PAPER:—*Mr. Garrard* laid upon the Table,—Report of the Government Labour Bureau for the year ending 17th February, 1895.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Argyle, *Mr. Rose*, a Notice under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The action of the Premier in permitting the Chief Railway Commissioner to take £500 from last year's Railway Vote as an instalment towards defraying his expenses to Europe without the authority of Parliament."  
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And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Carruthers submitted that this subject had been already discussed during the present Session, viz., on 28th February last, on Mr. O'Sullivan's proposed amendment to Sir George Dibbs' Vote of Censure.

Mr. Speaker stated that the whole Question of the increase to the salary of Mr. Eddy, and the "liberal allowances to him for ten months' trip to Europe," had been debated on the occasion referred to by Mr. Carruthers. This motion was therefore out of order.

4. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT, 1892, AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrard moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes before One o'clock a.m., until half-past One o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 29 MARCH, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Transfer of Publican's License to Mrs. Weir:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. James Morgan, asked the Minister of Justice,—Under what Act did the Magistrates refuse a transfer of a publican's license to a Mrs. Weir, at the Central Police Court on Monday last, she holding a judicial separation order?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—The following report upon this matter has been furnished by the Clerk of Petty Sessions and Chamber Magistrate at the Central Police Office:—"This was an application for transfer of a publican's license, under section 43 of 45 Vic. No. 14, heard before the Licensing Bench, Central Police Court, on Monday last, and objected to by the police on the ground that the transferee was a married woman. Mr. Frederick Gannon, sen., on behalf of applicant, alleged that she had a Judge's order of the Supreme Court. The Bench having expressed themselves as adverse to the application being granted, Mr. Gannon asked for and obtained permission to withdraw the application. The application was, of course, dealt with under the Licensing Act."

(2.) Centennial Park Works:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he yet approved of any scale of rations and amount of work to be demanded for same for the Centennial Park work?

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

(3.) If so, when?

(4.) If no decision has yet been arrived at, when does he propose to settle the same?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—

(1.) The scale is now under revision.

(2, 3, and 4.) A copy of the scale will probably be laid upon the Table of the House in a few days.

(3.) Contract Price for American Cars constructed by Hudson Bros.:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the contract price per car of two trains of American type cars constructed by Hudson Bros.' Company for the Railway Commissioners?

(2.) What portions of the vehicles and fittings were supplied by the Railway Commissioners?

(3.) Were there any extras; if so, what were they, and what was paid for them?

(4.) Did the work in them give entire satisfaction?

(5.) If not, what fault was found with them, or any of them; and what action was taken in regard to the matter?

(6.) Is the work in the cars standing well, and giving satisfaction?

(7.) Have any similar cars been built in the railway workshops?

(8.) If so, what have such cars cost, exclusive of such parts and fittings as are supplied to contractors when building similar vehicles?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) I am informed the contract price for the two trains, consisting of six 1st and six 2nd class cars, was £10,700. The contract was not let at so much per car.

(2.) The contract provides for the following being supplied, viz.:—Wheels and axles, elliptical bearing springs, bogie side-bearing springs, india-rubber cushion springs, india-rubber draw springs, lamps, and gas fittings, and Westinghouse brake, patent parts.

(3, 4, 5, and 6.) None of the vehicles have yet been completed.

(7 and 8.) No similar cars have been built in the railway workshops.

(4.)

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- (4.) Efficiency of the Police Force:—Mr. Travers Jones asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many reported thefts have been registered within the Metropolitan Police District during the past three months?
  - (2.) How many apprehensions and convictions have resulted from such registered reports?
  - (3.) If the reply shows a minimum of efficiency in the detection of crime, will he take steps to make the Police Force more efficient for the protection of property?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—
- (1.) 959.
  - (2.) 484 apprehensions; 332 convictions.
  - (3.) A number of the thefts reported were of a very petty nature, and in numerous instances were no doubt committed by persons arrested, though sufficient evidence was not forthcoming to warrant prosecution. The strength of the Police Force is far below the proportion in other large cities, but there is no reason to justify the supposition that the Force is inefficient. About 400 additional constables would be required to make the Sydney Force proportionately equal to that of London.
- (5.) Pharmacy Bill:—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. Macdonald, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) When does he propose to introduce the Pharmacy Bill mentioned in the ninth clause of Governor's Speech, delivered 28th August, 1894?
  - (2.) Has the Bill been drafted yet; and, if so, will he lay a copy of it upon the Table for information of Members?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Shortly.
  - (2.) Yes; when finally settled.
- (6.) Case of the Rev. James Clarke:—Mr. Griffith asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Who authorised the searching of the Rev. James Clarke by Sub-Inspector Tindall on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd of February last?
  - (2.) Who authorised the same officer to arrest this gentleman, and have him detained in the Reception House, Darlinghurst, from 22nd February until 1st March?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
- (1.) The Sheriff drew Sub-Inspector Tindall's attention to the report that the Rev. Mr. Clarke had been seen with a revolver in the precincts of the Supreme Court. Mr. Tindall questioned Mr. Clarke, who requested that he might be searched, on three occasions, which was done privately.
  - (2.) The Inspector-General directed that Mr. Clarke should be taken to the Police Surgeon for examination as to his mental condition.
- (7.) Payment of Members of Police Force for delivery of Elector's Rights:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Were the members of the Police Force who compiled the Electoral Rolls and delivered the Elector's Rights allowed extra payment for this extra duty?
  - (2.) If so, have they received the payment?
  - (3.) If not, what is the reason the payments have not been made?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—
- (1.) An allowance has been authorised to be paid to the Police who were engaged delivering the Electoral Rights, not for compiling the Rolls.
  - (2 and 3.) The allowance is now being paid.
- (8.) Powers of Registrar of Friendly Societies:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- Will he obtain the opinion of the Crown Law officers as to whether the Registrar of Friendly Societies has the power to refuse to register a benefit society on the ground that, in his opinion, the rate of contribution is not high enough?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Registrar of Friendly Societies:—The 7th section of the Friendly Societies Act declares that it shall not be lawful for the Registrar to grant a certificate of registration to a society assuring to any member thereof benefits susceptible of calculation by way of average unless the contributions payable shall have been certified under the hand of an actuary. The Registrar is now acting strictly in accordance with the provisions of this section, and refuses to certify to rules which provide a rate of contribution inadequate for the benefits professed to be given. This course is necessary if societies are to meet their engagements.
- (9.) Consolidation of the Land Laws:—Mr. Ashton asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any intention of arranging for the consolidation of the land laws?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—Immediately after the passage of the Land Bill now before Parliament steps will be taken to consolidate and codify the whole of the land laws.
- (10.) Scheme of the Armidale Water Supply:—Mr. Russell Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the original scheme of the Armidale Water Supply been condemned?
  - (2.) Has a second scheme been selected, and adopted in the place of the original scheme?
  - (3.) What was the difference in the estimate of prices in the two schemes?
  - (4.) Was the original scheme approved of by the Engineer-in-Chief of Harbours and Rivers, and also recommended by the Public Works Committee?

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- (5.) What is the name of the surveyor who surveyed and recommended the scheme to the Government, and the length of time it took to survey it?  
 (6.) Has the officer who recommended the scheme been lately recommended for an appointment on the staff; if so, at what salary, and what increase to his present salary?  
 (7.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House all the papers in connection with the schemes?

Mr. Young answered,—These Questions will better be answered by a perusal of the papers themselves, which, so far as they deal with this particular aspect of the case, I will lay upon the Table of the House early next week.

- (11.) Amendment of "Diseases in Sheep Acts Further Amendment Act":—Mr. Ashton asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he any intention of introducing a Bill to amend the Diseases in Sheep Act in the direction of enabling refunds to be made of travelling stock charges held to have been legally but not equitably due?

(2.) If so, when may the introduction of such Bill be looked for?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) As soon as the state of general business will permit.

2. RESERVES DECLARATORY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the effect of, and to amend the law relating to, withdrawals and reservations from lease or from occupation license, and the revocation and cancellation of the same; to validate certain reservations from lease; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th March, 1895.

3. SPEECHES OF MEMBERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Affleck, moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The names of all Members who made speeches between the opening of Parliament and the adjournment for the Christmas holidays.

(2.) The number of times each Member spoke.

(3.) The total hours and minutes consumed by each Member in making all his speeches.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Frank Farnell.

Tellers,

Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Gardiner.

Noes, 42!

Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Cook,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Wuddell,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Edden,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Wall,	Tellers,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Griffith.

And so it passed in the negative.

4. CASE OF LAW AND WILLIAMS—ROBBERY AND ASSAULT AT MINMI (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice,—That an Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the depositions in the case of Law and Williams, who were charged with robbery and assault at Minmi.

Question put and passed.

5. NET-FISHING AND SET-LINE FISHING IN PORT JACKSON PROHIBITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

Mr. Shipway moved, pursuant to Notice,—That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit net-fishing and set-line fishing in the waters of Port Jackson.

Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Works Acts Further Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday next.

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7. **AGENT-GENERAL OF THE COLONY**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Waddell,—  
 “(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Agent-General of the Colony, in London, should not be held by any one occupant for a period exceeding five ‘years.’  
 “(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.”—  
 Upon which Mr. Reid had moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word “years” of the words “except by express re-appointment.”  
 And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.  
 The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
 Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and passed.  
 Question then,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Agent-General of the Colony, in London, should not be held by any one occupant for a period exceeding five years except by express re-appointment.  
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor,—put and passed.
8. **COWRA STREET-AWNINGS VALIDATION AND REGULATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Donnelly moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Speaker stated that, on looking closely into this Bill, he had come to the conclusion that it should have been introduced upon Petition as a private Bill, being a measure which affected private interests.  
 On motion of Mr. Donnelly the Order of the Day was discharged.  
 Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until Tuesday next:—  
 (1.) Co-operative Credit Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a central and local organisation of industry and finance, and to provide farmers and others engaged in certain industries connected closely with land with a means of obtaining advances of money at low rates of interest by co-operation in the use of credit, and for other purposes.  
 (2.) Parliamentary Elections (Candidates' Deposit) Bill; second reading.  
 (3.) Electoral Majority Vote Bill; second reading.  
 (4.) Commons Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.  
 (5.) Holt's Wingello Estate Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.  
 (6.) Legal Profession Amalgamation Bill; second reading.  
 (7.) Carriages Regulation Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
10. **GOVERNOR'S SALARY REDUCTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Barnes,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Law,	Mr. O'Reilly.
Mr. Collins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Smailes.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Piddington,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Fonkin,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Leos,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Gould,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Hogue.
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Storey,	
Mr. Knox,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Anderson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.

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

The House adjourned, at nine minutes after Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 2 APRIL, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Release of Bank Prisoners Low and Hadfield:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Griffith*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he in possession of any facts, not disclosed at the trial, which justify his action in releasing from gaol the Bank prisoners Low and Hadfield?
- (2.) Did he, in releasing these men, act on the recommendation of the Judge who sentenced them?
- (3.) Was their release ordered on the ground that the sentences of the Judge were excessive and unjust?
- (4.) If not, on what ground, beyond that of their alleged ill-health, did he thus interfere with the course of public justice?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—The Cabinet, in dealing with the cases of Hadfield and Low, had under their consideration the full facts attendant upon the conviction and the several reports of His Honor Judge Backhouse, and, after a careful review of the circumstances of the case, considered that no injury could accrue to public interests by the exercise of clemency recommended. Hadfield and Low's cases were dealt with in conjunction with those of Smith, Finlayson, and A. S. Miller, and it was felt that no distinction could justly be made in view of the similarity of the offences and the report of the Judge before whom the five persons named were convicted about the same time.

- (2.) Postmaster at Garangula:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What is the name of the postmaster at Garangula?
- (2.) Does he also keep the only hotel at that place?
- (3.) Does the postmaster personally attend to the mails and other duties involved in his position as postmaster, or are they performed by a person employed by the postmaster in his private capacity?
- (4.) If he has no knowledge of the matter, will he make inquiry and see if such is the case?
- (5.) If he finds it to be so, will he make other arrangements for the public interest to be properly looked after?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—

- (1.) Charles Kohn.
- (2.) I am not aware.
- (3.) Non-official postmasters are not expected to give their undivided personal attention to postal duties, although, of course, responsible for their proper performance.
- (4 and 5.) No complaint has been made, and, until such is the case, I do not feel called on to take any action.

- (3.) Work done by Unemployed at Centennial Park:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many gangers are employed to supervise the work now being done by the unemployed at the Centennial Park?
- (2.) What are their names?
- (3.) Were they in the Government service at the time they were appointed?
- (4.) If so, in what Department or Departments were they employed; in what positions; at what rates of pay?
- (5.) What pay and allowances do they now receive?
- (6.) Is it his intention to appoint any more gangers for the same work?

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Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) Four.
- (2.) Arthur Kimber, William M'Courtney, Thomas Cook, and Patrick Daly.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) Answered by No. 3.
- (5 and 6.) The question is now under consideration.

(4.) Settlers on Pitt Town Labour Settlement:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Are the settlers on the Pitt Town Labour Settlement being advised to leave as early as possible?
- (2.) Is it intended to break up the settlement?
- (3.) If so, when?
- (4.) For what reason?
- (5.) What is his intention in regard to the land?
- (6.) What is his intention in regard to the improvements effected by the settlers?
- (7.) Does he intend to do anything for the present settlers?
- (8.) If so, what?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) No advice of this character has been given, except to the single men, and then only in their best interests.
- (2, 3, and 4.) No; but in a very short time, probably a few weeks, the whole of the State aid will be exhausted, and it will rest with the settlers themselves whether they will keep on or break up the settlement.
- (5, 6, 7, and 8.) These are matters the subject of specific legislation, viz.:—The Labour Settlements Act, which will be carried out in the future as in the past, in the most liberal spirit.

(5.) Lock-up at Dubbo:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Minister of Justice,—What action is being taken towards the erection of a lock-up at Dubbo, to take the place of the building now in use?

Mr. Gould answered,—I understand from the Department of Public Works that it is proposed to submit a sum to provide for the cost of a building and site for consideration when the Estimates for the year 1895-6 are being dealt with.

(6.) Proposed Lands Office at Dubbo:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it intended to erect a Lands Office at Dubbo?
- (2.) If so, what site has been chosen, and when will tenders be called for same?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The site selected is lot 5, section II, having frontage to Brisbane-street. Tenders will be invited in about a fortnight.

(7.) Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. James Morgan*, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What amount is there to the credit of the Superannuation Fund of New South Wales?
- (2.) How much a year is paid into that Fund?
- (3.) How much a year is paid from the said Fund?

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

(8.) Approaches to Bridge over Murrumbidgee River at Gundagai:—Mr. Barnes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the wooden approaches to the bridge crossing the Murrumbidgee River at Gundagai, on Main Southern Road, are in a rotten and dangerous condition?
- (2.) If so, will he cause a sum of money to be placed on the coming Estimates to rebuild same?
- (3.) If he is not in possession of the above facts, will he cause a report to be made on the matter at once with the above view, and before any serious accident occurs?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) The present structure is now very old, and must be rebuilt shortly. It is not, however, in a dangerous condition. Every care is taken to keep it safe for traffic.
- (2 and 3.) The provision of funds for effecting the necessary repairs will be dealt with in connection with the Estimates now being prepared.

(9.) Salary of the Lieutenant-Governor:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Sir F. Darley is to be paid the salary of the Governor (at the rate of £7,000 a year) and the salary of the Chief Justice (at the rate of £3,500 a year) during the time he holds the position of Lieutenant-Governor?
- (2.) Is it also a fact that, while Sir F. Darley holds the position of Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Edmund Barton, Q.C., has been appointed to officiate as a Supreme Court Judge?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes. I may add that an opinion on this subject was obtained from the Imperial Law Officers of the Crown so far back as 1869, and it was to the effect that as the two salaries legally attached to the holder of the respective offices they must be paid. Under that decision the practice observed in the present case has obtained since that time. There is, however, an arrangement under which the acting Governor draws half the salary of the office only from the date of the departure of a new Governor from England.

(2.) Mr. Barton, Q.C., was appointed an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court for the Circuits of Wagga Wagga, Albury, Deniliquin, and Broken Hill. I may add that I received a communication from the Chief Justice some days ago, before the Honorable Member raised this matter, stating that he proposed to pay into the Treasury any expenses incurred in retaining the services of an Acting Judge, owing to the duties of Governor devolving upon Sir Frederick Darley.

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2. RESUMPTION OF PORTION OF BATHURST COMMON FOR MODEL FARM:—Mr. Sydney Smith presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the City of Bathurst and surrounding district, stating that Petitioners have learned that steps are being taken with a view to having the resumption of land for a Model Farm cancelled; objecting to such cancellation; and praying that operations be at once commenced to bring the resumption referred to into practical effect.  
Petition received.
3. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES:—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Petition from certain residents in the electorate of Queanbeyan, and others, praying the House to pass a measure providing for the amendment of the Land law in the direction of giving relief to those who will be required to pay instalments on their respective holdings.  
Petition received.
4. PAPERS:—  
Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the investing of Savings Banks Deposits.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Regulations for Cutting Timber under the Crown Lands Acts.  
(2.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from initiation to the 31st December, 1894, of the Hay Irrigation Trust.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Particulars respecting the Civil Service Superannuation Fund.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Molong, Dr. Ross, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the manner in which the Department of Public Works is administering the Road Vote."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Dr. Ross moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT, 1892, AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL, 1895, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the following *Point of Order* from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again as soon as Mr. Speaker's decision thereon had been given.

*Point of Order*:—The Chairman stated that Mr. Schey had moved a new clause authorising Government employes to make use of the provisions of the Bill, and that he (the Chairman) had decided that it was out of order, being beyond the scope of the Bill, and interfering with the rights of the Crown; to which opinion exception was taken, and the point was ordered to be submitted to the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker referred to a previous decision on a similar *Point of Order*, given by him on the 16th May, 1894, and confirmed the Chairman's opinion in this matter.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

The House adjourned at ten minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*





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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Salary of the Chief Railway Commissioner:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a part of the policy of the Government not to introduce the Bill for increasing the Railway Commissioner's salary until that gentleman has reached England?

(2.) If not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Reid answered,—In reply to this and many other questions which the Honorable Member asks, I should like to say this:—The policy of this Government is to take large and pressing measures dealing with the present necessities of the Colony before smaller measures, which cannot come into force, even when passed, for some time to come.

- (2.) Amendment of the Civil Service Act:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he, as speedily as possible, amend the Civil Service Act, so as to prevent Government employees of 60 years of age retiring from the Service if they are still thought eligible for the duties of office?

(2.) Will he ascertain how many contributors to the Superannuation Fund are willing to forego their claims to an annuity, provided their past contributions are refunded with current rate of interest added?

Mr. Reid answered,—The suggestions of the Honorable Member will always receive the attention they deserve.

- (3.) Railway Crossings at Scone:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. FitzGerald, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the traffic over certain public roads and streets in the town of Scone, which are crossed by the Great Northern Railway line, is obstructed by reason of the railway gates at the crossings being locked during each night?

(2.) Is this done with the sanction and under the direction of the Railway Commissioners?

(3.) If so, under what authority or right is it done?

(4.) Will he give the necessary instructions that free passage, without hindrance, is at all times, except when trains are actually crossing, to be provided for on the streets mentioned, and that the public rights in this respect are to be preserved?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that three crossings exist over the railway at Scone within a distance of 23 chains. All of these are open during the day, but in order to save the expense of maintaining gatekeepers at night two of the larger gates are locked, but wicket gates exist for foot traffic. At any time, however, the gatekeeper can be called up to open the gates, or a crossing can be made at the gates near the station, which are unlocked except when trains are due. The traffic is not large, and consequently the Commissioners do not feel justified in incurring the expense of night gatekeepers for the comparatively small traffic.

- (4.) Proposed Estimates of Expenditure, 1895-6:—Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In the proposed Estimates of Expenditure, 1895-6, will he cause lists to be printed of temporary officers, with their respective salaries?

(2.) If so, will he provide that the lists immediately follow those of the staff of each Department, so that the House may obtain clear and full information relative to the cost of each Department?

Mr. Reid answered,—This will be considered.

- (5.) Orders issued to Men at Centennial Park:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the orders issued to the men at Centennial Park tendered for?

(2.) If so, who is the tenderer?

(3.) In view of the fact that many of the smaller tradespeople give credit to the men when out of work, will he give these tradespeople a fair share of such orders, if not tendered for?

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Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Mr. James Kidman.
- (3.) It would complicate matters if the supply of rations were distributed among a number of storekeepers.

(6.) Employees of the Government Labour Bureau:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many clerks are employed at the Labour Bureau?
- (2.) What are the respective salaries of each?
- (3.) What salary does Mr. Creer now receive?
- (4.) What salary did he receive when first appointed?
- (5.) When was he appointed?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1 and 2.) *Government Labour Bureau*:—One Secretary—salary, £290 per annum; one Accountant—salary, 8s. 6d. per diem; one Chief Clerk—salary, 8s. 6d. per diem; one Clerk—salary, £2 10s. per week; two Clerks—salary, £2 2s. each per week; one Messenger—salary, 5s. 10d. per diem; one Caretaker—salary, £2 2s. per week. *Relief Branch*:—One Relieving Officer—salary, 8s. 6d. per diem; one Assistant—salary, £1 per week; two Inspectors—salary, £2 10s. each per week.

(3.) Mr. Creer receives £380 per annum for the Bureau, and £120 a year extra for supervising country and general relief, and for reporting on applications for village settlements, &c.

(4.) £400 per annum.

(5.) On 16th February, 1892.

(7.) Establishment of Court of Petty Sessions at White Cliffs:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at White Cliffs?
- (2.) Where is the nearest Court at present held, and how far from White Cliffs?
- (3.) The estimated number of male adults employed on that mining field and living in that district?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) It has already been decided to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at White Cliffs, but it has not been proclaimed owing to the difficulty of obtaining suitable accommodation. I understand, however, that plans are now being prepared for a new Police Station, to which a Court-room will be attached.

(2.) Wilcannia is the nearest Court of Petty Sessions, the distance being about 60 miles.

(3.) I am not aware, but there was an estimated population of 200 in July last.

(8.) Appointment of Stipendiary Magistrate for Newcastle:—Mr. Dick asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Whether, considering the size and importance of Newcastle, it is his intention to appoint a Stipendiary Magistrate without delay?

(2.) Will he take such steps as will lead to the immediate appointment of such an officer?

Mr. Gould answered,—As the operation of the Act under which Stipendiary Magistrates are appointed is limited to the Metropolitan Police District, no appointment of such a Magistrate to the District of Newcastle can be legally made without special legislation. The advisableness of introducing such a measure will receive due consideration.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Reports, &c., respecting the alteration of the Armidale Water Supply Scheme.

3. FRIDAYS SITTING (*Sessional Order—Formal Motion*):—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, on Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall, if not previously adjourned, sit till a quarter before 6 o'clock p.m., at which time the proceedings on any business then under consideration shall be interrupted,—if the House be in Committee of the Whole the Chairman shall thereupon put the Question (without amendment or debate) "That I do now leave the Chair and report progress, and ask leave to sit again on the next sitting day"—when the Speaker is in the Chair he shall forthwith put the question (without debate) "That this House do now adjourn."

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Nicholson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Wilks,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Kidd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. F. Clarke,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Watson,	

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Mr. Fegan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Smiles,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Wall.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Dick,
Mr. Rose.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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4. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Law of Libel Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 19th July.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Darlington, Mr. Schey, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the failure of the Government to make such stipulations in letting contracts as would obviate disastrous industrial struggles."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Schey moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.

6. **SEWERAGE WORKS AT COTTAGE CREEK CONSTRUCTION BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Lieutenant-Governor.* *Message No. 53.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the construction of sewerage works at Cottage Creek, within the Municipalities of Newcastle, Hamilton, and Wickham, in the county of Northumberland.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 3rd April, 1895.*

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

7. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS ACT AMENDMENT AND MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Sydney Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Lieutenant-Governor.* *Message No. 54.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend and extend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the Mining Act, 1874, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 3rd April, 1895.*

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

8. **VINE DISEASES BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Sydney Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Lieutenant-Governor.* *Message No. 55.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape-vines, or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape-vine or vineyard; and to eradicate any disease affecting grapes, grape-vines, or vineyards; to quarantine, and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape-vine, vineyard, package, or implement; to proclaim Vine Districts; to appoint a Central Board; and for other purposes incidental thereto; and to repeal the Act 56 Victoria No. 22.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 3rd April, 1895.*

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

9. **FRUIT PROTECTION BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Sydney Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Lieutenant-Governor.* *Message No. 56.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to prevent the introduction of and to eradicate diseases affecting fruit-trees; to prevent the introduction of and to destroy any insects, birds, or animals which are injurious to fruit-trees; to inspect, and, if necessary, quarantine any orchard, building, or place containing, or supposed to contain, any infected trees, plants, or fruit, and to destroy any such tree, plant, or fruit, or any insect, bird, or animal; and for any purposes incidental thereto.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 3rd April, 1895.*

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

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## 10. CROWN LANDS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to further regulate the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of Crown lands; for the protection of certain homesteads; to enable the Crown, by purchase, resumption, exchange, and surrender, to acquire alienated lands; to amend the law relating to conditional purchasers in certain respects; to provide for forfeitures and validations in certain cases; to prevent impoundings and actions for trespass upon unfenced holdings; to amend the law as to Local Land Boards and the Land Appeal Court; and to effect amendments in such Statutes as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd April, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## CROWN LANDS BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 3rd April, 1895.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments!

- Page 1, clause 1, lines 6 and 7. *Omit "(a) shall come into force on the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five; and"*
- Page 1, clause 1, line 8. *Omit "1894" insert "1895"*
- Page 2, clause 2, lines 22 to 24. *Omit "means the Local Land Board, except in the case of an appeal or reference to the Land Appeal Court, when the expression means the Land Appeal Court;" insert "includes Land Appeal Court in any case where an appeal or reference to that Court has been made."*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 34. *After "holdings" insert "But this section shall apply only to lands in regard to which the lessee has consented to its application, or as to which the Local Land Board of the land district in which the land is situated or the Land Court on appeal shall, after inquiry, report to the Minister that having regard to the area and nature of the Crown Lands in the said district then available for settlement, it is necessary for the purposes of bona fide settlement that such lands should be made available for settlement by other holdings; upon such inquiry the lessee may be a party, and there shall be a right of appeal to the Land Court in regard to such report: Provided that prior to any withdrawals being made, each leasehold area shall be divided by the Minister into two parts as nearly equal in area as practicable, and the part from which withdrawals may be made shall be defined, and notice thereof given to the lessee."*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 35. *After "shall" insert "be in as compact a form as practicable and the first withdrawal shall"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 40. *Omit "three" insert "six"*
- Page 3, clause 3, line 15. *Omit "may be"*
- Page 3, clause 3, line 15. *After "refunded" insert "at the option of the lessee"*
- Page 3, clause 3. *At end of clause add "Upon the expiration by effluxion of time of the term of any pastoral lease in the Central Division which has been extended under the provisions of section forty-three of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889' or this section the last holder of the lease shall have tenant right (as the same is hereinafter defined) in such improvements (not forfeited or forfeitable to or vested in the Crown) as may have been made on the land theretofore held under lease after the date of inquiry held by the Board under the provisions of section forty-three of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889.'"*
- Page 4, clause 4. *After subsection (1) insert the following new subsection:—*  
(1r) *Any improvements upon lands held under the preferential occupation license, being improvements effected by the licensee after the commencement of the license, shall for the purposes and subject to the provisions of section forty-four of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889," be taken to be the property of the licensee.*
- Page 4, clause 4, line 16. *After "year" insert "and the last holder thereof shall be entitled to tenant right (as the same is hereinafter defined) in such improvements as are hereby required to be taken to be the property of the licensee."*
- Page 4, clause 4. *At end of clause add "But all improvements on such lands, being improvements effected by the lessee thereof during the said extended term of a pastoral lease or during any of the aforesaid periods (if any) added thereto other than improvements effected before the date of the inquiry held by the Board under the provisions of section forty-three of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889,' or improvements forfeited or forfeitable to or vested in the Crown, shall be taken to be the property of the licensee, and subject to the provisions of this section may be dealt with under the provisions of section forty-four of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889.'"*
- Page 4, clause 5, lines 29 and 30. *Omit "a town boundary" insert "the boundary of a town containing at least one hundred inhabitants"*
- Page 4, clause 5. *At end of clause add "and shall have tenant right in improvements as the same is hereinafter defined upon the land so withdrawn"*
- Page 4, clause 6, line 41. *After "every" insert "pastoral or"*
- Page 4, clause 6, line 49. *Before "homestead" insert "pastoral or"*
- Page 5, clause 6, line 2. *Before "homestead" insert "pastoral or"*
- Page 5, clause 6, line 6. *After "homestead" insert "scrub"*

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Page 5. *After* clause 6 *insert* the following new clause:—*Attachment of Resumed Areas to Leasehold Areas.*

In any case in which

- (a) The Minister, after inquiry by the Local Land Board, is satisfied that any resumed area in the Western Division is not, and is not likely to be, required for purposes of settlement before the expiration of the pastoral lease of the leasehold area, and
- (b) the occupation license or annual lease, if any, of the resumed area is not held by a person other than the holder of the pastoral lease of the leasehold area,

the Minister may, with the consent of the holder of the pastoral lease by notification in the *Gazette*, declare that the resumed area shall thenceforward be held under pastoral lease, and the occupation license or annual lease, as the case may be, of the resumed area shall thereupon expire, and any artesian well or scrub lease on the resumed area, held concurrently with the pastoral lease, shall be deemed to be surrendered, but not so as in either case to thereby render the improvements on the resumed area the property of the Crown.

The resumed area, or so much thereof as may be available, shall be added to the area held under the existing pastoral lease; and the rent of the area so added shall be fixed in accordance with the following provisions:—

- (i) If the Minister and the lessee so agree, such rent shall be, at the rate per acre, payable for the leasehold area.
- (ii) If the Minister and the lessee do not agree, the rent for the area so added shall be appraised by the Local Land Board in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts as if it were the rent for a pastoral lease of the resumed area.
- (iii) Any re-appraisal of the rent of the pastoral lease shall be of the rent of the lease as including the whole area.
- (iv) Upon default in the due payment for the whole area of any sum due as rent, or added to the rent, the lease of the whole area may be forfeited, in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts.
- (v) The accounts between the lessee and the Crown shall be adjusted, and for the purposes of such adjustment any rent and license fee shall be considered as accruing due day by day.

Any resumed area added to land under pastoral lease in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be deemed to be added subject to the provision that the Governor may (by notice in the *Gazette*) withdraw, without compensation, the whole or any part or parts thereof from pastoral lease whenever he shall deem it necessary or expedient to make the land available under any provisions of the Crown Lands Acts. Under such withdrawal (which shall not take effect until the expiration of six months from the date of notice thereof) the lessee shall have tenant right in improvements upon the withdrawn area, and shall (on application within the prescribed time, and payment of license fee as prescribed) be entitled to hold the withdrawn area under preferential occupation license.

Page 5, clause 7, lines 19 and 20. *Omit* "within three months after the commencement of this Act" *insert* "at any time during any period of the lease or during any year of the occupation license"

Page 5, clause 7, line 20. *Omit* "the" *insert* "not more than one application shall be made with respect to the same leasehold or the same resumed area, and such"

Page 5, clause 7, line 40. *Omit* "the commencement of this Act" *insert* "such determination"

Page 5, clause 7, lines 42 and 43. *Omit* "commencement of this Act" *insert* "determination of the new rate"

Page 5, clause 7, line 57. *Omit* "ten" *insert* "five"

Page 5, clause 7, line 57. *Omit* "by the Principal Act"

Page 6. *After* clause 8 *insert* clause now standing as clause 16.

Page 6, clause 9, line 39. *After* "may" *insert* "subject to the provisions of and"

Page 7, clause 9, line 2. *Omit* "may" *insert* "shall"

Page 7, clause 9, lines 2 and 3. *Omit* "by the Minister after inquiry and report"

Page 7, clause 9, line 3. *After* "manner" *insert* "on the basis of the value of such improvements to the land selected"

Page 7, clause 9, line 4. *Before* "owner" *insert* "Crown or the"

Page 7, clause 9, line 5. *After* "improvements" *insert* "as the case may be"

Page 7, clause 9. At end of clause *add* "Any such notification under this or the preceding subsection may be corrected, amended, modified, or revoked by notice in the *Gazette*."

- (vi) The setting apart of any tract of Crown lands for disposal by way of homestead selection and the notification required by this section may, whenever it shall be deemed expedient, be effectuated by one and the same notification in the *Gazette*, and in any such case any preliminary notification shall be deemed to have been unnecessary, any subdivision, whether made before or after any notification under this or the preceding section, may be taken to be a subdivision within the meaning of this section, and one or more measured portions may, by notification under this section, constitute a block."

Page 8, clause 11, lines 2 to 4. *Omit* "and interest on such value at the rate of four per centum per annum, the payment being made in four equal yearly instalments at the dates and in the manner prescribed," *insert* "and in accordance with the provisions of section forty-four of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889.'"

Page 8, clause 11, line 16. *After* "months" *insert* "after the confirmation of his application"

Page 8, clause 11, line 17. *After* "and" *insert* "thereafter"

Page 8, clause 12, line 41. *Omit* "declaration" *insert* "notification"

Page 8, clause 13, line 45. *Omit* "in fee simple"

Page 8, clause 13, line 50. *Omit* "he is satisfied" *insert* "the Local Land Board reports"

Page 8, clause 13, line 56. *Omit* "two" *insert* "three"

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- Page 9, clause 13, lines 13 to 18. *Omit* "the value of the homestead selection shall for the first period of ten years after the issuing of the grant thereof be the value, as notified in accordance with the provisions hereinbefore contained, and for every succeeding period of ten years shall be determined, irrespective of improvements, in accordance with the provisions of section six of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889.'"
- Page 9, clause 13, line 29. *Omit* "three years" *insert* "one year either retrospectively or"
- Page 9, clause 13, line 51. *Omit* "assignment" *insert* "transfer"
- Page 9, clause 13, line 55. *Omit* "assignment" *insert* "transfer"
- Page 10, clause 14, line 17. *Omit* "one hundred" *insert* "forty"
- Page 10, clause 16. *Transpose* clause 16 to follow clause 8.
- Page 11, clause 17, line 7. *Omit* "original"
- Page 11, clause 17, lines 9 and 10. *Omit* "all additional conditional purchases and conditional leases of the same series" *insert* "any conditional lease held by virtue thereof"
- Page 11, clause 17, line 11. *Omit* "original"
- Page 11, clause 17, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "for the first ten-year period after the grant thereof"
- Page 11, clause 17, line 19. *After* "interest" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "the capital value of the land held under conditional lease shall be one pound per acre"
- Page 12, clause 20, lines 6 to 9. *Omit* "or (b) An original conditional purchase applied for before or after the commencement of this Act, together with any additional conditional purchases and conditional leases in virtue thereof,"
- Page 12, clause 20, line 12. *Omit* "the prescribed authority" *insert* "the land agent for the district"
- Page 12, clause 20, line 12. *After* "form" *insert* "and the land agent shall enter such particulars as may be prescribed in a book to be kept by him for the purpose, and such book shall be open to inspection by the public at such times and subject to such conditions as to payment of fees or otherwise as may be prescribed"
- Page 12, clause 20, lines 23 to 25. *Omit* "unless the sum of two hundred pounds be first paid into a trust account to be opened by the Colonial Treasurer for the purposes of this section." *Insert* "Any transfer, assignment, alienation, conveyance, charge, or incumbrance of a holding protected under this Act shall be absolutely void, but nothing herein contained shall affect the validity of any such charge or incumbrance created before the holding, which is the subject thereof, was registered"
- Page 12, clause 20, line 40. *After* "forfeiture" *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 12, clause 21, line 48. *After* "may" *insert* "subject to the provisions of and"
- Page 13, clause 21, line 14. *Omit* "may" *insert* "shall"
- Page 13, clause 21, lines 14 and 15. *Omit* "by the Minister after inquiry and report" *insert* "on the basis of the value of such improvements to the land taken up"
- Page 13, clause 21, line 16. *Before* "owner" *insert* "Crown or the"
- Page 13, clause 21, line 17. *After* "improvements" *insert* "as the case may be"
- Page 13, clause 21. At end of clause *add* "The concluding part of subsection (v) and subsection (vi) of section eleven of this Act shall, as far as applicable, apply to this section."
- Page 13, clause 22, lines 53 to 56. *Omit* "and interest on such value at the rate of four pounds per centum per annum, the payment being made in one instalment or at his option in three equal yearly instalments at the dates and in the manner prescribed; and" *insert* "in accordance with the provisions of section forty-four of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889.'"
- Page 14, clause 23. At end of clause *add*  
 "(vi) The Governor may on application as prescribed extend the term of any scrub or inferior land lease granted under the Principal Acts to a term not exceeding twenty-eight years on such terms and conditions as he may think fit; but such term shall be computed from the commencement of such lease under those Acts, and may grant tenant right as defined in this Act."
- Page 15, clause 24, lines 24 and 25. *Omit* "and be subject to reappraisal as also hereinbefore provided"
- Page 15, clause 26, line 48. *After* "may" *insert* "refer the matter to the Local Land Board and if the Board report in favour of suspension, may"
- Page 18, clause 31, line 34. *Omit* "of the fifty-second section hereof" *insert* "hereinafter contained"
- Page 19, clause 23. At end of clause *add* "The Governor may, upon application in the prescribed manner, give, by notification in the *Gazette*, tenant right in improvements to the last holder of a conditional lease (not being the person actually in default), which has been forfeited or surrendered, and shall give such tenant right to the last holder of a conditional lease which has expired."
- Page 21, clause 39, line 47. *Omit* "failed" *insert* "fails"
- Page 22, clause 42, line 56. *Omit* "statutory"
- Pages 22 and 23, clause 42, lines 56 to 5. *Omit* "under which such purchase or lease purported to be made or granted, whether such provisions were as to the land to be purchased or leased or the area thereof, the person making or taking such purchase or lease, the time or manner of making or taking the same or otherwise howsoever," *insert* "of the said Acts"
- Page 23. *After* clause 42 *insert* the following new clause:—

*Applications for extension of pastoral leases in Central Division.*

Notwithstanding anything in the Principal Act, or any amendment thereof contained, it shall be lawful for the holder of a pastoral lease in the Central Division at any time before the expiration of the current lease to make application in the prescribed manner under the provisions of section forty-three of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889" for an extension of such lease, and thereupon

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thereupon such holder shall have and be entitled to the same rights and privileges as if he had made such application within the time and in the manner provided by the said forty-third section, and the Land Board may make the inquiry and report required under the said section at any time, provided that no extension under the provisions of this section shall be for a greater period than two years.

Page 23, clause 43. *Omit* clause 43, *insert* the following new clause ;—

*Reverters.*

The provision in section thirty-two of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889," whereby in certain events lands revert or are added to certain leases, reserves, or other areas as therein set forth, but only in case such lands are wholly situated within the external boundaries of such leases, reserves, or other areas shall, after the commencement of this Act, extend and apply to cases where the lands are in part situated within such external boundaries: Provided always that only so much of the said lands shall revert or be added to the lease, reserve, or other area as is situated within the aforesaid external boundaries.

Amendment of section 32 of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889."

For the purposes of section thirty-two of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889" and of this section :—

(a) The external boundaries of any pastoral lease or occupation license are hereby declared to be and to have been so much of the external boundaries of the pastoral holding duly defined under authority or recognised by the Lands Department as together with the dividing line determined under section seventy-six of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884" form the ambit within which the pastoral lease or occupation license is situated.

(b) The external boundaries of any reserve from sale or lease, or license, or reserve from conditional purchase, or of any population area or special area or homestead selection area or settlement lease area, or suburban lands or gold-field, are hereby declared to have been and to be the boundaries as described in the *Gazette* :

Provided always that nothing contained in this section shall affect any conditional purchase or conditional or other lease for which the application has been confirmed, approved, or granted before the commencement of this Act.

Page 24, clause 44. At end of clause *add* "A special lease may be granted for business purposes or for the erection of buildings. The term of any special lease (whether applied for before or after the commencement of this Act) may be fixed for or extended to any term not exceeding twenty-eight years."

Page 24. *After* clause 44 *insert* the following new clause :—

*Expired Pastoral Leases, Central Division.*

After the expiration of the term or extended term of a pastoral lease in the Central Division the lands theretofore subject to such lease shall become a resumed area, on notification in the *Gazette* to that effect, and on such notification, and not before, shall cease to be a leasehold area within the meaning of the Principal Act.

Expired pastoral leases, Central Division.

Page 24, clause 45, line 7. *Before* "to" *insert* "with the consent of the owner"

Page 24, clause 45, line 10. *After* "exchange" *insert* "It shall be lawful for the Governor to accept a surrender of lands, in respect of which a balance of purchase money remains unpaid, if upon payment of such balance with or without interest thereon, the right to a grant of the said lands in fee-simple will become absolute, and to grant Crown lands in exchange therefor; but in any such case the acceptance of the surrender shall not be taken to affect the aforesaid balance of purchase money, or any right, remedy, or liability in respect thereof, and a grant of the Crown lands allotted in exchange shall not be issued until the aforesaid balance of purchase money, together with interest, has been duly paid."

"When any lands have been surrendered as aforesaid and Crown lands have been allotted in exchange therefor, the provisions of the Principal Act in respect of the payment of the balance of purchase money together with interest and of forfeiture upon default, shall be deemed to apply to the lands so allotted in the same way as if the lands so allotted were the lands originally purchased."

Page 24, clause 45, line 33. *After* "may" *insert* "or may not"

Page 24, clause 45, lines 36 and 37. *Omit* "Provided such area does not exceed six hundred and forty acres."

Page 25, clause 46. At end of clause *add* "The Minister may remit such part of any sum accrued due as interest upon any rent which was payable in advance as may have accrued due before the commencement of the year in respect of which the rent was payable."

Page 25, clause 49, line 42. *Omit* "the first person who makes" *insert* "any persons who make"

Page 25, clause 49, line 43. *Omit* "takes" *insert* "take"

Page 25, clause 49, lines 44 and 45. *Omit* "first person or any subsequent holder of such land" *insert* "persons"

Page 25, clause 49, line 45. *Before* "value" *insert* "amount then due and unpaid for the"

Page 25, clause 49, line 46. *Omit* "the value of such improvements" *insert* "such amount"

Page 25, clause 49, line 48. *Before* "until" *insert* "while in the hands of a purchaser or lessee"

Page 25, clause 49, lines 48 to 50. *Omit* "of the value of such improvements or until the expiration of twelve years from the date on which the tenant right accrued whichever shall first happen" *insert* "thereof"

Page 26, clause 49, line 2. *After* "1889" *insert* "but shall be calculated on the basis of the value of such improvements to the land purchased or leased"

Page 26, clause 49, line 19. *Omit* "transferee" *insert* "holder"

Page 26, clause 49, line 22. *Omit* "after the date of such transfer" *insert* "during his holding"

Page 26, clause 49, line 26. *After* "here" *omit* remainder of clause.

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Page 26. After clause 49 insert the following new clauses :—

*Forfeited Lands containing Improvements subject to tenant right or ownership.*

Forfeited lands containing improvements subject to tenant rights or ownership.

Where a purchaser or lessee of land shall have paid to the person having tenant right part of the value of the improvements, and the purchase or lease is forfeited, so much of the improvements as is represented in value by the amount so paid at the time of the forfeiture shall vest in the Crown, and the residue of the improvements, or in the case of no such payment having been made then the whole of the improvements shall continue to belong to the person having tenant right, and shall be subject to tenant right: Provided that, if the land be purchased or leased after the forfeiture, fresh appraisalment shall thereupon be made of such of the improvements as are vested in the person having tenant right. These provisions shall (subject to the provisions of section forty-four of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889") extend to cases where the person is the owner of the improvements without having tenant right therein.

*Improvements on Lapsed Improvement Purchases.*

Improvements on lapsed improvement purchases.

All improvement purchases which have been forfeited or have lapsed shall (except as hereinafter mentioned) revert and be deemed to have reverted to the leasehold area or run or area held under occupation license within which they were situated at the time of such forfeiture or lapsing, and all improvements upon such improvement purchases shall, if not otherwise the property of the Crown, be the property of the lessee or licensee of such leasehold area or area held under occupation license: Provided that any lands applied for as improvement purchases which have been acquired under conditional purchase or conditional or homestead lease before the commencement of this Act shall not be subject to this provision.

Page 28, clause 53, lines 13 and 14. Omit "and in a local newspaper"

Page 28. After clause 53 insert the following new clauses :—

*Alteration of Designs of Cities, Towns, &c.*

Alteration of designs of cities, towns, &c.

When it is intended to alter or cancel, under section one hundred and seven of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884," the design or plan or limits of any city, town or village, or suburban lands in which allotments or portions have been sold, notice of the intention and of the nature of the proposed alteration or cancellation shall be published in the *Gazette* and in some newspaper circulating in the district.

After first notice in the *Gazette* as aforesaid the Local Land Board shall thereafter assess the loss (if any) of value which may be suffered by the holder of any allotment or portion if the proposed alteration or cancellation is carried into effect.

*Depasturing Stock on Crown Lands.*

Depasturing stock on Crown lands.

The provisions of the one hundred and thirty-third section of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884" shall extend to cases of occupation by the depasturing of stock.

Page 28. After clause 54 insert the following new clause :—

*Powers of Chairman of Local Land Board.*

Powers of Chairman of Local Land Board.

The Chairman of a Local Land Board sitting alone shall have power and jurisdiction to do and perform all such acts, matters, or things as now by law may be done or performed by the Local Land Board, except in any case where the prescribed notice is given by a party that the Local Land Board is required to deal therewith; and, except as aforesaid, the decision, order, recommendation, or other act of the Chairman shall be deemed to be that of the Local Land Board.

Page 28, clause 55, line 40. After "lunatic" insert "in this Act and"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

11. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS ACT AMENDMENT AND MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the "Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894," and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the "Mining Act, 1874," and for other purposes in connection therewith.  
Question put and passed.
12. FRUIT PROTECTION BILL:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent the introduction of and to eradicate diseases affecting fruit trees; to prevent the introduction of and to destroy any insects, birds, or animals, which are injurious to fruit trees; to inspect, and, if necessary, quarantine any orchard, building, or place containing or supposed to contain any infected trees, plants, or fruit, and to destroy any such tree, plant, or fruit, or any insect, bird, or animal; and for any purposes incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
13. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT, 1892, AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Garrard moved, That the report be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.



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14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at eighteen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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THURSDAY, 4 APRIL, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Ex-Constable Cavanagh:—*Mr. James Morgan*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary.—

(1.) Is it a fact that ex-Constable Cavanagh has, for nearly three years, been employed as door-keeper at the Colonial Secretary's Office; if so, at what salary?

(2.) Is it further a fact that this man has now been appointed messenger and hall-porter at Government House over the heads of other officials, years his senior in the Public Service, at a salary of £190 per annum, with an allowance of £50 per annum for cleaning offices, in addition to quarters, fuel, and light allowances?

(3.) If so, will he say what are the special qualifications of the man to warrant such an appointment, and who recommended him?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Cavanagh has been in the Public Service for nearly nine years, and has been promoted to the position of messenger and office cleaner at Government House, the salary appertaining to those offices being reduced by about 10 per cent. He was recommended by the Principal Under Secretary as being the best fitted for the position amongst the messengers in the Chief Secretary's Department.

- (2.) Lease of Landing-place for Horse-ferry, Circular Quay:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the lease for the landing-place for the horse-ferry service, Circular Quay, been lately renewed to the North Shore Ferry Company, and for what period?

(2.) Is it a fact that at the time of the renewal of such lease the company was running a daily quarter of an hour service?

(3.) Is it a fact that since the renewal of this lease the company have substituted on two days in the week a longer service, by running only one boat instead of two?

(4.) Were there any conditions as to traffic in connection with the lease just issued?

(5.) Was there any increase of rent under the new conditions, and upon what ground?

(6.) In view of large vehicular traffic by this service, will he compel the North Shore Ferry Company to maintain an efficient and rapid service daily—at least to the standard it was before the issue of the last lease?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) No. The North Shore Ferry Company (Limited) was the lessee of the horse ferry dock at Fort Macquarie up to 14th February last, at a rental of £250 per annum. A few weeks before the expiry of the lease the Treasury wrote to the company, asking if it was desirous of securing a lease for a further term, but intimating that, in view of the large and increasing vehicular traffic, and the extra expense found necessary for the maintenance of the approaches and appurtenances of the ferry, an additional rental of £100 per annum would be required. The company refused a lease on these terms, and elected to carry on the service under the provisions of the "Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880," *i.e.*, the payment of a wharfage rate of 10s. per steamer per diem.

(2.) The company ran a daily quarter-hour service until 1st March last.

(3.) The company has been running one boat instead of two on two days in the week since 1st March last.

(4.) As already stated in the Answer to No. 1, there is no lease. No conditions as to traffic can be imposed whilst the company is carrying on the service as at present.

(5.) Answered by No. 1.

(6.) Answered by No. 4.

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- (3.) Mr. Bonthorne, Chamber Magistrate, Water Police Court:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Bornstein, Chamber Magistrate at the Water Police Court, refused on Monday last to witness the signatures of old police pensioners who applied to him for that purpose, with the necessary police identification that they were the persons entitled to the pension?
  - (2.) Will he instruct Mr. Bornstein as to his duty in regard to such documents, and the necessity for extending the convenience of his office to all persons applying to him?
- Mr. Gould answered,—
- (1.) The Clerk of Petty Sessions and Chamber Magistrate at the Water Police Office has furnished the following report upon the matter:—"The officer referred to is probably Mr. J. M. A. Bonthorne, Chief Clerk and Accountant at the Water Police Court. Signatures of pensioners are witnessed by me. On Monday last several pensioners who applied to him to have their signatures witnessed were referred to me, but I am not aware of any unnecessary inconvenience being occasioned to them."
  - (2.) To instruct Mr. Bonthorne to witness these signatures would very seriously interfere with the proper work of the office.
- (4.) Stock of Iron Pipes kept by Water and Sewerage Board:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of all minutes and returns lately made to the order of the Water and Sewerage Board *re* iron pipes in stock, &c.?
- Mr. Young answered,—I will lay upon the Table the copies required presently.
- (5.) Cost of Plans prepared for Improvements of Darling Harbour:—Mr. Rigg, for Mr. Russell Jones, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What has been the cost of preparing plans by the Roads and Sewerage Departments for the improvements of Darling Harbour, including the new proposed bridge, and the sewerage scheme for the Public Works Committee?
  - (2.) How much was expended in overtime work, and to whom, and the amounts to each officer?
  - (3.) Did these expenses, or any of them, receive the approval of the Minister for Public Works?
- Mr. Young answered,—This information can better be supplied in the shape of a return, which will be prepared and laid upon the Table in a few days.
- (6.) Case of ex-Sergeant Jiffkins:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a Select Committee of this House has reported in favour of some consideration being shown to ex-Sergeant Jiffkins for wrongful dismissal from the Defence Force?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the charge made against ex-Sergeant Jiffkins of writing an anonymous letter, and which charge was regarded as an obstacle to the settlement of his case, has been proved to be unfounded?
  - (3.) If the charge has been proved baseless, what obstacle is there to justice being done in the case of ex-Sergeant Jiffkins?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) A report by a Select Committee was made on the 9th May, 1894, but there is no intimation of its having been adopted by Parliament.
  - (2.) No. The late Colonial Secretary, after careful inquiry, decided upon the dismissal of Staff Sergeant Jiffkins for various reasons in connection with discipline, and this decision has not been reversed.
  - (3.) With regard to Question No. 3, reference has been made to the Military authorities, and the following answer has been received:—"The antecedents, military character, and age of ex-Staff Sergeant Jiffkins alike make it most undesirable that under any circumstances he should be reinstated in the Military Service."
- (7.) Retrenchment Scheme at Darling Harbour:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a retrenchment scheme at Darling Harbour has on certain occasions replaced the services of permanent employees by casual labour?
  - (2.) If so, why is this method of retrenchment enforced?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that it is necessary and more economical, owing to the fluctuating nature of the work, to employ casual hands at Darling Harbor.
- (8.) Proposed Railway through Rookwood Cemetery:—Mr. Smailes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that for a considerable period a line of railway, to run through Rookwood Cemetery, has not only been contemplated but actually surveyed?
  - (2.) Will he state if there is any intention to go on with such work?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) A survey of an extension from the present terminus was completed in 1890.
  - (2.) I will consult the Cabinet on the subject.
- (9.) Colonel Airey, Permanent Artillery:—Mr. Sleath, for Mr. Ferguson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Colonel G. J. Airey, of the Permanent Artillery, is about to be retired from the Force?
  - (2.) In the event of the officer being retired, what monetary allowance will he receive from the Government?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—A Medical Board, upon the 26th September, 1894, found Colonel Airey to be unfit for Military service. He has since applied, on the 6th November, 1894, to be allowed to retire with a gratuity, which application is now under the consideration of the Government.
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- (10.) Prisoners Sentenced by Judge Docker at Forbes :—*Mr. Watkins*, for *Mr. Hughes*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he received any communication from the solicitor defending prisoners sentenced by Judge Docker for participation in the shearing trouble at Forbes, with reference to their being brought under First Offenders Act; if so, what course does he intend to take in the matter?
- Mr. Gould* answered,—No communication from any solicitor at Forbes of the nature referred to can be definitely traced in the Department. If the Honorable Member will give specific details of the cases referred to I will be glad to afford him full information.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL :—*Mr. Rigg* presented a Petition from certain officers and members of the Municipal Association of New South Wales, stating their satisfaction at the introduction of the Local Government Bill, and their opinion that it will be a distinct advance in the direction of complete local government; and praying the House to endeavour to have it passed into law during the present Session, with such amendments as may seem desirable.  
At the request of *Mr. Rigg* the Petition was read by the Clerk by direction of *Mr. Speaker*.  
Petition received.
3. PAPERS :—  
*Mr. Young* laid upon the Table,—Return respecting cast-iron pipes kept in stock by the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.  
*Mr. Carruthers* laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.  
(2.) Abstract of Crown lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.  
(3.) Copies of *Gazette* notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.  
*Mr. Brunker* laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Corporation of the City of Sydney, for the year 1894.  
Ordered to be printed.  
(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hamilton, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875, and Nuisances Prevention Act Amendment Act of 1892.  
(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Morpeth, under the "Municipalities Act of 1867" and "Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875."
4. RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Gould* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the "Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Act of 1867" as relates to the Randwick cemetery, and to the interment of bodies therein, and also to prohibit burials in the said cemetery except in certain cases.  
Question put and passed.
5. VINE DISEASES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Sydney Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape-vines, or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape-vine or vineyard, and to eradicate any disease affecting grapes, grape-vines, or vineyards; to quarantine, and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape-vines, vineyard, package, or implement; to appoint a Central Board; and for other purposes incidental thereto, and to repeal the Act 56 Victoria No. 22.  
Question put and passed.
6. REGISTRATION OF BRANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Sydney Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Registration of Brands Act of 1866" and the "Registration of Brands Act Amendment Act of 1874."  
Question put and passed.
7. JERILDERIE TO BERRIGAN RAILWAY BILL :—*Mr. Young* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; and for other purposes.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
8. PYRMONT BRIDGE BILL :—*Mr. Young* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the removal of the present Pyrmont Bridge, and the construction of a new bridge in lieu thereof.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Sewerage Works at Cottage Creek*) :—*Mr. Young* moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that Sewerage Works at Cottage Creek, within the Municipalities of Newcastle, Hamilton, and Wickham, in the county of Northumberland, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, subject to such modifications as this House may hereafter determine.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

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10. **RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL**:—Mr. Gould presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal so much of the 'Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Act of 1867' as relates to the Randwick Cemetery, and to the interment of bodies therein, and to prohibit burials in the said Cemetery except in certain cases,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
12. **NARRABRI TO MOREE RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Narrabri to Moree,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th April, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## NARRABRI TO MOREE RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 4th April, 1895.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 16. *After "sanctioned" insert "not to exceed by more than ten per centum the amount estimated in the report of the Committee aforesaid."*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker drew attention to the amendment made by the Legislative Council, explained the effect of it, and stated that he did not think the Council had interfered with the rights and privileges of this House, as it had not increased or diminished a grant of money, nor interfered with its disposal, but had made clear that which was uncertain, and so amended the Bill as to carry out the intentions of this House.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

13. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
14. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS ACT AMENDMENT AND MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the "*Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894,*" and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the "*Mining Act, 1874,*" and for other purposes in connection therewith.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the "*Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894,*" and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the "*Mining Act, 1874,*" and for other purposes in connection therewith.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the Mining Act, 1874, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
15. **FRUIT PROTECTION BILL**:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent the introduction of and to eradicate diseases affecting fruit trees; to prevent the introduction of and to destroy any insects, birds, or animals, which are injurious to fruit trees; to inspect, and, if necessary, quarantine any orchard, building, or place containing or supposed to contain any infected trees, plants, or fruit, and to destroy any such tree, plant, or fruit, or any insect, bird, or animal; and for any purposes incidental thereto.

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to prevent the introduction of and to eradicate diseases affecting fruit trees; to prevent the introduction of and to destroy any insects, birds, or animals which are injurious to fruit trees; to inspect, and, if necessary, quarantine any orchard, building, or place containing or supposed to contain any infected trees, plants, or fruit, and to destroy any such tree, plant, or fruit, or any insect, bird, or animal; and for any purposes incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prevent the introduction of and to eradicate diseases affecting fruit trees; to prevent the introduction of and to destroy any insects, birds, or animals which are injurious to fruit trees; to inspect, and, if necessary, quarantine any orchard, building, or place containing or supposed to contain any infected trees, plants, or fruit, and to destroy any such tree, plant, or fruit, or any insect, bird, or animal; and for any purposes incidental thereto*"—which was read a first time.

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

16. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT, 1892, AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrard moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to tedious repetition and continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Price, the Honorable Member for Gloucester, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Gillics,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Law,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Whiddon,	
Mr. Gould,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Griffith.
Mr. Bavister,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McFurlane,
Mr. Lyne,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Barnes.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Price.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Garrard then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend and extend the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1892.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1892,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th April, 1895, a.m.*

17. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid, (*by consent*) moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The

4th April, 1895.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Burnes,
Mr. Young,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lync,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Rigg,	Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hogue.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Millard,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Price.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Fegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

18. ANJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Twenty-five minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Three o'clock.F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 9 APRIL, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sunlight Mining Company:—Mr. Cann asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Sunlight Mining Company was granted aid from the Prospecting Vote; if so, when, and what was the amount of aid given?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that working miners have been refused aid in the same district on the grounds that it is near the above mine, and that it is a paying mine?  
 (3.) Is not the claim asking aid more than half a mile from the Sunlight mine?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes, in June, 1892. £300.  
 (2.) A syndicate applied for assistance to prospect the land adjoining the Sunlight Company for the same reef as was proved by the aid granted to the Sunlight Company. Under these circumstances, and in view of the fact that the Sunlight Mine is now considered payable, aid was refused. Had the syndicate applied before the company the aid would probably have been granted to the syndicate and refused to the company.  
 (3.) The syndicate in their application states that "their property is situated alongside the Sunlight Mine." If it can be shown that it is half a mile distant from it the application will be reconsidered.

- (2.) Water Police Launch used for the Conveyance of Members of Parliament:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the steam launch belonging to the Water Police service is detained at Circular Quay upon nights upon which the House is in Session, for the purpose of conveying Members of Parliament to their residences at various points of the harbour?  
 (2.) Is it the practice for the police boat to call at Erskine-street wharf for the purpose of conveying Members to their residences at Balmain, &c.?  
 (3.) If so, does this interfere with the efficiency of the Water Police Force in the patrol of the harbour, and to what extent?  
 (4.) By whose authority have the instructions been issued?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) No.  
 (3.) The launch and Water Police have been occupied from one to five hours at a time on this service.  
 (4.) The Superintendent of Water Police has been notified when the launch was required, by telephone from Parliament House. This practice has been followed for the last five years.  
 (3.) Refrigerating Cars constructed by Hudson Bros.:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,— Referring to answer given to Mr. Schey's Question No. 2, on 28th March last, will he please say— What are the "fixed shop charges" alluded to in No. 8 sub-answer, what do they amount to, what are they for, and how are they applied?

Mr. Reid answered,—The fixed shop charges are, the use of fuel and plant, cost of repairs to buildings and machinery, also the general expenses of working the shops; but, as they are incurred in connection with all works being carried out in the shops, they are not allocated to each work.

(4.)

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- (4.) The Chief Commissioner for Railways:—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Watson*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that *Mr. Eddy*, prior to accepting a renewal of his engagement as Chief Commissioner for Railways, wrote to the Government recommending that *Mr. Oliver*, one of his present colleagues, be appointed as his successor?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—No communication of the kind was addressed by *Mr. Eddy* to the Government, recommending either *Mr. Oliver* or any one else as his successor.

- (5.) Tenders for Supplies to Gaols and Asylums at Parramatta, Darlinghurst, &c.:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Who are the lowest tenderers for the supplies to the goals and asylums at Parramatta, Darlinghurst, Biloela, Goulburn, and Bathurst for the present year?

(2.) Was the lowest tender accepted in all instances?

(3.) What were the prices for the various articles tendered for accepted at, distinguishing the various items?

(4.) Has it not been the rule in past years to publish these in the *Government Gazette*?

(5.) Why were they not published in the *Government Gazette* for public information this year?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) It is the invariable rule of the Department to withhold the name of the lowest tenderer in every case in which the lowest tender has been passed over. There are very obvious reasons for this. The principle has, I think, only to be stated to be admitted.

(2.) No.

(3.) The names of the accepted tenderers were published in a Supplement to the *Gazette* on 21st ultimo. The prices will be found in *Gazettes* Nos. 242 and 246.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Have already been published (see answer to No. 3).

- (6.) Amendment of Electoral Act of 1893:—*Mr. Sleath*, for *Mr. Hughes*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When does he intend to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Act in certain important particulars, specified by himself earlier in the Session?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—The Chief Secretary is settling the terms of the measure, and will introduce it shortly.

- (7.) Report of Auditor-General on Public Accounts for 1894:—*Mr. Piddington* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the report of the Auditor-General upon the Public Accounts for 1894 be laid upon the Table of this House before the date fixed for the delivery of the Financial Statement?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—This question has been referred to the Auditor-General, who states that, although his report on the Public Accounts for 1894 is being expedited as much as possible, it is not likely that it can be quite ready before the 2nd proximo.

- (8.) Shorthand-writing Taught in Public Schools:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it his intention to take any steps to have shorthand-writing taught in Public Schools, seeing that only those possessed of this qualification are now eligible for employment as clerks in the Public Service; if so, when?

*Mr. Garrard* answered,—No. It is not considered desirable to increase the number of subjects taught in the Public Schools at present.

- (9.) Miners' Rights and Railway Passes Issued to the Unemployed:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What is the reason that the unemployed in Sydney are furnished with miners' rights and free railway passes to country districts, and yet the unemployed in country districts have to find their own miners' rights before they are allowed to prospect for gold?

(2.) Will he see that steps are taken to have this anomalous state of affairs removed in order to place both on an equality?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

(1.) The unemployed in Sydney are supplied with miners' rights and railway tickets on credit to enable them to reach gold-fields, where they may have a chance of earning a living. The unemployed in country districts are in many cases within easy distance of gold-fields. To such miners' rights are issued on credit if it can be shown that they are not in a position to pay cash for them.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

- (10.) Analysis of Spirits Purchased by Merchants or Importers:—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Minister of Justice,—Seeing that in all cases where prosecutions have been laid against publicans for selling inferior spirits, the said publicans have stated the merchant importers have been to blame, will he allow the said publicans to get an analysis made by the Government Analyst, free of charge, of spirits as purchased from merchants or importers?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—I am informed that it would be impossible to have the work done without incurring large additional expense for analytical assistance, but there is nothing to prevent a publican who wishes to protect his own interests having an analysis made by any competent analyst.

2. PAPER:—*Mr. Garrard* laid upon the Table,—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

3. GOVERNOR'S SALARY REDUCTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*):—*Mr. O'Sullivan* moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

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9th April, 1895.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. F. Clarke,	Mr. Afleck,	Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Knox,	Mr. McLean,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Law,	Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. E. M. Clark.
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Young,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Black,	Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Gormly,	Dr. Graham,	
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Gardiner.	Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McGowen.	Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Watkiss,		Mr. Lee,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, *passed*.

Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to reduce the salary of future Governors.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to reduce the salary of future Governors,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 9th April, 1895.*

4. POSTAGE ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1893, PARTIAL REPEAL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal section 19 of the "Postage Acts Amendment Act," 56 Vic. No. 31.  
Question put and passed.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated he had received from the Honorable Member for Canterbury, Mr. Parkes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the conduct of the Government on Thursday last towards Members who had private business upon the Parliamentary Business Paper."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL, 1895, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had amended some, disagreed to other, and agreed to the remaining amendments of the Legislative Council in this Bill.

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

The House adjourned at Six o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Interest on Money Borrowed by the Government:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
(1.) What is the total amount of money borrowed by the New South Wales Government?  
(2.) What is the total amount paid by way of interest thereon since the first loan was raised?  
Mr. Reid answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.
- (2.) The Zoological Gardens:—Dr. Graham asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) Has his attention been officially directed to the financial position of the Zoological Gardens?  
(2.) Viewing the Zoological Gardens as an important public resort, and as an educational factor of the greatest value to all classes of the community, does he propose to recommend that some adequate provision be made to secure their continuance and efficient management?  
Mr. Brunker answered,—  
(1.) Yes.  
(2.) The matter is under consideration.
- (3.) Loans and Treasury Bills:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
(1.) When does the next loan, raised in the London market, mature?  
(2.) Is the flotation of another loan contemplated to extinguish the one falling due?  
(3.) Did any Treasury Bills mature recently?  
(4.) If yes, what was the amount, and how were they redeemed?  
Mr. Reid answered,—The fullest information on this subject will be given when I make the Financial Statement.
- (4.) Lessons on "Cookery,"—Technical Branch of Education:—Mr. Rose asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—  
(1.) What is the total cost for imparting lessons on "Cookery" per annum?  
(2.) What does the Technical Branch of Education cost per annum?  
(3.) Will he cause such amounts to be placed separately on the Estimates, with the view of eliciting an expression of opinion as to the utility of imparting the class of knowledge referred to?  
Mr. Garrard answered,—  
(1.) For 1894, £2,368 14s. 1d.; less amount received from sale of food—paid to Revenue, £509 17s. 2d.; total, £1,858 16s. 11d.  
(2.) Amount paid from Consolidated Revenue in 1894, £21,214 10s. 3d.; amount of fees paid to teachers, £3,278 7s.; total, £24,492 17s. 3d.  
(3.) It has been the invariable practice to do so.
- (5.) Retirement of Officers from the Postal Department:—Mr. Rose asked the Postmaster-General,—  
(1.) Is it a fact that he is retiring officers who have attained the age of 60?  
(2.) If yes, how many?  
(3.) Are such officers still eligible for their duties?  
(4.) Will the arrears of such officers due to the Superannuation Fund be paid as hitherto from the Consolidated Revenue?  
(5.) If yes, what is the contemplated amount to be so paid?  
Mr. Cook answered,—The question of retiring a few officers who have attained the age of 60 is now being considered, but matters are not yet sufficiently forward to enable me to give any further information. (6.)

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(6.) Tram Fare between Bent-street and the Railway Station :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the 1½d. railway tram tickets available for all trams running between Bent-street and the Railway Station?

(2.) If so, what means have the conductors of crowded cars in distinguishing those using 1½d. and 2d. tickets, and of knowing whether those using the 1½d. tickets alight between the points named?

(3.) Will he consider the advisableness of instituting two 1d. sections between Bent-street and the junction of the Newtown Road, the present terminus of the 2d. section of all trams passing that point?

(4.) Will he issue instructions to have this carried out, if found practicable?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the reduced fares are allowed by all trams between Bent-street and the Railway Station.

(2.) The tickets are of a different color and marking.

(3 and 4.) This is a matter for the determination of the Railway Commissioners, to whom I will refer it, and who will communicate with the Hon. Member.

(7.) Proposed Renewal of Lease of Horse-ferry Dock, at Fort Macquarie :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In connection with the proposed renewal of lease of Horse-ferry Dock, at Fort Macquarie, to the North Shore Ferry Company at an additional annual rental of £100, did the Department take steps to obtain an estimate of the number of horses and vehicles conveyed by this Service to and from the Circular Quay and North Shore?

(2.) If so, for what period, and what number were so conveyed, or what was the estimated annual traffic?

(3.) Will he take steps to prevent dangerous overcrowding on the two days in the week when only one boat is plying?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) For a period of four successive days in February last. The horses and vehicles conveyed during that period were: Vehicles, 1,187; horses (exclusive of horses in vehicles), 122. In addition to which there was a considerable passenger traffic. The traffic during these four days, if a fair average of the annual traffic, of which I can form no opinion, would give a return yearly of about £12,000.

(3.) No report of overcrowding has yet reached the Treasury.

(8.) Appointment of Member to Local Land Board :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it true that he refused to appoint a certain gentleman living near Nyngan to be a member of the Local Land Board on the ground that he was a selector?

(2.) Is it true that at Warren he recently appointed a pastoral lessee to be a member of the Local Land Board?

(3.) Is it true that another member of the Warren Land Board recently appointed is a selector?

(4.) Have the Government decided to appoint local men to be members of the respective Local Land Boards, in order to save travelling expenses?

(5.) If so, why was a resident of Dubbo appointed to be a member of the Nyngan Land Board?

(6.) Will he, if a suitable man can be got locally to act as member of the Local Land Board at Nyngan, cancel the Dubbo appointment, and appoint a local man to the position?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) It is not considered advisable to appoint either a conditional purchaser, or a pastoral lessee, or any person engaged in pursuits bringing him into contact beneficially with parties engaged in Land Board matters, to a Local Land Board where an eligible person, free from any objection of similar ground, is available. For these reasons I refused to appoint a selector to the Land Board at Nyngan—Mr. Soane, temporary member of the Board, being available.

(2.) Yes; on the nomination of the residents who were aware of the objection, and there being no better person nominated.

(3.) I was assured that the person in question was not a selector and am still so assured.

(4.) Yes, where practicable.

(5.) Mr. Soane was already a member of the Land Board appointed more than a year ago, and his appointment was merely confirmed by me.

(6.) The matter will be considered.

(9.) Cost of Roads and Bridges Branch :—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Including all salaries from the Chief Commissioner downwards, travelling and incidental expenses, office rent, &c., what is the total annual cost of administering the Roads and Bridges Branch of the Public Works Department?

Mr. Young answered,—This information will be prepared as a Return and submitted at the earliest possible date.

(10.) Repair of Unclassified Roads :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of no provision having been made on last Estimates for the repair of the unclassified roads, is it his intention to make ample provision on next Estimates for carrying out necessary work on these roads?

Mr. Young answered,—The whole question is being considered in connection with the Local Government measure now before the House?

(11.)

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(11.) Bridge over Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) At what date has the contractor agreed to complete the construction of the bridge over the Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga?

(2.) Are the works being carried out in such a way that the completion of the work will be finished within the contract time?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) On the 5th of the present month.

(2.) No; but stringent steps are being taken in the matter.

## 2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library for the year 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the conduct and management of the licensed House for Insane at Cook's River, known as "Bayview House."

Ordered to be printed.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Wednesday next.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Harris,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Nicholson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. McFarlane,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Millen.
Mr. Lync,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Rigg,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Hughes,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Smailes,	
Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Shipway,	
Mr. O'Keilly,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Wilks,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. FLOOD PREVENTION ON THE CLARENCE RIVER (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McFarlane moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, plans, and other documents relating to Mr. Archibald's proposals for flood prevention on the Clarence River.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed :—

(1.) Commons Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 5th July.

(2.) Holt's Wingello Estate Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Wednesday, 17th April.

(3.) Attorney's Admission Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 19th April.

6. SEWERAGE WORKS AT COTTAGE CREEK CONSTRUCTION BILL :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of sewerage works at Cottage Creek, within the Municipalities of Newcastle, Hamilton, and Wickham, in the county of Northumberland.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. NARRABRI TO MOREE RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Narrabri to Moree.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 10th April, 1895.

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## 8. VINE DISEASES BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape-vines, or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape-vine or vineyard, and to eradicate any disease affecting grapes, grape-vines, or vineyards; to quarantine, and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape-vines, vineyard, package, or implement; to appoint a Central Board; and for other purposes incidental thereto, and to repeal the Act 56 Victoria No. 22. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape vines, or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape-vine or vineyard, and to eradicate any disease affecting grapes, grape-vines, or vineyards; to quarantine, and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape-vines, vineyard, package, or implement; to appoint a Central Board; and for other purposes incidental thereto, and to repeal the Act 56 Victoria No. 22.

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

(2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape-vines, or any insect or other pest, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape-vine or vineyard, and to eradicate any disease affecting grapes, grape-vines, or vineyards; to quarantine, and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape-vine, vineyard, package, or implement; to appoint a Central Board; and for other purposes incidental thereto, and to repeal the Act 56 Victoria No. 22,*"—which was read a first time.

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

## 9. REGISTRATION OF BRANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Registration of Brands Act of 1866" and the "Registration of Brands Act Amendment Act of 1874."

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

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

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the "Registration of Brands Act of 1866" and the "Registration of Brands Act Amendment Act of 1874."

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

## 10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

## 11. CROWN LANDS BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 3rd April, 1895, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Crown Lands Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 1, which omits subsection (a), but proposes to amend such subsection by omitting the word "January" and inserting the word "June" instead thereof,—because the Act should not come into operation immediately on its passing, inasmuch as regulations have to be made, and these may be made before the 1st June, 1895.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 1, line 8.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 2, page 2, lines 22 to 24, but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting the word "has" and inserting the words "shall have" instead thereof.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 34, but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting the words "But this section shall apply only to lands in regard to which the lessee has consented to its application, or as to which the Local Land Board of the land district in which the land is situated, or the Land Court on appeal shall, after inquiry, report to the Minister that having regard to the area and nature of the Crown lands in the said district then available for settlement, it is necessary for the purposes of *bonâ fide* settlement that such lands should be made available for settlement by other holdings; upon such inquiry the lessee may be a party, and there shall be a right of appeal to the Land Court in regard to such report"; and by omitting after "any" the words "withdrawals being made each" and inserting the words "withdrawal taking effect the Local Land Board shall make inquiry and report to the Minister with respect to the proposed withdrawal, and the Minister may modify or cancel any notice affecting the same, and provided further that the" instead thereof.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 35.

Disagrees



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Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 40, which omits the word "three" and inserts the word "six" instead thereof,—because six months will involve an undue delay.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 3, line 15, which omits the words "may be"

Agrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 3, line 15, which inserts the words "at the option of the lessee" but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting the word "option" and inserting the word "request" instead thereof.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 3, which adds at the end of the clause the words, "Upon the expiration by effluxion of time of the term of any pastoral lease in the Central Division which has been extended under the provisions of section forty-three of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889' or this section the last holder of the lease shall have tenant right (as the same is hereinafter defined) in such improvements (not forfeited or forfeitable to or vested in the Crown) as may have been made on the land theretofore held under lease after the date of inquiry held by the Board under the provisions of section forty-three of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889,'"—because a following amendment provides for an equitable acknowledgment of the tenants right of ownership in certain improvements.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 4,—because a following amendment provides for an equitable acknowledgment of the tenants right of ownership in certain improvements; but proposes to amend such clause by adding at the end thereof the words—

"Improvements made after the commencement of this Act, being made with the consent of the Crown, upon any lands within the Central Division, which, at the date of the making of the said improvements, are held under pastoral lease shall, upon the said lands ceasing to be the subject of the pastoral lease and becoming the subject of a preferential occupation license, be taken to be the property of the licensee for all purposes of section forty-four of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889.'"

"Improvements made with the consent of the Crown upon any lands within the Central Division which, at the date of the making of the said improvements, are held under preferential occupation license, shall be taken to be the property of the licensee for all purposes of section forty-four of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889.'"

"Notwithstanding anything contained in section forty-four of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889' any appraisalment of such improvements shall be made on the bases of their value to the land taken and to an incoming tenant."

"If the Governor refuse to renew the preferential occupation license of lands containing any such improvements as are hereinbefore mentioned, the last holder of the license shall have tenant right (as the same is hereinafter defined) in the said improvements."

"Improvements made after the commencement of this Act upon lands within the Central Division, which, at the date of the making of the said improvements are held under pastoral lease or preferential occupation license, shall, if made without the consent of the Crown, be the property of the Crown."

"The consent of the Crown to the making of improvements may be given by such authorities, and shall be evidenced in such manner as may be prescribed."

Agrees to the amendment in clause 5, page 4, lines 29 and 30, but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting the words "one hundred" and inserting the word "fifty" instead thereof.

Agrees to the remaining amendment in the clause.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 6, page 4, lines 41 and 49, and in line 2, page 5.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 6, page 5, line 6, which inserts the word "scrub,"—because the making of improvements in a scrub lease is one of the chief conditions of the lease, and is compensated for by the nominal amount of rent charged.

Agrees to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 6, but proposes to amend such new clause, by inserting after the word "Division" the words "(not being within the 'Land Districts of Brewarrina, Hay North, or Walgett North)"; by omitting the words "or scrub"; by omitting the words "shall have tenant right in improvements upon the withdrawn area"; and by adding at the end of the clause the words "and any improvements upon the withdrawn area (not forfeited or forfeitable to or vested in the Crown) shall be taken to be the property of the lessee for all purposes and subject to the provisions of section forty-four of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889.'"

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 7, down to and including that in lines 42 and 43,—because the Council's amendments would involve the Lands Department in great expense in dealing with applications over scattered areas at uncertain periods, whereas if a time is fixed for all applications great economy of administration can be effected by systematic inspection and appraisalment at one certain period.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 7, line 57.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 9, page 6, line 39.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 9, page 7, lines 2 and 3,—because the final power should be with the Minister, and because the same provision is properly put in a later clause of the Bill.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 9, page 7, lines 4 and 5.

Agrees to the amendment which adds certain words at the end of clause 9, but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting from the last sentence of subsection (VI) the words "or the preceding" and inserting after "section" the second time occurring the words "or section nine of this Act"

Disagrees to the amendment, in clause 11, page 8, lines 2 to 4,—because the original words are more clear and definite, and avoid a reference to another statute.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in that clause, to the amendment in clause 12, and to those in clause 13, lines 45 and 50.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 13, page 8, line 56,—because the principle of re-appraisalment hereinafter affirmed necessitates a lower rental than three and a half per cent.; and to the amendment, in clause 13, page 9, lines 13 to 18,—because reappraisalment is reasonable and just, and will avoid many anomalies in rents which would occur if a fixed rental were charged for all time.

Agrees

Agrees to the remaining amendments in the clause, to that in clause 14, and to that in clause 17, line 7.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 17, lines 9 and 10, but proposes to add to the words inserted "or any adjoining conditional purchases or conditional leases of the same series held by the same person, and although exceeding an area of one thousand two hundred and eighty acres"

Agrees to the amendment in clause 17, line 11.

Disagrees to the remaining amendments, omitting certain words from the clause, and proposes to amend the words added to the clause by omitting the words "one pound per acre" and inserting "for the first ten-year period thereof deemed to be the amount of the rent then payable, capitalised on a two and a half per cent. basis, provided that the lessee may, upon a request made in his application for conversion under this clause, obtain a re-appraisal of the value, as prescribed by section eleven subsection (11),"—to carry out the principle of re-appraisal already provided for.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 20, but proposes to amend the first in line 12 by adding to the words inserted the words "or any other prescribed authority," and the second in that line by inserting after the word "agent" the words "or other prescribed authority."

Agrees to the amendments in clause 21, page 12, line 48, and page 13, lines 16 and 17, and to the addition of words, but proposes to amend such words by inserting before the word "subsection" second occurring, the words "the whole of"

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 21, page 13, lines 14 and 15, and to the amendment in clause 22,—to be uniform with preceding sections and for reasons there given.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 23, but proposes to amend such amendment by inserting after the word "grant" the words "to the last holder thereof"

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 24,—to be uniform with preceding sections in regard to reappraisal.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 26, but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting the words "refer the matter," and inserting the words "either with or without reference" instead thereof, and by omitting the words "and if the Board report in favour of suspension" "may"

Agrees to the amendment in clause 31.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 33, but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting the words "(not being the person actually in default)"

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 39 and 42.

Disagrees to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 42,—because this new clause would keep all matters in relation to 147 leases, covering an area of nearly 2,000,000 acres, in suspense up to the end of July, 1895, and then if applications were made the concession to be granted is of slight value compared with the preferential occupation license that the lessees are now entitled to. The lessees have had their rights to apply and have failed to exercise them.

Agrees to the omission of clause 43, to the insertion of a new clause to follow that clause, to the amendment in clause 44, to the insertion of a new clause to follow that clause, and to the amendments in clause 45.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 46,—because the Council's amendment is practically too complex and the existing practice and law is clear and satisfactory.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 49, and to the insertion of new clause to follow that clause, but proposes to amend such new clause by omitting the words "so much" and inserting the words "such share of the value" instead thereof; by omitting the words "in value"; by omitting the word "residue," and inserting the words "remaining share" instead thereof; by inserting after the words "subject to tenant right" the words "as defined by this Act"; and by inserting after the word "such" in the proviso the words "share of the value."

Disagrees to the insertion of new clause following the last new clause,—because the failure to purchase has been the owner's default, and the State should not now make a gift of its property to him.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 53.

Agrees to the insertion of two new clauses to follow clause 53, but proposes to amend the first of such new clauses by adding at the end thereof the words:—"If the intention to alter or cancel the design or plan is afterwards carried into effect, the sum assessed by the Local Land Board shall be the total sum payable by way of compensation to the said holder, and all persons claiming under or through him; and such holder and all persons claiming under or through him shall be barred of any action or suit in respect of the alteration or cancellation of the design or plan or limits or the carrying out thereof other than an action for the sum so assessed as aforesaid: Provided, however, that compensation for loss of value shall be assessed only in cases where the alteration or cancellation of design or plan if carried into effect will deprive the said holder of access from his allotment or portion to the nearest street or road."

Disagrees to the insertion of new clause to follow clause 54,—because it is inconsistent with clause 36 of the Bill, which clause the Legislative Council has not amended or omitted.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 55.

And the Legislative Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the amendments upon the Council's amendments in the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th April, 1895.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported a *Point of Order* from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a decision thereon had been given.

*Point*

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*Point of Order* :—The Chairman stated that clause 19 of the Bill was under consideration when a motion was made to leave out the words "all ratable property" and insert the words "the unimproved value of all land" instead thereof. Objection was taken that the effect of the amendment would be to render this clause inconsistent with clause 14, as passed by the Committee, and would virtually have the same effect as an amendment, proposed in clause 14, which was negatived. He had decided in favour of the objection taken.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Committee had no power to undo what it had deliberately done in a previous clause, thus creating an inconsistency. He agreed with the Chairman's opinion.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 11 APRIL, 1895, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until *Wednesday next* at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,

*Speaker.*



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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Release of Bank Prisoners Low and Hadfield:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Griffith*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Did or did not Judge Backhouse recommend the release of the Bank prisoners Low and Hadfield?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—On the 2nd instant the Honorable Member was furnished, in reply to his Question upon the same subject, with full information as to the reasons which actuated the Cabinet in deciding to recommend the release of these and other prisoners convicted at about the same time for similar offences, and as the Judges' reports are confidential communications their contents cannot be disclosed.

- (2.) Civil Service Inquiry Commission:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the Commission appointed to inquire into the Civil Service concluded its work?
- (2.) How long were they at it, and how many hours did they spend at each meeting?
- (3.) What was the total cost of the inquiry?
- (4.) What were the proportions paid, and to whom were the said payments made?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) Yes. The printing of the evidence and appendices connected therewith will take some further time.

(2.) The Commission commenced its inquiry on 29th November, 1894, and lasted till 8th April, 1895. The meetings, of which seventy-three were held, never lasted less than three hours, and on three occasions from ten to twelve hours.

(3.) £971 11s. 6d.

(4.) Commissioners' fees, £631 1s., distributed as follows:—*Mr. Thos. Littlejohn*, President, £232 1s.; *Hon. F. T. Humphery*, M.L.C., nil; *Mr. James Robertson*, £180 12s.; *Mr. J. H. Storey*, £151 4s.; *Mr. R. Teece*, £67 4s. Salaries, including extra shorthand writer and type-writing, &c., £299 18s. 10d.; sundries, including travelling expenses, &c., &c., £40 11s. 8d.

- (3.) Bayview Asylum Inquiry Commission:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the Commission appointed to inquire into the Bayview Asylum finished its work?
- (2.) How long were they at it, and how many hours did they spend at each meeting?
- (3.) What was the total cost of the inquiry?
- (4.) How was the amount expended, and to whom paid, distinguishing each person's amount?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Appointed 18th October, 1894; sat 5½ months; each meeting, 2½ hours.

(3.) About £500.

(4.) Information not completed at present, but a return will be furnished shortly containing these particulars.

- (4.) Postage Stamps supplied to Licensed Vendors:—*Mr. McLean* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What was the total number of applications made by licensed vendors for postage stamps during the months of February and March, 1894?

(2.) The same information with respect to the months of February and March, 1895?

(3.) What was the total value of postage stamps disposed of to licensed vendors during the months of February and March, 1894?

(4.) The same information with respect to the months of February and March, 1895?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—

(1.) 4,952.

(2.) 4,185.

(3.) £24,010.

(4.) £19,040, exclusive of about £5,552 worth in excess of the usual average applied for during last week of December, in view of the reduction in commission to operate on 1st January.

(5.)

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(5.) Passes obtained by Persons to Fossick for Gold :—Mr. McLean asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many persons have obtained passes up to date to fossick for gold?

(2.) If records have been kept, how many single and how many married men have received passes?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) 16,929.

(2.) No actual record has been kept. Approximately the numbers are :—Single men, 11,286 ; married men, 5,643.

(6.) Inspection of Lighthouses by the Marine Board :—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many years has the practice of visiting lighthouses by the Marine Board been in practice?

(2.) Is it a fact that the inspection of the Richmond Heads lighthouse is invariably made from the deck of the steamer conveying the Board by the aid of a telescope?

(3.) Will he take steps to stop this expense?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Since the Board was incorporated, in the year 1871.

(2.) In consequence of the number of stations the Board have to visit, it is frequently impracticable to cross and be able to re-cross the Richmond River bar with the limited time at their disposal ; but the tug and pilot are generally communicated with, and the lighthouse is visited in favourable weather.

(3.) I am informed that the Marine Board would be very glad to be relieved of this irksome and dangerous duty, whereby there would be a saving of expense. It is imperative, however, to see that the lighthouses are in proper working order, and the employees comfortable at these isolated places. At some of them there is no communication whatever, except when the Board and the people who take supplies visit them. I will consider whether the necessary inspection can be effected in a less expensive way.

(7.) Visit of Prospecting Board to Nyngan, Cobar, and Byrock :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have the Prospecting Board decided on what date they will leave Sydney to visit Nyngan, Cobar, and Byrock, and report on all claims for which aid from the Prospecting Vote has been asked?

(2.) If so, what is the date decided upon?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Prospecting Board will visit these places as soon as possible.

## 2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for Public School purposes at Wilberforce.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during March, 1895.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Further correspondence respecting the agreement made with the Imperial Government in connection with the Naval Station, Garden Island.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL :—Mr. Ashton presented a Petition from certain owners, or representatives of owners, of vaults and graves respectively, situated in the burial ground known as St. Jude's Cemetery Randwick, stating their objections to the Bill providing for the closing of the Randwick Cemetery, and praying that it be not closed, but that, if any alteration in the present mode of burying bodies therein be thought desirable, the House will, in any Bill which may be introduced in the matter, provide that all bodies hereafter to be buried in the Cemetery shall be encased in leaden coffins, with power reserved to the Minister for Justice to license burials in the Cemetery without leaden coffins in any cases in which he may think fit to do so ; or that the House will impose such other conditions as may be thought necessary, and will cause a full inquiry to be made into any complaints against the said Cemetery.  
Petition received.

## 4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed :—

(1.) Eight Hours Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Schey, " 'That' this Bill be now read a third time."

Upon which Mr. Perry had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 3 and 6" instead thereof ;—until Friday, 26th April.

(2.) Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Friday, 10th May.

(3.) Railway from Cobar to Wilcannia, thence to Broken Hill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sleath,—

" (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable, in the best interests of the country, that the construction of the railway from Cobar to Wilcannia, thence to Broken Hill, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on 30th April, 1891, be immediately proceeded with.

" (2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor ;"—until Friday, 2nd August.

(4.) Parliamentary Elections (Candidates' Deposit) Bill ; second reading ;—until Friday, 26th April.

(5.) Electoral Majority Vote Bill ; second reading ;—until Friday, 26th April.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

17th April, 1895.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the trial and conviction of George Dean."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. **CORONERS' COURT BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Coroners' Juries*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 17th April, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

Bill, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 7th June.

7. **DISORDERLY CONDUCT SUPPRESSION BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the suppression of disorderly conduct*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 17th April, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Affleck,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tonkin,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Molesworth.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Schey,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Pycrs,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Millen.
Mr. Haynes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Edden.
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Griffith,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 7th June.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Harris,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Price,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Tonkin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Shipway.

Noes, 28

Mr. Schey,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Watkins.
Mr. Hughes,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Watson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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17th April, 1895.

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8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 18 APRIL, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land Boilers Inspection Bill:—Mr. Griffith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Land Boilers Inspection Bill?  
 (2.) If so, when?

Mr. Reid answered,—Yes; but I fear not until next Session. I will see, however, if it can be done earlier.

- (2.) Messrs. Hudson Bros.' Railway Contract:—*Mr. Watkins*, for Mr. Smailes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) When will the contract time expire for the work contracted out to Hudson Brothers from the Railway Department?  
 (2.) Do the Commissioners for Railways intend giving the above firm any extension of time?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) The end of August next.  
 (2.) No application has been made, and the question has not, therefore, been considered.

- (3.) Schedules to the Estimates:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he take steps at once to have all the Schedules necessary in explanation of the sums proposed to be voted by the next Estimates placed upon the Table of the House when the Estimates are tabled?  
 (2.) If he cannot do this, will he take such steps as to have them in the hands of Members at least ten days before the Estimates are to be considered?

Mr. Reid answered,—I shall endeavour to have the Schedules referred to placed upon the Table as soon as possible after the Estimates have been prepared.

- (4.) Minimum Wage Schedule for Kenmore Works:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he yet decided on the minimum wage schedule for Kenmore works?  
 (2.) If yes, what is to be the minimum rate for unskilled labour?  
 (3.) Has any public work been entered upon on the Manning River under the minimum wage schedule?  
 (4.) If yes, what was the price paid for unskilled labour?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The specification will not be completed for about a fortnight, and no determination has yet been come to with regard to the minimum rate of wages for this work.  
 (3.) Yes.  
 (4.) 5s. per day.

- (5.) Relieving Stipendiary Magistrate and Electoral Registrar, Glen Innes:—Mr. Rose asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Land Agent at Glen Innes now fulfils the position of relieving Stipendiary Magistrate and Electoral Registrar?  
 (2.) What salary is attached to this position?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) No.  
 (2.) No salary is provided for such an office.

(6.)

18th April, 1895.

(G.) Free Railway Pass held by Secretary of Australian Jockey Club:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to the Question of the 14th March last, as to the holding of a free railway pass by Mr. T. S. Clibborn, is it a fact that Mr. Clibborn has a free pass in his possession at the present time, and that he travels regularly without payment on the various tram-lines in the city?

(2.) If such a pass is in existence, will he take steps to immediately cancel it, and prevent its issue in the future?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) I am informed that it is a fact that Mr. Clibborn has held a pass for many years on the tramways. The pass has been granted in connection with the very large business done between the Australian Jockey Club and the tramways, in respect to the Randwick races; and the pass is primarily to enable Mr. Clibborn to travel by tram in connection with the club's business.

(2.) I do not propose to interfere with the management of the Department in this respect.

2. SEWERAGE WORKS AT COTTAGE CREEK CONSTRUCTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of sewerage works at Cottage Creek, within the Municipalities of Newcastle, Hamilton, and Wickham, in the county of Northumberland.

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

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

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of sewerage works at Cottage Creek, within the Municipalities of Newcastle, Hamilton, and Wickham, in the county of Northumberland.

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

3. JERILDERIE TO BERRIGAN RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; and for other purposes.

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

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

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; to provide that such work shall not be carried out unless the private lands required for the construction of the line be conveyed by deed of gift from the owners to the Crown, save and except in the case of town allotments; and for other purposes.

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

4. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 19 APRIL, 1895, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had amended some, disagreed to other, and agreed to the remaining amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Smith, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Tuesday next.

6. HOLT'S WINGELLO ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bavister moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Young moved,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes after One o'clock a.m., until half-past One o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 19 APRIL, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Conduct of Officer of the Military Forces :—Mr. Griffith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he, as Minister for Defence, aware that much discontent has arisen in the Military Forces of the Colony in consequence of the use of oaths, curses, and other vituperative language by a high officer towards subordinates?

(2.) Will he direct the Major-General Commanding to report as to what ground there is for this dissatisfaction, and whether, in the event of there being just reason of complaint, he will ask authority for the appointment of a Court Martial to try the offending officer on a charge of having been guilty of "scandalous conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman?"

Mr. Gould answered,—No complaint to that effect has been received.

2. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the constitution of the Public Works Department and its branches, with a view to reforms.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Watson, Mr. Crick, Mr. Knox, Mr. Martin, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Young, Mr. See, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

3. JERILDERIE TO BERRIGAN RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Young, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; to provide that such work shall not be carried out unless the private lands required for the construction of the line be conveyed by deed of gift from the owners to the Crown, save and except in the case of town allotments; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

4. RAILWAY FROM WERRIS CREEK TO DUBBO :—Mr. James Morgan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this "House," the Public Works Committee should be instructed to inquire into and report as to the immediate necessity for the construction of a line of railway from Werris Creek to Dubbo.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hogue moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "House," and inserting the words "the construction of a line of railway from Werris Creek to Dubbo should be taken into the early consideration of the Government" instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted.

The

19th April, 1895.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. McFarlane,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Black,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Perry,	Sir George Dibbs.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Reid,	
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Hogue.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Thomas.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Affleck.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then,—That, in the opinion of this House, the construction of a line of railway from Werris Creek to Dubbo should be taken into the early consideration of the Government,—put and passed.

## 5. RAILWAY TO BOTANY :—Mr. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the construction of the railway to the vicinity of the fortifications on Bare Island, at La Perouse, near the entrance to "Botany Bay," should "be proceeded with without any unnecessary delay," for the following reasons :—

(a) To make better provision for the defence of Sydney, and to secure it from attack by way of Botany Bay.

(b) To make better provision for the large amount of traffic and the carrying of produce and material to and from manufactories and industries in Botany.

(c) To make better provision for the sanitary condition of the people, and for other purposes.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the words "Botany Bay" the words "along the coast as far as Bronte, and thence to Sydney."

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Reid submitted that the proposed amendment was not relevant, being almost a new proposition, and outside the scope of the original motion.

Mr. Speaker sustained the objection, and ruled that the proposed amendment was out of order.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Joseph Abbott moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "be proceeded with without any unnecessary delay," and inserting the words "be taken into the early consideration of the Government" instead thereof.

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

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. William Morgan,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Bavister.
Sir Henry Parkes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Bigg.
Mr. Perry,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Griffith,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Mackay,  
Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Black,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Law.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Schey,  
Mr. Fegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 10th May.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

19th April, 1895.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Sessional Order, adopted on 3rd April, 1895, put the Question, That this House do now adjourn.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Sir George Dibbs,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Gould,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. Pyers.  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Rawlinson.

Noes, 39.

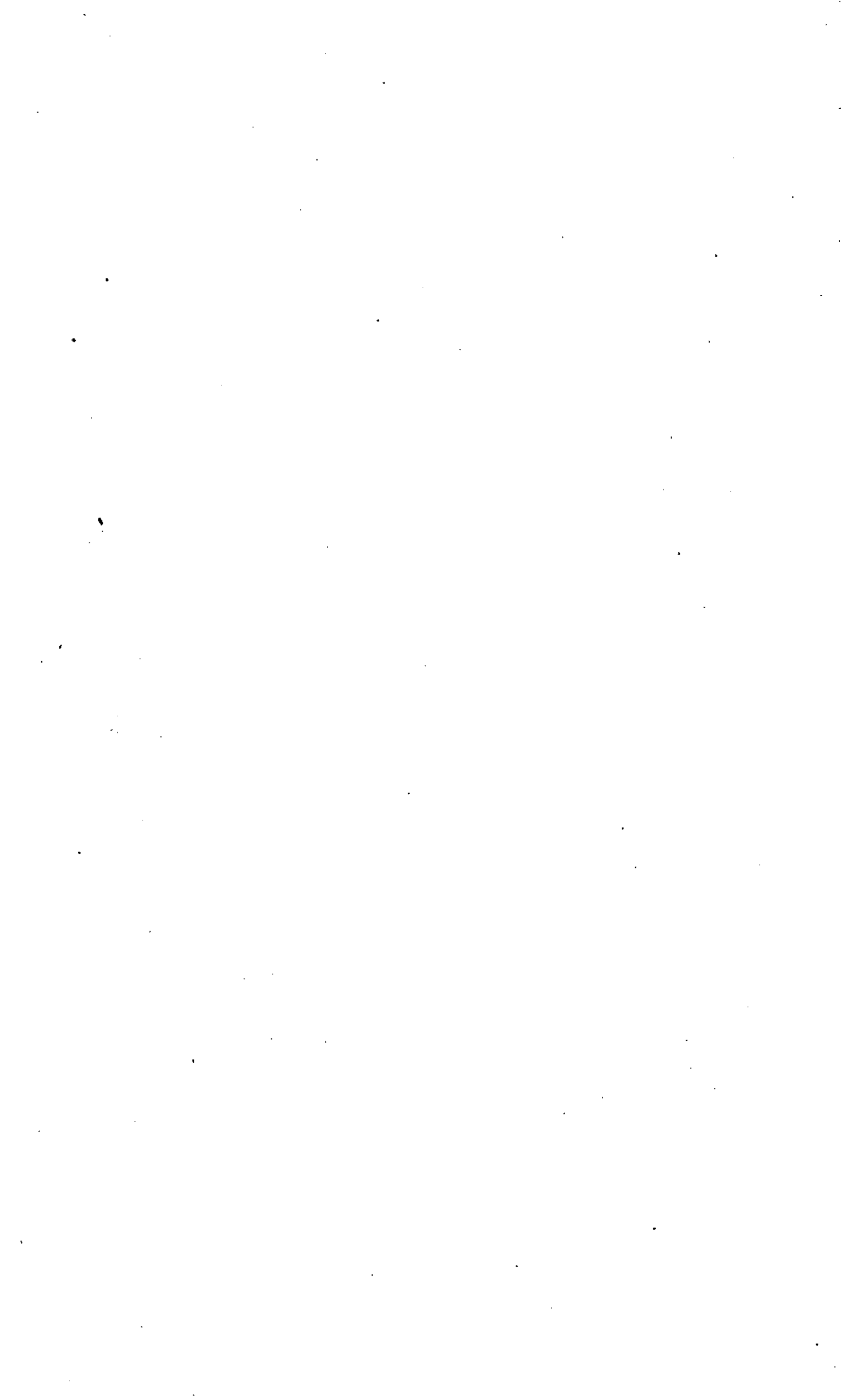
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Law.
Mr. Stephen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Thomas,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Affleck,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. PENSIONS TO JUDGES:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) "That," in the opinion of this House, the system of granting pensions to Judges who have retired from the Service is unfair to the taxpayers of this country, and should be abolished.  
(2.) The Government should, with as little delay as possible, introduce a Bill providing that no pensions shall be given to Judges appointed in the future on their retirement from the Bench.  
Debate ensued.  
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "a Select Committee be appointed to consider the position of the Judges of the Supreme Court, the adequacy of their present salaries, and the policy and justice of the pensions now attached to the judicial offices."  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Crick, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Reid, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover" instead thereof.  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.  
Original Question then put and passed.
8. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY GEORGE VINCENT IN THE DISTRICT OF GUNDAGAI:—Mr. Travers Jones moved, pursuant to Notice,  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the conditional purchase made by one George Vincent, in the district of Gundagai, on the 22nd day of August, 1878, of 640 acres, parish of Mooney Mooney, county of Harden.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Pyers, Mr. F. Clarke, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Anderson, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
9. MONETARY CONFERENCE:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary that New South Wales should be represented at the forthcoming Monetary Conference by a competent authority on the questions likely to be at issue there.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Sleath moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 3rd May.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 APRIL, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Astronomical Instruments at the Observatory:—Mr. Hogue asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a list of astronomical instruments in the Sydney Observatory, giving the use to which they are severally put?  
 (2.) Are any of the said instruments lent out; and, if so, to whom, and for what purpose?

Mr. Garrard answered,—I will presently lay the information upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

- (2.) Case of Captain Close:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Colonial Secretary,—As in his reply to Mr. Morgan's Question on the adjournment of the House on Wednesday, 10th April, he said that there is a charge still pending against Captain Close, will he inform the House what it is; also, whether Captain Close has been informed of it; and, if not, when he will be?

Mr. Brunner answered,—The Major-General Commanding the Military Forces states that he is not aware of any charge pending against Captain Close, to which reference is made. I fancy the Honorable Member must have misunderstood the reply I gave him the other night on the motion for adjournment in connection with this subject. My reply referred to any action which might be taken in regard to Captain Close in the future. What I said was in anticipation of some future proceeding. I did not mean to imply that any charge had been made. The Honorable Member will, of course, remember that he put certain questions in writing, and when he referred to the matter on the motion for adjournment, his questions were in a somewhat different form. My reply was given to the questions in writing.

- (3.) Appointment of Magistrates in Country Districts:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Have representations been repeatedly made to the Government since they came into office as to the necessity of appointing magistrates in certain country districts where there are now none?  
 (2.) Are the Government aware that serious public inconvenience is felt in such districts owing to the delay in appointing magistrates?  
 (3.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to deal with this matter at an early date?

Mr. Brunner answered,—Yes.

- (4.) Case of Captain Close:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the great public importance of the subject, will he lay upon the Table the papers, complete in every respect, relating to the case of Captain Close, for the information of Honorable Members, before dealing with the Military Estimates?

Mr. Brunner answered,—There will be no objection if moved for in the usual way.

- (5.) Agent-General of the Colony:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the Government taken any action yet to give effect to the resolution recently passed by the House affirming that the tenure of office of the Agent-General should be limited to five years?  
 (2.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to ignore the resolution?

Mr. Reid answered,—I take the resolution limiting appointments to the position of Agent-General to a period of five years as referring to future appointments. It could not possibly be held to refer to the present occupant of the office.

23rd April, 1895.

(6.) The Rabbit Conference:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to have a report of the proceedings of the recent Rabbit Conference published?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Yes; the report is at present in the hands of the Government Printer.

(7.) “Fixed Shop Charges” in the Railway Workshops:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to Mr. Schey’s Question No. 3, on Tuesday, 9th instant, will he please say,—

(1.) What percentage is charged upon works carried out in the railway workshops to cover what he has termed “fixed shop charges?”

(2.) Is this percentage invariably charged on all works?

(3.) If not, under what circumstances is it varied, to what amount, and for what reasons?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that while the exact cost to cover the fixed shop charges cannot be given against each work carried out, an average charge has been fixed at about 25 per cent. of the wages paid on each work. The same percentage would apply on all works.

(8.) Locomotive Boilers constructed by Mort’s Dock and Engineering Company:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many locomotive boilers have been lately constructed for the Railway Commissioners by Mort’s Dock and Engineering Company?

(2.) What has been the cost per boiler?

(3.) Were there any extras?

(4.) If so, what were they, and what did they cost?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) I am informed twelve boilers were so made.

(2.) Mort’s Dock contract, £407; material supplied by Railway Commissioners, £360; total, £767.

(3 and 4.) There were no extras.

(9.) Contracts held by Mr. Justin M’Sweeney:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What contracts has Mr. Justin M’Sweeney for works or supplies under his Department?

(2.) On what dates were such contracts made with Mr. M’Sweeney?

(3.) Do such contracts contain a schedule of minimum wages to be paid; if some of them, distinguish which?

(4.) If not, why not?

(5.) Do such contracts contain any clause prohibiting sub-letting?

(6.) If some of them, which?

(7.) If not, why not?

(8.) If sub-letting is permitted, what conditions and limitations have been made, and what reasons are given for making same?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) (a) Roads contracts, supply and delivery of basalt for road, Randwick Tollgate to La Perouse sewerage contracts; (b) Main eastern branch, western suburbs; (c) Main outfall sewer, western suburbs.

(2.) (a) Contract accepted 27th March, 1895 (bond not signed); (b) Contract accepted 14th March, 1895 (bond not signed); (c) Contract accepted 8th April, 1895 (bond not signed).

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Answered by No. 3.

(5.) Contracts cannot be sub-let without the consent, in writing, of the Minister.

(6.) All.

(7.) Answered by Nos. 5 and 6.

(8.) Clause 21 of the General Conditions says:—The contractor shall not assign or underlet this contract, or any part thereof, or assign or mortgage, charge or encumber all or any of the moneys payable or to become payable under this contract, or any other benefit whatsoever arising, or which may arise, under this contract, to any person without the consent in writing of the Minister being first obtained. The contractor for each and every breach of this condition shall be liable to pay to the Government the sum of £50 as and for liquidated damages; and the sum or sums payable as such damages may be deducted from any sum or sums due to the contractor under this or any other contract with the Government. And any permission to assign or underlet works to be done under this contract shall not discharge the contractor from any liability in respect of this contract, and shall extend only to the permission actually given, but not so as to prevent any proceedings for any subsequent breach of this condition; and all rights under these conditions shall remain in full force, and shall be available as against any such subsequent breach.

(10.) Appointment of Governor of the Colony:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Griffith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cable the Imperial Authorities, asking them to delay the appointment of a Governor pending legislation on the matter of the Governor’s salary?

Mr. Reid answered.—I do not think this necessary or advisable. I have, however, informed the Secretary of State for the Colonies, through the Agent-General, that the salaries and allowances attached to the positions of Private Secretary and Aide-de-Camp, and also the cost of fuel and light, will be withdrawn. By this step there will be a saving in the expenditure connected with the position of Governor amounting to about £1,750 a year.

(11.) Amalgamation of Education Architect’s Department with Colonial Architect’s Department:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he yet considered the necessity of amalgamating the Education Architect’s Department with the Colonial Architect’s Department?

(2.) If he has not, will he consider the matter previous to the next Estimates being laid upon the Table of the House?

(3.) Is he favourable to the amalgamation?

Mr. Garrard answered,—The matter is receiving consideration in connection with the Report of the Civil Service Inquiry Commission.



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- (12.) Stored Explosives at Trial Bay Prison:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a portion of the building of the Trial Bay Prison—"the north-easterly tower in the wall"—is used as a magazine for the storage of explosives, thus causing danger to human life?
  - (2.) How far is the chief wing, where the men sleep, from this temporary magazine?
- Mr. Gould answered,—The Comptroller-General of Prisons has furnished the following report upon the matter:—
- (1.) The north-western tower and the western tower are both used for the storage of explosives.
  - (2.) The chief wing of the gaol is about 18 feet from the former tower and 180 feet from the latter. These towers are being used for explosives pending the erection of a magazine by the Harbours and Rivers Department on a suitable site. It is understood that this projected work will be commenced in about ten days.
- (13.) Establishment of Metallurgical Works:—Mr. Smailes asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has the Government arrived at any decision in regard to the establishment of metallurgical works?
  - (2.) If so, will he state—(a) when such works are likely to be commenced; and (b) where they are likely to be established?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) (a) The works will be commenced as soon as the title to the land is completed and the plant which is ordered arrives. (b) Until the negotiations are completed it is not deemed advisable to specify the exact site of the land.
- (14.) Pensions paid under the Civil Service Act:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the total amount paid per annum as pensions under the present Civil Service Act?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to at once deal with the Civil Service Act, and more particularly that portion referring to superannuation?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to deal with this matter at once by a comprehensive Bill; if not, will he introduce at once a short Bill compelling all persons receiving over £50 as pensions to pay the 4 per cent. on the amount of their pensions for the future?
  - (4.) If he will not do this at once, will he embody the principle in any Bill he may introduce for amending the Civil Service Act, and can he give any idea when he will introduce such a measure?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Amount paid for pensions during 1894, £78,112 11s. 11d.
  - (2.) Yes, without any avoidable delay.
  - (3 and 4.) I cannot give any further information until I deliver the Financial Statement.
- (15.) Bowral Court-house:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, although it was formerly decided to construct the Bowral Court-house from Marulan freestone, the proposed building is now to be built from the local trachyte?
  - (2.) If yes, has the Government Officer yet reported as to the difference in the cost of construction by using trachyte?
  - (3.) If yes, what will be the extra cost if trachyte is used instead of freestone?
- Mr. Young answered,—It is not a fact that I have determined to build the Bowral Court-house of trachyte. The Board of Reference has reported against it on account of its extra expense, and in this recommendation I entirely concur, unless it can be shown that no additional expense will be incurred in the use of trachyte.
- (16.) Mr. Corns, District Goods Manager:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. F. G. S. Corns, District Goods Manager, is at the present time absent from the Colony?
  - (2.) If yes, is he receiving full salary during his absence?
  - (3.) Has any other official been appointed to perform his duties?
  - (4.) If not, is it still necessary to retain Mr. Corns' services?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that Mr. Corns is not at the present time absent from the Colony.
  - (2, 3, and 4.) The absence of this officer was for ten days only.
- (17.) Water Supply for Wyalong:—Mr. Hogue asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has he received recently petitions from Wyalong urgently representing the necessity for a water supply and other improvements at that place?
  - (2.) What action has been taken to meet the serious wants of this important gold-field?
  - (3.) Is it intended to survey Wyalong West; and, if so, is he aware that the present claimholders there will be in danger of losing their claims, or be compelled to pay compensation for retaining them?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that buildings are being erected in Wyalong West in places where cross streets may be surveyed, such buildings being erected with the view to compensation?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Two new tanks are in course of construction, and are nearly complete. Water has been made available from six existing tanks, by resumption or otherwise. The Lands Department has been asked to have the necessary surveys made at West Wyalong.
  - (3.) I am not aware that the survey proposed to be made can in any way prejudicially affect the titles of claim-holders.
  - (4.) Some buildings are being erected, but, as the land is exempt from occupation under miners' rights and business licenses, it is not clear how they can claim compensation. It is not known yet where cross streets will be surveyed.

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(18.) Asiatic Immigration:—Mr. Millen asked the Colonial Secretary,—In reference to his reply to a previous Question on the subject of Asiatic immigration, is he yet in possession of the information requisite to enable the Government to determine upon a course of action; if so, is it intended to introduce a Bill dealing with the subject?

Mr. Brunker answered,—In the absence of information requisite to enable the Government to arrive at any course of action, no steps have yet been taken; but as soon as sufficient data have been obtained the Government will consider the advisability of introducing a Bill dealing with this subject.

(19.) Pera Bore Settlement:—Mr. Millen asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is he in a position to state when the regulations in connection with the Pera Bore Settlement will be published?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—There has been some delay in connection with the issue of regulations in connection with the Pera Bore Settlement, and for two reasons. We found that under the present Act sufficient power was not given for those easy facilities which the Government think necessary in the public interest for those persons about to settle on the land. Inasmuch as the new Land Bill will be passed in a few days, and liberal concessions can be given under that Bill, the Government propose to await the issue of final regulations until the Bill is law.

(20.) Cases tried at Minmi:—Mr. Edden asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a case tried at Minmi, in which several women were fined 5s. or seven days' imprisonment for ringing bells?

(2.) What section of the Criminal law Amendment Act were they convicted under?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed that several women were fined at the Minmi Police Court on the 17th instant in the sum of 5s. and Court costs each, levy and distress, in default, seven days' imprisonment in Maitland Gaol for riotous behaviour, under the provisions of the Towns Police Act, 17 Victoria, No. 31, section 15.

(21.) *Gazetting* of Justices of the Peace:—Mr. Perry, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) On what date, if any, will the Government gazette the additional gentlemen to the Commission of the Peace, as promised at the beginning of the year?

(2.) Is he aware that, in some remote districts of the Colony, settlers have to ride in some cases 50 miles to secure the signature of a Justice of the Peace?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) The date will be determined as soon as the nominations have been fully considered by the Government.

(2.) Complaints have been received which indicate that inconvenience occasionally occurs in this respect.

(22.) Tram Tickets sold by Conductors:—Mr. Perry, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the loss that must necessarily accrue to the tram-car conductors by their selling tickets to the public, will he consider the advisability of allowing these officials an honorarium for the extra responsible duty of (say) one half per cent. on their sales?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the sale of tram tickets by the tram conductors is a duty which is considered to come within their daily work, and is for the convenience of the public. In regard to the wages paid to the tram men, it may be pointed out that conductors receive an average of 8s. 3d. per day, of practically 9 hours, and are all allowed holidays, also uniforms. As against this, persons engaged in the omnibus traffic, which is a competitive service, receive an average of 6s. per day, and work an average of 12 hours.

(23.) Post-office and Court-house at Walgett:—Mr. Perry, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the Departmental official reports that the Government Post-office and Court-house at Walgett are in a dangerous condition, will he give some reasons for the delay in repairing the same?

Mr. Young answered,—The Honorable Member has already been informed by letter that I have given instructions for tenders to be called for the repair of these buildings.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Return respecting astronomical instruments in use at the Sydney Observatory.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 14th March, 1895,—“Grenfell Hospital.”

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Petersham.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return (in part) to an Order made on 17th March, 1892,—“Convictions under the Licensing Act.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 13th March, 1895,—“Fiery Cross Mine, Barmedman.”

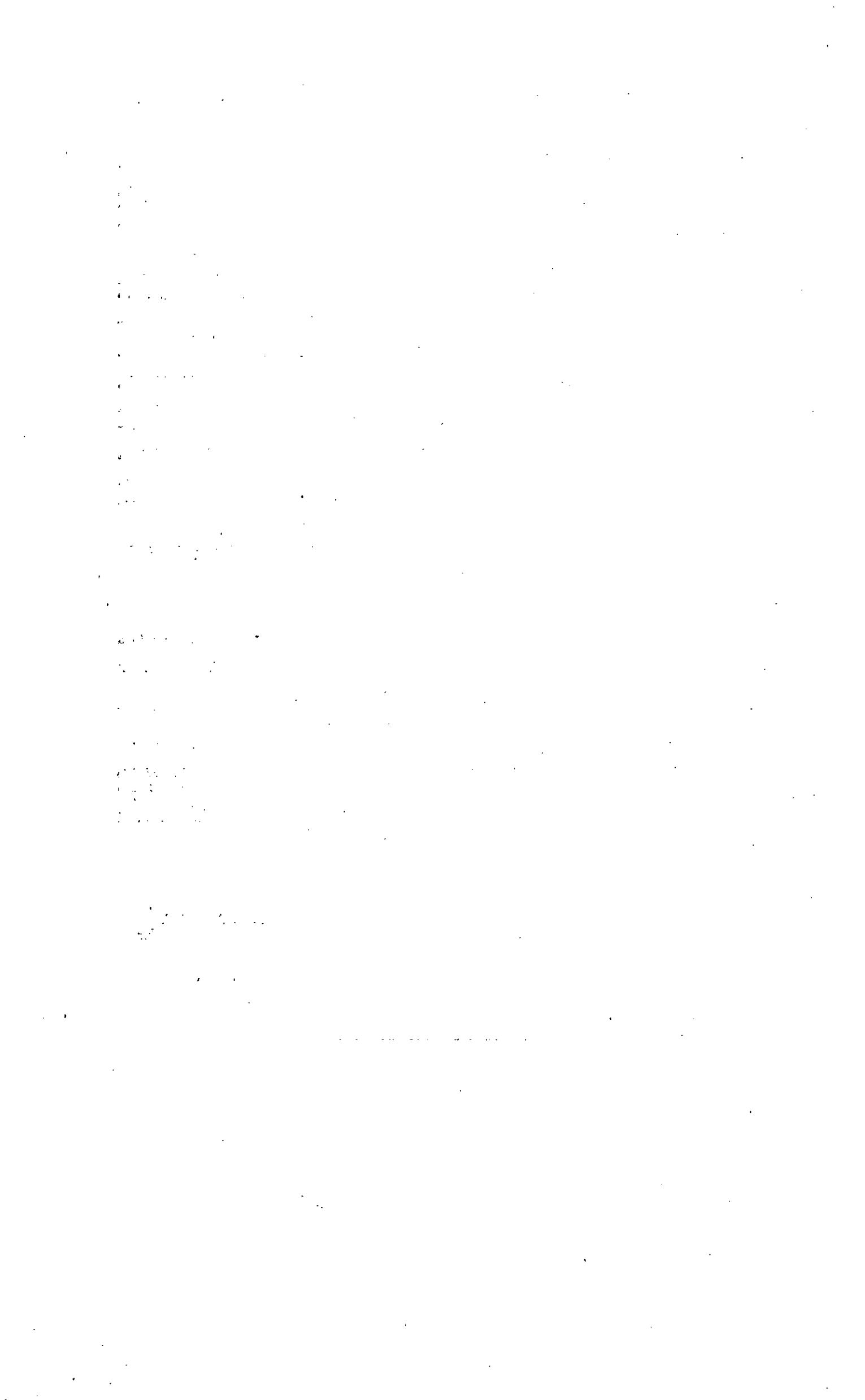
3. SUGAR INDUSTRY:—Mr. Perry presented a Petition from certain farmers and cane-growers on Emigrant Creek, at Tintenbar, Richmond River, stating that the Petitioners have by costly and dangerous toil cleared a large area of land which they have planted with sugar-cane; that, under an agreement for a term of years with the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, such cane as they produce is sold to that Company; that any reduction in the existing duty on sugar, or the imposition of an exise duty on colonial sugar, would absolutely ruin the sugar industry, and destroy the means of living of the Petitioners and thousands of other industrious colonists; and praying the House to prevent any alteration in the existing duty on sugar.

Petition received.

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4. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, "That" the report from the Committee of the Whole on the Legislative Council's amendments in this Bill be now adopted.  
Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the reconsideration of the Legislative Council's amendments in clauses 5, 15, 27, 49, 50, 51, and 76," instead thereof.  
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate ensued.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.  
Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only four Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.  
The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Hassall, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Miller.  
Question then,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the reconsideration of the Legislative Council's amendments in clauses 5, 15, 27, 49, 50, 51, and 76,—put and passed.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported 2<sup>o</sup>, that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed to other, and amended the remainder of the Council's amendments in clauses 5, 15, 27, 49, 50, 51, and 76 of this Bill.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, the report was adopted.
5. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS ACT AMENDMENT AND MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
6. NARRABRI TO MOREE RAILWAY BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 57.*  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*  
A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Narrabri to Moree,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.  
*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 23rd April, 1895.*
- The House adjourned at Eleven o'clock until To-morrow at Three o'clock.
- F. W. WEBB, J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.* *Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Report of Executive Commissioner on World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total cost of bringing out the Report of the Executive Commissioner for New South Wales to the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893?

(2.) By whose authority was the cost incurred?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The cost of printing and binding will be £1,344 13s. 10d.

(2.) The authority of the Honorable the Chief Secretary.

(2.) Inspectors or Auditors of Accounts:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many Departments send out inspectors or auditors of accounts?

Mr. Reid answered,—Ten Departments. I may state, however, that, with the exception of the Audit Office inspectors, who examine the accounts of the railway station-masters, the examination of accounts by inspectors other than Treasury officers is merely incidental to the other important duties which necessitate their visits to the interior.

(3.) Inspectors sent out by Departments:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many Departments send out inspectors other than inspectors of accounts?

Mr. Reid answered,—Ten.

(4.) Experimental Farm at Tomingley:—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) When was the establishment of the Government Experimental Farm at Tomingley determined upon?

(2.) What purposes were intended to be served by the establishment of this farm?

(3.) What is the amount of money expended in its establishment and maintenance up to date?

(4.) Is it a fact that a proposal to close this farm, and establish another at less than 25 miles distant from it, is now under consideration?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) I think some misconception has arisen in regard to the work done at the Government Tank at Tomingley. The clearing and cultivation undertaken by the caretaker can hardly be designated a Government Experimental Farm.

(2.) The object of the work undertaken was to render the tank more remunerative.

(3.) The amount expended up to the end of February was £363, exclusive of wages.

(4.) It is now proposed to lease the tank in its improved state. The Department of Agriculture has been asked to establish an experimental farm either at Narromine or Dubbo. No decision has as yet been arrived at.

(5.) Proposed Shires under Local Government Bill:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it his intention to supply Members with, or lay upon the Table of the House for their information, copies of the proposed shires under the Local Government Bill?

(2.) Are the shires as fixed on by the Commissioners definitely settled, or are they to be subject to the revision of the Members?

(3.) Who is to settle the classification of the shires; will that be subject to the revision of the House?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) I will have no objection.

(2.) They are not subject to the revision of Members.

(3.) The Royal Commission; no.

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- (6.) Vote of Attorney-General on Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Attorney-General did not vote for the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act?
  - (2.) If yes, was it known at the time that the Bill was introduced that the Attorney-General was opposed to it?
  - (3.) Is not the Attorney-General consulted on the policy of the Government, similar to other members of the Cabinet?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—These Questions should not have been addressed to me, but to the head of some other Department.
- (7.) Bill to amend the Licensing Act:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill dealing with the licensing question during the present Session of Parliament?
  - (2.) If so, will he take into consideration the desirability of largely reducing the license fees for roadside hotels in the country districts?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2.) This is a question not yet considered.
- (8.) Through Railway Carriage from Sydney to Parkes and Forbes:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he see that steps are taken to provide a through carriage from Sydney to Parkes and Forbes, in order to avoid the disagreeable necessity of passengers having to change carriages at Orange at 5 o'clock in the morning during the cold winter months of the year—the same facilities and conveniences that exist on the Mudgee line?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed, while it is recognised that it would be a convenience to work through carriages on all branch lines, it is not possible with a due regard to economy to do so, and the transfer at Orange, as at many other junctions, must for the present be continued.
- (9.) Bathing Reserves at Reef Beach, North Harbour, &c.:—Mr. Shipway asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of dedicating as bathing reserves areas at Reef Beach, North Harbour, and Castle Rock, Middle Harbour?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—Full consideration will be given to this matter.
- (10.) Pay to Men of the Military Forces:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have the men of the Military Forces received the pay due to them for the March quarter of the present year, and also for their attendance at the recent Easter Encampment?
  - (2.) If not, will he give immediate instruction that the money be paid?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General:—
- (1.) For March quarter, yes, with few exceptions; for Easter continuous training, no.
  - (2.) Pay will be issued as soon as the necessary formalities are complied with.
- (11.) The Easter Encampment:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that during the recent encampment of the Military Forces:—(a) The men were compelled to sleep upon the ground—one waterproof sheet and one pair of blankets being issued to each man; (b) The officers were allowed to, and did, take into camp camp beds and bedsteads, &c., to sleep upon; (c) The Officer Commanding the Military Forces, Major-General Hutton, slept at night-time at his residence, "Greenoakes," Darling Point?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General:—
- (a) Yes; one waterproof sheet and three blankets were issued—an extra and unusual allowance for British troops elsewhere;
  - (b) Yes, camp beds;
  - (c) Yes. A small portion only of the Military Forces was encamped for three days' continuous training at Easter.
- (12.) Men of the Military Forces suffering from Illness:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the number of men of the Military Forces suffering from illness contracted during the recent encampment, and the direct cause or causes of such illness, and the nature thereof?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide medical aid and comforts for such men?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding:—
- (1.) A Return, such as that asked for, is most unusual, and is likely to lead to representations, the correctness of which it is impossible to solve. No complaint of any kind whatsoever has reached the ear of the Major-General Commanding.
  - (2.) Any case of injury to health, if properly represented, will be dealt with on its merits.
- (13.) Alleged Statement of a Magistrate at Condobolin:—Mr. Sleath asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the newspaper report of a statement alleged to have been made by a Magistrate at Condobolin when on the Bench, which was brought under the Minister's notice by Mr. Sleath some months ago,—
- (1.) Has the peculiar behaviour of that gentleman been again brought under his notice?
  - (2.) Has the inquiry then promised been made?
  - (3.) If so, will he lay all papers in connection therewith upon the Table?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2.) Yes, and the explanation was considered satisfactory.
  - (3.) Yes, if moved for in the usual way.

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- (14.) Conduct of two Condobolin Magistrates:—Mr. Sleath asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to a letter appearing in a newspaper strongly commenting on the conduct of two Condobolin Magistrates when on the Bench, which was brought under the notice of the Minister by Mr. Sleath some months ago,—
- (1.) Has the inquiry then promised been made?
  - (2.) If so, will he lay all papers in connection therewith upon the Table?
- Mr. Gould answered,—The papers have been referred for the consideration of my Honorable Colleague the Chief Secretary, who is charged with the business relating to the unpaid Justices.
- (15.) Mr. Elwell, Electrical Engineer to the Railway Department:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. P. B. Elwell, electrical engineer to the Railway Department, is absent from the Colony?
  - (2.) If yes, is he receiving the full rate of salary?
  - (3.) Is any portion of his expenses being paid from the Railway Vote of last year or from the Consolidated Revenue?
  - (4.) Has anyone been appointed to take Mr. Elwell's position during his absence?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) Mr. Elwell is absent in connection with his duties, and is being paid from the railway working expenses in the usual way, it being considered necessary, in view of the developments in electrical science, particularly in regard to motive power, that the electrical engineer of the New South Wales railways and tramways should familiarise himself with the latest improvements in regard to electricity.
  - (4.) No; but the best possible temporary arrangements have been made for the control of the Branch.
- (16.) Authority of Chief Railway Commissioner to accept Tenders for Locomotive Engines:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has the Chief Railway Commissioner any authority to call for or accept tenders for the supply of locomotive engines during his present visit to Great Britain?
  - (2.) If so, what is the nature of such authority?
  - (3.) On what date was it granted?
  - (4.) What number of engines is he authorised to accept tenders for?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the Agent-General was written to in January last to call for tenders for five locomotives, designed especially to meet local requirements, as described in Supplementary Railway Report, page 5, and the tenders have recently come in. The Chief Commissioner has had an opportunity of perusing the tenders in London, and it is proposed to accept the lowest. It may be added that, in order to keep up an effective standard, and bring about further economy in working, it is necessary to obtain additional engines periodically.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—Mr. Barnes presented a Petition from certain farmers and other residents of the district of Cootamundra, submitting a resolution, unanimously adopted at a public meeting held at Cootamundra, stating the opinion of the meeting that the present is a most inopportune time to bring the Local Government Bill into law; and praying the House to take into consideration the wishes of the Petitioners as expressed in the resolution.  
Petition received.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
4. RAILWAY FREE PASSES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the names of all persons or firms who are granted free passes on the railway lines of the Colony, with the reason assigned in each case for the issue of the same.  
Question put and passed.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney—Lang Division, Mr. Hughes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., “the administration of the Weights and Measures Act, and the action of the Inspector of Weights and Measures, particularly in his late raid on the jewellers' establishments of Sydney.”  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Hughes moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. COTTAGE CREEK SEWERAGE WORKS BILL:—Mr. Young, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to sanction the construction of Sewerage Works at Cottage Creek, within the Municipalities of Newcastle, Hamilton, and Wickham, in the county of Northumberland,*”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
7. NEPEAN COTTAGE HOSPITAL BILL:—Mr. Lees, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 13th November, 1894, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Lees then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 21st June.  
Question put and passed.

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8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

9. CROWN LANDS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 10th April, 1895, in reference to the Crown Lands Bill,—

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendment, in clause 3, which inserts the words "withdrawal taking effect the Local Land Board shall make inquiry and report to the Minister with respect to the proposed withdrawal, and the Minister may modify or cancel any notice affecting the same, and provided further that the,"—because the clause as amended by the Council, while leaving to the Minister the ultimate power of deciding what portions of land are to be withdrawn, does no more than surround the exercise of that power with necessary safeguards; but proposes to insert, in lieu thereof, the words "such withdrawal being notified as hereinafter provided, the Local Land Board shall make inquiry and report to the Minister with respect to the expediency of the proposed withdrawal, and the portion of the lease to be withdrawn, and, upon such inquiry, the lessee may be a party. Provided further that the," in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Insists upon its amendment in the same clause which omits the word "three" and inserts the word "six,"—because the period of six months is no more than sufficient to enable the lessee to make the arrangements necessarily occasioned by the withdrawal.

Insists upon the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 54,—because there are many cases in which the chairman sitting alone can efficiently perform the required duties, thereby saving considerable expense; but proposes to amend such new clause by the insertion after the word "Board" first occurring of the words "may sit alone in open Court and while," and by the addition, at the end, of the words, "Provided that nothing contained in this section shall require the chairman to sit in open Court for the purpose of dealing with any application which he is by this Act empowered to deal with while not sitting in open Court," in which further amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Does not insist upon its other amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's other amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

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Sydney, 24th April, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at four minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.



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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 25 APRIL, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Inspection of Lighthouses by Members of the Marine Board:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did the Marine Board charter a steamer for their recent tour of lighthouse inspection, &c.?
- (2.) How many members of the Marine Board formed the party, and who were they?
- (3.) Who else accompanied the members of the Board on the tour?
- (4.) What was the total cost of the trip?
- (5.) Was any charge made to any of the persons conveyed?
- (6.) If so, what charge was made, and what amounts have been paid, and by whom?
- (7.) How many of the Government steamers were laid up at the time, and what are their names?
- (8.) Why was a steamer chartered instead of a Government steamer being used?

Mr. Brunner answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Marine Board:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Five, and the Secretary; Captains Hixson, Broomfield, Moodie, Jenkins, and Lindeman, and Mr. Wildridge.
- (3.) Mr. Hardy (Public Works Department), Mr. Robinson (Inspector of Lighthouse Apparatus), Mr. Cruickshank (Engineer Surveyor to the Marine Board), and Messrs. Hixson, Broomfield, Gardner, Knaggs, Read, Charles, Cargill, and Moodie.
- (4.) About £450.
- (5 and 6.) Yes; each person contributed £3 to the Secretary to meet incidental expenses.
- (7.) No Government steamers fit for the work that were in sea-going order were laid up at the time.
- (8.) Because a fast steamer with a special master is required for this difficult duty. About 1,200 miles of steaming has to be got over and stoppages and entries made, where practicable, at all the Board's stations along the coast.

- (2.) Lavatory Accommodation at the Railway Works, Eveleigh:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that all walls and screens belonging to the urinals and water-closets at the railway works, at Eveleigh, have been taken down and removed?
- (2.) If so, by whose authority and instruction?
- (3.) Is it a fact that all men employed there are now compelled to obey the dictates of nature in full sight of their fellow workmen and officials?
- (4.) Will he cause such provision to be made in regard to this matter as will preserve common decency and self-respect, and prevent obscenity?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1 and 2.) The old water-closets and urinals at the Eveleigh locomotive works are being connected with the sewerage system, and alterations are made to separate the urinals from the closets, and to modify the latter so as to more fully utilise the space and improve their ventilation. It is not a fact that all walls and screens have been taken down and removed. A protecting wall of brick, about 3 feet from the closet floor, affords protection to the men occupying them.

(3.) No.

(4.) The wall mentioned in answer to No. 1 is a sufficient protection. When finished these closets will have a similar arrangement to others which have been built for years at the running shed at Eveleigh.

(3.)

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(3.) Men Working Overtime at Darling Harbour :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that men have been working overtime recently at Darling Harbour ?
- (2.) Would such overtime labour have been obviated if the permanent hands had not been placed on casual labour ?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that owing to exceptional causes, principally due to the holidays, overtime had to be worked at Darling Harbour recently, but the best and most economical arrangements under the circumstances were made. No men were put off to enable overtime to be made.

(4.) Dismissal of John Hart :—Mr. Sleath asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that one John Hart has complained to the Police Department that he has been discharged from his employment on account of a statement made to his employer by Constable M'Millan, of White Cliffs ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Hart asserts that such statement is utterly untrue, and likely to do him serious and lasting injury ?
- (3.) Has Constable M'Millan been called upon to explain ?
- (4.) Will he have a strict investigation made in reference to this complaint ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—This matter is being inquired into, but some time will have elapsed before I shall be in a position to give him the information for which he asks. I would suggest to the Honorable Member that he should postpone the question until some day next week.

(5.) Article in Newspaper called *Truth* :—Mr. James Morgan, for Mr. Perry, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to an article in a newspaper called *Truth*, issued on the 21st instant, entitled "An Unjust Judge ?"
- (2.) If not, will he read the article, and, if satisfied of its falsity, cause the writer to be punished ; and, if the article is found to be true, will he take Parliamentary action to remove the unjust Judge referred to ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No ; my duties are sufficiently onerous at present without undertaking Press censorship.

(6.) Monetary Conference in Berlin :—Mr. Griffith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint Mr. McMillan, M.P., to represent this Colony at the forthcoming Monetary Conference in Berlin ?
- (2.) Is he aware that this gentleman is a strong mono-metallist ?
- (3.) Under these circumstances will he give Mr. McMillan definite instructions to abstain from identifying New South Wales with his views on the currency question ?

Mr. Reid answered,—The question of representation at the Monetary Conference can scarcely arise until it has been determined that some such conference shall be held. Until then the question of appointing anyone to represent New South Wales will obviously be premature, and it has not yet been dealt with in any way by this Government.

(7.) Rents for Workmen's Dwellings on Coal-mining Leases :—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, when leases are granted for coal-mining purposes, it is the practice of the mine-owners to charge exorbitant rents for the land sub-leased as sites for workmen's dwellings, or for buildings let as workmen's dwellings ?
- (2.) Will he take steps to bring in a law providing that these coal-mining leases shall only carry with them the right to so much of the surface as is required for the buildings and machinery necessary to work the mine ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) It is not known what rents are charged by lessees for dwellings erected upon lands held under lease from the Crown for coal-mining.
- (2.) The leases in existence give the lessees the right to use and occupy the land demised to them as sites for dwellings or garden ground for the persons employed in, on, or about the mine, and there is no power to take away that right while the leases are in force.

(8.) Locking the River Darling :—Mr. FitzGerald, for Sir George Dibbs, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that he has ordered tenders to be called for the first portion of a complete scheme for locking the river Darling ?
- (2.) How many locks is it contemplated to construct to make the scheme complete ?
- (3.) What will be the cost of the complete work ?
- (4.) Why does he not submit the whole proposal to the Public Works Committee ?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) The Secretary for Mines and Agriculture has called for tenders for a lock and weir on the river Darling at Bourke.
- (2.) The question as to other sites for locks and weirs on that river is being dealt with, and until that investigation is complete it will not be possible to state the exact number which will be required.
- (3.) For the same reason as that stated in the last preceding answer, the total cost of the lock and weirs, which it may be advisable to construct, cannot be stated.
- (4.) The work for which tenders are called will be a highly useful work considered by itself ; in fact, if the river continues to fall for some time longer, the want of such a work will be keenly felt during the present year. Besides being a useful work in itself, the contemplated lock and weir is regarded in some degree as an experiment, on the result of which future action will be based.

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(9.) Companies complying with the Lead Poisoning Act:—Mr. Thomas asked the Secretary for Mines,—What mining companies in the Broken Hill District have complied with No. 3 Regulation of the Lead Poisoning Act?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No report has been received of any company having failed to comply with the regulation referred to.

(10.) Station-house for Wahroonga:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the long-promised new station-house at Wahroonga be provided?

Mr. Young answered,—I am informed that if the Honorable Member refers to some improvements promised at Wahroonga railway platform, the work of preparing the materials is now in hand.

(11.) Engineer for Underground Tunnel from Moore-street to the Exchange:—Mr. Sleath asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Who is the engineer for the contract for underground tunnel from Moore-street to the Exchange?

(2.) Is he an engineer of the Works Department; and, if not, why was the work taken out of the hands of the Government officers?

(3.) Was this contract let to the lowest tenderer?

(4.) Was the tender of D. R. McKenzie practically accepted?

(5.) Has the contract been withdrawn from McKenzie, and given to someone else; and, if so, why, and at what advance on McKenzie's tender?

(6.) Were the tenders in question opened by the Tender Board; and, if not, by whom?

(7.) In whose hands was the final decision to consider the tenders left?

(8.) Is it a fact that the engineer, the Deputy Postmaster-General, and Postmaster-General all gave different reasons as to why the tender of D. R. McKenzie & Co. was not finally accepted?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Messrs. A. L. and G. McCredie.

(2.) No; the late Postmaster-General decided, on the recommendation of the late Mr. Cracknell, to entrust the work of preparing plans and specification for the whole of the subway from the General Post Office to the Exchange—of which the portion now under notice is the second section—to the Messrs. McCredie.

(3.) No.

(4.) No.

(5.) Not withdrawn from McKenzie, as it was never given to him. The reason for not accepting his tender was that it was informal in one very important particular, namely, it was not signed by sureties as stipulated in the notice inviting tenders, nor were sureties even named in the tender. Considering, however, that his offer was the lowest, and the amount involved being considerable, it was decided in the public interest to adopt the somewhat unusual course of affording him the opportunity to complete his tender. He did not do so, although the matter was held over for some ten days; and moreover the result of the usual inquiries into the *bona-fides* and ability of the tenderer to undertake so important a work did not satisfy the Department. The tender accepted was £625 10s. in excess of Mr. McKenzie's, but considerably less than the official estimate.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) The Postmaster-General, on the recommendation of the Secretary, Telegraph Service, and Mr. G. McCredie, endorsed by the Deputy Postmaster-General.

(8.) No; the reasons given were the informality of the tender, and the fact of the Department not being satisfied with the inquiries into McKenzie's ability to carry out the work satisfactorily.

(12.) Allowances in the Civil Service:—Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total amount of savings effected by the abolition of certain allowances in the Civil Service during the last six months?

(2.) What is the total amount of allowances still in force in the Civil Service?

Mr. Reid answered,—This information must be moved for in the usual way, as it involves a Return.

(13.) Extension of King-street Cable Tram to Erskine-street:—Mr. Wilks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the immense and ever-increasing passenger traffic from Balmain, is it his intention to extend the King-street Cable Tram Service from its present terminus to Erskine-street?

Mr. Young answered,—I will take the matter into consideration, but can make no promise at present.

(14.) Mr. Badham, Blayney:—Mr. FitzGerald, for Mr. Crick, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers referring to the removal of Mr. Badham from Blayney?

Mr. Gould answered,—There will be no objection if the papers be moved for in the usual way.

(15.) Case of Captain Close:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government, or any member of it, received either officially or otherwise a notification from Major-General Hutton to the effect that either he or Captain Close, who was recently acquitted by the Executive Council, must cease to belong to the Military Forces of the Colony?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No such notification has been received, either official or otherwise.

(16.) Revenue derived from the Liquor Traffic:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total annual amount of revenue received from the liquor traffic from all sources?

Mr. Reid answered,—I shall presently lay the information upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(17.) Vote of Attorney-General on Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Attorney-General did not vote for the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act?

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- (2.) If yes, was it known at the time that the Bill was introduced that the Attorney-General was opposed to it?
- (3.) Is not the Attorney-General consulted on the policy of the Government, similar to other members of the Cabinet?
- Mr. Reid answered,—As to (1), the Honorable Member can satisfy himself;—as to the rest of the Question, I have not yet invited the Honorable Member to share in the affairs of the Cabinet.
2. **RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL**:—Mr. Storey presented a Petition from John Alfred Ironside Perry and others, of Randwick, praying that the House will not allow any further interments in the burial-ground known as the Randwick Cemetery.  
Petition received.
3. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That Mr. Piddington be added to the Refreshment Committee.  
Question put and passed.
4. **MUNICIPAL LOANS VALIDATION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—  
(1.) Mr. Brunner moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate certain loans contracted, and securities given by the Councils of certain Municipalities.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Brunner then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to validate certain loans contracted, and securities given by the Councils of certain Municipalities,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. **PUBLICANS WHO ARE MAGISTRATES OF THE COLONY (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Fogan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of publicans who are Magistrates of the Colony, with their addresses.  
Question put and passed.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wilcannia, Mr. Sleath, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The Moore-street tunnel contract."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Sleath moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
7. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Mr. Reid stated the intentions of the Government with regard to proceeding with the Local Government Bill and the Financial Statement.
8. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message, dated 24th April, 1895, relative to the amendments made in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee insists upon its amendment in clause 3, which inserts the words "withdrawal taking effect, the Local Land Board shall make inquiry and report to the Minister with respect to the proposed withdrawal, and the Minister may modify or cancel any notice affecting the same, and provided further that the"  
Insists upon its disagreement to the Council's amendment in the same clause, which omits the word "three" and inserts the word "six"; and insists upon its disagreement to the insertion of the new clause to follow clause 54.  
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.  
(2.) Mr. Carruthers moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—  
**MR. PRESIDENT**,—  
The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 24th April, 1895, in reference to the Crown Lands Bill,—  
Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, which inserts the words "withdrawal taking effect the Local Land Board shall make inquiry, and report to the Minister with respect to the proposed withdrawal, and the Minister may modify or cancel any notice affecting the same, and provided further that the"  
Insists upon its disagreement to the Council's amendment in the same clause, which omits the word "three" and inserts the word "six."  
Insists upon its disagreement to the insertion of the new clause to follow clause 54.  
And the Assembly requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of the above-stated disagreements, and has appointed the following of its Members to be managers of such Conference in its behalf:—Mr. Reid, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Ashton, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Watson, and "Mr. Lee."  
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Debate ensued.  
Mr. Carroll moved, That the Message be amended by leaving out the words "Mr. Lee," and inserting the words "Mr. Crick" instead thereof.  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.  
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Question then put,—That the Message be carried to the Legislative Council,—and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only two Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Carroll, Mr. Miller.  
Message sent accordingly.

- (3.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council agrees to the Free Conference requested by the Legislative Assembly in its Message, dated 25th April, 1895, on the subject of the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment, disagreed to by the Council and insisted on by the Assembly, and the Council's amendments, disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council, in the Crown Lands Bill; and appoints that the same be held in the Back Library at the hour of seven o'clock this evening; and that the Honorable George Henry Cox, the Honorable John Davies, the Honorable Andrew Garran, the Honorable Frederick Thomas Humphery, the Honorable Archibald Hamilton Jacob, the Honorable Henry Edward Kater, the Honorable Richard Edward O'Connor, the Honorable William Hilson Pigott, the Honorable Charles Edward Pilcher, and the Honorable John Henry Want be the Managers thereof on its behalf.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

- (4.) The time having arrived for holding the Free Conference with the Legislative Council, the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, called over the names of the Managers appointed on behalf of the Assembly, all of whom answered to their names.

The Managers then proceeded to the Conference, attended by the Sergeant-at-Arms, the business of the House being suspended during their absence.

The Managers having returned,—

Mr. Reid, on their behalf, reported that the Managers chosen by this House had met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, and having conferred together with reference to the Assembly's disagreements to certain amendments made by the Council in the Crown Lands Bill, they had agreed to the following report, which was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, viz.:—

The Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly by resolution of the 25th April, 1895, whereby a Free Conference with the Legislative Council was requested on the subject of the disagreements with the Legislative Council's amendments in clause 3, and proposal to insert new clause to follow after clause 54 of the Crown Lands Bill, report to this Honorable House that, having met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council in its behalf, the following resolutions were agreed upon, viz.:—

*Resolved*,—That the Assembly's amendment in clause 3, which inserts the words "withdrawal taking effect, the Local Land Board shall make inquiry and report to the Minister with respect to the proposed withdrawal, and the Minister may modify or cancel any notice affecting the same, and provided further that the" is not insisted upon, and that the Council's amendment to insert in lieu thereof the words "such withdrawal being notified as hereinafter provided, the Local Land Board shall make inquiry and report to the Minister with respect to the expediency of the proposed withdrawal, and the portion of the lease to be withdrawn, and upon such inquiry the lessee may be a party, provided further that the" be agreed upon, with a further amendment by the insertion after the word "party" of the words "without any right of appeal to the Land Court"

(2.) That the Council's amendment in the same clause be amended by omitting the word "six" and inserting the word "four."

(3.) That the Conference does not insist on the insertion of the Council's new clause to follow clause 54.

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G. H. REID,  
Chairman.

- (5.) Mr. Reid then moved, That this House do "now" resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Report brought up by its Managers from the Free Conference.  
Debate ensued.

Mr. Chanter moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "now" and inserting "Tuesday next" instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only three Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Chanter, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Miller.

Original Question put and passed.

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

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee no longer insists upon its amendment in clause 3, which inserts "withdrawal taking effect the Local Land Board shall make inquiry and report to the Minister with respect to the proposed withdrawal, and the Minister may modify or cancel any notice affecting the same, and provided further that the" And agrees to the Council's amendment inserting in lieu thereof the words "such withdrawal being notified hereinafter provided, the Local Land Board shall make inquiry and report to the Minister with respect to the expediency of the proposed withdrawal and the portion of the lease to be withdrawn, and upon such inquiry the lessee may be a party" provided further that the "but amends such words by the insertion after the word "party" of the words "without any right of appeal to the Land Court."

No longer insists upon its disagreement to the Council's amendment in the same clause which omits the word "three,"—but substitutes the word "four" for the word "six" which the Council proposed to insert in lieu of the word omitted, and

Still insists upon its disagreement to the insertion of the new clause to follow clause 54.

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

(6.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 25th April, 1895, and also the report of the Managers on its behalf, of the Free Conference with the Legislative Assembly, held this day, with reference to the Crown Lands Bill,—insists upon its disagreements to the Assembly's amendment in clause 3, which inserts the words "withdrawal taking effect the Local Land Board shall make inquiry and report to the Minister with respect to the proposed withdrawal, and the Minister may modify or cancel any notice affecting the same, and provided further that the" and the insertion in lieu thereof of the words "such withdrawal being notified as hereinafter provided the Local Land Board shall make inquiry and report to the Minister with respect to the expediency of the proposed withdrawal and the portion of the lease to be withdrawn, and upon such inquiry the lessee may be a party. Provided further that the" with a further amendment, inserting after the word "party" the words "without any right of appeal to the Land Court."

Does not insist upon its amendment in the same clause which inserts the word "six," but proposes to insert in lieu thereof the word "four."

Does not insist upon its amendment which inserts a new clause to follow clause 54.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

(7.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message dated 25th instant, and also the report of the Managers on behalf of the Assembly at the Free Conference with the Legislative Council in reference to the Council's amendments in the Crown Lands Bill disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council,—

No longer insists upon its amendment in clause 3 which inserts the words "withdrawal taking effect the Local Land Board shall make inquiry and report to the Minister with respect to the proposed withdrawal, and the Minister may modify or cancel any notice affecting the same, and provided further that the."

And agrees to the Council's amendment in that clause which inserts the words "such withdrawal being notified as hereinafter provided, the Local Land Board shall make inquiry and report to the Minister with respect to the expediency of the proposed withdrawal, and the portion of the lease to be withdrawn, and upon such inquiry the lessee may be a party. Provided further that the," with a further amendment by the insertion after the word "party" of the words "without any right of appeal to the Land Court."

No longer insists upon its disagreement to the Council's amendment in clause 3, which omits the word "three," and agrees to the insertion of the word "four," instead thereof.

Still insists upon its disagreement to the new clause to follow clause 54.

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9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at half-past One o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 80.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 26 APRIL, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Refund to J. Blake in the Railway Service:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a man named J. Blake was formerly employed in the railway service?
  - (2.) Is it also a fact that he was compelled to contribute to a guarantee fund?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that some of the contributions to this fund have been returned to the subscribers?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that the Railway Department has refused to refund the money contributed to the fund by J. Blake?
  - (5.) Why has the money been returned to some of the subscribers, and refused to Blake?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Railway Act provides that railway employees shall insure their lives, and this is arranged with the Life Assurance Companies and not with the Department. It was, however, suggested in the Provident and Pension Fund proposed by the Commissioners that the fund should take the place of the compulsory life assurance provided for in the Act.
- (3, 4, and 5.) Although no obligation rests on the Commissioners—the Life Assurance policy continuing after employees leave the Department—consideration has been given and allowances made in the matter to employees who have been retrenched through no fault of their own. The employee referred to was not retrenched, and his case would not come within the category of those to whom consideration would be given.

- (2.) Kurringgai Chase:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has any money been granted from the Parks Vote to the Trustees of Kurringgai Chase for the improvement of that reserve?
- (2.) If so, what amount?
- (3.) Are certain roads being surveyed through this park, including a carriage-drive some miles in length from Berowra to Gordon?
- (4.) If so, at what cost and from what fund is the money being granted?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) In 1894, £200, and in 1895, £150.
- (3.) No road is being surveyed by this Department.

- (3.) Issue of Free Passes to men on Works, Dubbo to Wellington:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the large number of unemployed men in the districts of Dubbo and Wellington, will he give instructions that free railway passes be not granted from Sydney for the work of reducing the grades between Dubbo and Wellington?

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

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- (4.) Appointment of a Public Defender :—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Griffith*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
Will the Government take into its immediate consideration the desirability of appointing a Public Defender, who will have at his command, for the defence in capital cases, all the legal and police machinery available to the Crown Prosecutor?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I think this is too large an order to take into consideration at the present time.

- (5.) *Shea's Creek Works* :—*Mr. Schey* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) How many men, all told, are nominally employed in connection with the *Shea's Creek Works*?  
(2.) How many are registered to go on who have not yet had a turn?  
(3.) How many persons are there employed as—(a) engineering supervisors; (b) clerks and draftsmen; (c) foremen and overseers; (d) permanent hands; (e) week-on-and-week-off men; (f) men who go on when their so-called turn arrives?  
(4.) Are there any other classes of employees about the works in addition to those enumerated above?  
(5.) If so, what are they, and how many men do they comprise?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

- (1.) 3,306 men.  
(2.) 9 men.  
(3.) (a) 1 resident engineer; (b) 2 clerks, no draftsmen; (c) 3 foremen, no overseers; (d) 9 labourers; (e) 172 on truck work; (f) 3,000.  
(4.) Yes.  
(5.) Inspector, timekeeper, storekeeper, chainmen, engine-drivers, blacksmiths, carpenters, gangers, watchmen, pointsmen, drivers with horses, platelayers, boys, &c.—in all, 83; and men discharging punts, 36. It is to be assumed that a large number of these men get employment elsewhere when they are not working at *Shea's Creek*.

- (6.) Man named *D. B. Kelly*, prosecuted for Begging :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a man named *D. B. Kelly* has recently been accused of begging, and prosecuted by the police at the Central Police Court, Sydney?  
(2.) Is he aware that *Kelly* is a respectable man, who is compelled to use crutches owing to an infirmity, and that he is in no sense a beggar?  
(3.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into this matter, and, if the case is found to be as here stated, cause the attention of the Inspector-General to be directed to the conduct of the police?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that, as far as he can learn at present, no one of this name has been prosecuted during the past six months. If the Honorable Member will furnish further particulars inquiries will be made.

- (7.) Case of *George Dean* :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the Government made an inquiry into the *Dean* case; and, if so, what is the result of that inquiry?  
(2.) If such inquiry has not been made, is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the *Dean* case?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—In reply to both of these questions I would say that an inquiry is now being proceeded with, and I hope I shall be able to lay upon the Table of this House the whole of the official documents, with the Judge's notes in the case.

2. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed :—

- (1.) Franchise Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Friday, 24th May.  
(2.) Claims of *Mr. Thomas Rowe*, Architect—Sydney Hospital Buildings; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Parkes*,—  
“ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of *Thomas Rowe*, Esquire, architect, in connection with the Sydney Hospital buildings.  
“ (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Hayes*, *Mr. Ewing*, *Mr. Rose*, *Mr. Chanter*, *Mr. Frank Farnell*, *Mr. O'Reilly*, *Mr. Lee*, *Mr. Cameron*, *Mr. Robert Jones*, and the Mover”;—until Friday, 24th May.  
(3.) Parliamentary Elections (Candidates' Deposit) Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 10th May.  
(4.) Electoral Majority Vote Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 10th May.

3. EIGHT HOURS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Schey*, “‘That' this Bill be now read a third time.”

Upon which *Mr. Perry* had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That,” and inserting the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses '3 and '6” instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

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

*Mr. McGowen* moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by leaving out the figure and word “3 and ”

Question put,—That the figure and word proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed amendment

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The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Young,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Lec,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Kelly,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Edden.
Mr. Hughes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Muckay,	
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Smailes,	
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 3 and 6,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 10th May.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Young moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. F. Clarke,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Price,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. McGowen.
Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Moore.
Dr. Graham,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Watson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Schey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Twenty-five minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 30 APRIL, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Granting of Titles to Householders of West Wyalong:—Mr. Carroll asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that he received a petition from certain people of Wyalong, protesting against the granting of titles to householders and others of West Wyalong?
- (2.) Is he aware that there was a monster public meeting of the residents held protesting against such action?
- (3.) Is he aware that such petition was signed by a large number of school children?
- (4.) Will he take such steps as will without delay give titles to the holders of the lands at West Wyalong?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Meetings were held.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The Lands Department has been asked to have a survey made, showing the positions of residence and business sites. On receipt of plan the matter will be considered.

- (2.) The Randwick Rifle Range:—Mr. Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he define or state what is the eastern boundary of the ground known as the Randwick Rifle Range?
- (2.) Does it reach the road known as the Coast or Long Bay Road?
- (3.) In whom is the management of the said rifle range vested?
- (4.) Who is responsible for the erection of the barbed-wire fence on that road opposite to the rifle range?
- (5.) Does the said barbed-wire fence encroach on the road; if so, to what extent?
- (6.) Is he aware of the dangerous nature of a barbed-wire fence when erected on a public road?
- (7.) Will he take steps to ascertain the alignment of the said road, and the exact boundary of the rifle range, with the view to the erection of a fence in the proper position, which will not be a danger to the public?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) The Long Bay Road.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) In officers deputed by the Major-General Commanding.
- (4.) The Commanding Engineer.
- (5.) Part of the fence encroached 15 feet.
- (6.) No danger is anticipated to the public from the barbed-wire fence, as instructions have been given for its removal to the proper boundary of the road, and the portion facing the road will be covered over with battens.
- (7.) This work was begun on the 22nd instant, and will be completed in the course of a few days. When the Honorable Member mentioned the matter to me last week I took immediate action, and gave instructions to have the fence moved to the proper boundary.

- (3.) Repairs of Roads portion of the Singleton Railway Bridge:—Mr. McGowen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was a tender accepted for redecking and repairing the roads portion of the Singleton Railway Bridge during the year 1894?
- (2.) If so, was the contract cancelled, and why? (3.)

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- (3.) Was an officer of the Department sent to inspect and report on this bridge previous to or after the contract was cancelled?  
 (4.) If so, what was the officer's name?  
 (5.) Upon whose report was it decided to carry on the necessary repairs by the employment of day labour, and what was the estimated cost?  
 (6.) (a) Who was the officer who superintended the work; (b) has that officer since been removed; (c) for what reason; (d) has he since been placed in charge of another important work at an increase in his salary?  
 (7.) Previous to that officer's removal was the work of repairs to the chords in four (4) out of five (5) spans of the bridge certified as finished?  
 (8.) Was the scaffolding removed?  
 (9.) Is the work still proceeding?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) No.  
 (3.) A report was made on the state of the bridges.  
 (4.) E. M. de Burgh, Assistant Engineer for Bridges.  
 (5.) Mr. E. M. de Burgh's; £1,100.  
 (6.) (a) Mr. G. D. Light. (b) Yes. (c) Because there was considerable friction between the workmen and overseer. On investigation it was thought that the easiest way to get over the difficulty was to remove the overseer to another work. It is due, however, to the overseer to say that in the judgment of the Department he only exercised proper supervision in the discharge of his duty, and in removing him no shadow of blame was cast upon him. (d) No.  
 (7.) No.  
 (8.) No.  
 (9.) Yes.

- (4.) Establishment of Model Farm at Garra Reserve, near Molong:—Mr. Stevenson, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has he yet decided when the model and mulberry farm is likely to be established at the Garra Reserve, near Molong?  
 (2.) If so, when will steps be taken to have the land fenced in and made ready for tree-planting, &c.?  
 Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—It has not yet been decided to start a farm at the place indicated.

- (5.) Shea's Creek and Cook's River Reclamations:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the total anticipated cost (including resumptions) for Shea's Creek and Cook's River reclamations?  
 (2.) Is there any further use to which the reclamations can be put other than for Chinese market gardens?  
 (3.) What is the total cost of repairing found necessary since the work commenced?  
 (4.) What is the total area completed?  
 (5.) How much of this has been utilised, and for what purpose?  
 (6.) Why has not the balance (if any) been put to some use?  
 (7.) How long has it now been lying idle?  
 (8.) Who recommended the work as proper State undertaking from an engineering point of view?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Anticipated cost, to Buckland-street, £495,173.  
 (2.) Yes.  
 (3.) Cost of repairs, £1,200.  
 (4.) Area completed, 64 acres.  
 (5.) None utilised, except for purposes connected with the work.  
 (6.) The balance is mostly below high-water mark, and unfit for any use until raised to proper level.  
 (7.) Since the commencement of the works the land never has been fit for any use, being below high-water mark.  
 (8.) I can find no record of any such recommendation. I have had a search made for the earlier papers on the subject; but the report of Messrs. Moriarty and Bennett, who were directed to confer together and investigate the matter, cannot at present be found. I gather, however, from the papers that Mr. Moriarty, the then Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, was not favourable to the project. He states, on the 14th September, 1882, "This project would involve about a mile and a quarter of dredging to deepen the present channel, and in order to maintain it would require constant dredging. I cannot say that I think the number of vessels which would navigate the channel would justify the expense;" and on the 4th January, 1886, Mr. Moriarty says, " \* \* \* the least expensive mode of abating the nuisance is to remove the cause, rather than by resorting to the very expensive course of embanking and reclaiming the foreshores which are now polluted by the refuse \* \* \* ." Again, on the 13th April, 1886, Mr. Moriarty reported as follows:—"I fear the great obstacle will be the cost, which is estimated at about £48,000, exclusive of compensation for land and severance from water-frontage." The work was, apparently, begun in the hope that it would be the means of providing work for the unemployed, and become, in the future, one which would be profitable to the State.

- (6.) Alterations of Knapsacks of the Parramatta Corps:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Were tenders recently called for the alteration of certain knapsacks in connection with the Parramatta corps of the Military Forces?  
 (2.) If so, what tenders were received, giving names of tenderers and amounts tendered at?  
 (3.) Which tender was accepted?  
 (4.) Has the work been carried out, and given satisfaction?

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Mr. Brunker answered.—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding Military Forces:—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) (a) Ellis Hines, 5d. per knapsack; (b) F. Taylor, 5½d. per knapsack, and 8½d. to thoroughly repair and place new straps where required; (c) W. Barton, 5½d. per knapsack.
  - (3.) Ellis Hines, to repair knapsack, also water-bottle covers and frogs, the whole cost to be £1 10s.
  - (4.) Yes, and given every satisfaction.
- (7.) Tolls collected on Steam-punt, George's River:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works.—In regard to the steam-punt, Dover Point, George's River,—
- (1.) What check has the Government in regard to the amounts collected for tolls?
  - (2.) Is he aware that considerable danger to boats going up and down the river exists, owing to the said punt not carrying a light to indicate which way it is going?
  - (3.) Will he give instructions that in future a bright light shall be carried at night by the said punt?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) The toll-collectors enter into a book, kept for the purpose on the punt, the amount collected on each trip. The book and toll-sheets are compared weekly and checked by the officer in charge of the district.
  - (2.) No; the punt carries four lights, one both fore and aft, and one each on the port and star-board sides.
  - (3.) No. The present lights are considered sufficient.
- (8.) "Post Note," Customs Department:—Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What in the Customs Department is a "post note," and what is its purpose?
  - (2.) What amount of revenue has been collected by means of Customs post notes during the respective years 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, and 1895, distinguishing the amount collected by means of post notes issued by landing-waiters?
  - (3.) During the six years, commencing 1890, what amount of revenue has been collected by means of post notes, distinguishing the amounts to the credit of each landing-waiter?
  - (4.) Is the vigilance of landing-waiters, as shown by their issue of post notes, recognised in any manner; if so, how—and, if not, why not?

Mr. Reid answered.—The required information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return if moved for in the usual way.

- (9.) Mining Companies, Broken Hill:—Mr. Thomas asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he give the names of the mining companies of Broken Hill that have complied with No. 3 Regulation of the Lead Poisoning Act?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Block 14, the British, and the Junction have no records. The other companies have records from which the required information can be obtained, but they have not strictly complied with the Act. The inspector has been instructed to require every Company to comply with the Regulation 3.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing Revenue received from the Liquor Traffic for the year 1894.
- (2.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account, from 1st April, 1894, to 31st March, 1895.
- (3.) Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st March, 1895.
- (4.) Depositions and other documents, together with Judge's notes, in the case *Regina v. Dean*.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Annual Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.

Ordered to be printed.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Reid, referring to the case *Regina v. George Dean*, stated that certain information having been submitted to him, the Government had determined to appoint a Royal Commission, consisting of three persons, to make a searching inquiry into the subject.
4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Attorneys Admission Bill postponed until Friday, 10th May.
5. COAL-MINES REGULATION BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 6th December, 1894, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Coal Mines Regulation Bill,—

Agrees to the amendments in clause 1, but proposes to substitute the word "July," for the word "March" proposed to be inserted,—because the Bill is not likely to be passed much before the 1st July.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 2, page 2, lines 3 to 12 inclusive.

Agrees to that part of the amendment in clause 2, page 2, line 26, which omits the word "ten," but proposes to substitute the word "twenty" for the word "thirty," proposed to be inserted,—because it is considered that a mine employing more than twenty men should be under the control of a properly qualified manager.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 3 and 4, and to those in clause 5, page 2, down to and including that in line 57.

Disagrees

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Disagrees to the insertion in clause 5, page 2, after line 57, of the following words:—  
“(a) Three persons being owners or agents of mines in the Colony of New South Wales,” but proposes to further amend the clause by inserting after the word “persons,” in line 1, page 3, the words “being owners or agents of mines, or persons,”—because the three persons mentioned in sub-clauses (a) and (c) respectively represent in this Colony practically the same interest; and because, by this alteration, equal representation will be secured on the Board for the classes mainly interested in securing the services of capable examiners.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 5, page 2, line 59, to the omission of clause 6 and the insertion of a new clause instead thereof, and to the amendments in clause 7.

Disagrees to the omission of clauses 8 and 9,—because it is of the highest importance that a person on whose skill and care the lives of a number of persons and the safety of the owner's property depend, should be qualified to perform the work entrusted to him, and the qualification of such person can be best ascertained by examination as to competency or by evidence of service. General rule 24 requires such person to be a competent person, but does not define how his competency is to be ascertained; and it would be a protection to the owner if such person were certificated.

Agrees to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 8.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 11 and 13.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 15, which inserts the words “or for registration of,”—because no fee for registration has been named in the Schedule.

Disagrees to the omission of clause 17,—because it seems scarcely fair to the manager that he should be required to carry out instructions in which he may not concur but which he is compelled to obey, and without any record to show who gave such instructions.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 19,—because any existing Inspector who has no certificate should have an opportunity of getting one, and because the clause as amended reads as though an inspector can be appointed under the Act before its commencement.

Disagrees to the omission of clause 21 and the insertion of a new clause instead thereof,—because in the new clause the words “when absolutely necessary” are omitted, and it would be impossible for an inspector to make a proper inspection without impeding the work to some extent, however slight. And because it does not provide for the inspector to enter in a book the result of his inspection. And further, because it does not give the inspector power to require the manager to withdraw the men in case of danger.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 22, which omits the words “and enter such report in a book at the mine,”—because such provision is considered desirable.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 27, but proposes to amend that on page 11, line 1, by omitting therefrom the words “a Police or Stipendiary Magistrate, or a Barrister-at-law,” and inserting the words “or other person agreed to by the arbitrators” instead thereof.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 29.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 30, page 12, line 32, which omits the word “three” and inserts the word “six” instead thereof,—because six months is too long a period for the plotting of the workings to be in arrears.

Disagrees to the remaining amendments in clause 30,—because the want of the information provided for has on several occasions led to the working of coal outside the boundaries of the mine and the owners have been fined in consequence, and the Crown has lost revenue through owners having extracted coal outside their boundary.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 31,—because the insertion of the word “serious” leaves it to the discretion of the manager what accidents shall and what shall not be reported. If proceedings are taken against a manager for not reporting an accident, he simply says he did not consider it serious. And with regard to the alteration as to the period within which the report shall be made—the original words of the clause are considered preferable.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 32, which omits the word “forthwith” and inserts the words “within one month” instead thereof,—because there is no valid reason for delay.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 34, but proposes to further amend that clause by inserting in line 46, page 14, after the word “boundaries” the word “of.”

Agrees to the amendment in clause 35.

Disagrees to the omission of clause 36,—because the limitation of a day's labour to eight hours is desirable and is not a new provision. It is to be found in the Victorian Act, sections 353, 354, and 355, and also in our regulations relating to the inspection of metalliferous mines as to engine-men; so that it has been recognised in this Colony for nearly twenty years, and the provision is not contrary to the general practice in the mines.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 37, line 39.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 37, line 41, which inserts after the word “mine” the words “And no boys between the age of fourteen years and eighteen years shall be employed in  
“or allowed to be, for the purpose of employment, in any mine below ground for more than ‘ten’  
“hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and six hours on ‘one’ Saturday,  
“and eight hours on the next Saturday.”

“For the purpose of this Act, with respect to the employment of such boys in a mine below  
“ground, the following regulations shall have effect, that is to say:—

“(I) There shall be allowed an interval of not less than twelve hours between each period of  
“employment.

“(II) Each period of employment shall be inclusive of one hour for meals.”

“(III) A week shall be deemed to begin at midnight on Saturday night, and to end at mid-  
“night on the succeeding Saturday night.”—

but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting the word “ten” and inserting the word  
“eight” instead thereof; by omitting the word “one”; by omitting the words “and eight hours  
“on the next Saturday”; and by omitting the words “(I) Each period of employment shall be  
“inclusive of one hour for meals,”—because ten hours per day is too long for the employment of  
boys in a mine.

Agrees

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Agrees to the remaining amendments in clause 37, and to those in clauses 38 and 40.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 41,—because as this clause has been altered, payment by weight only applies to miners who are paid for “large coal.” It may be true that under existing agreements the miners, as a rule, are paid only for large coal, but there are at least two coal mines in the Colony where the miners are paid for all the coal sent up, and their right to be so paid should not be taken from them, but they should be left free to make any contract that they and the owners think fit, and yet be entitled to be paid by weight. It does not follow that the present practice, viz., to pay for large coal only will not be altered in the near future, seeing the demand for and the price of small coal is increasing, unless as proposed by the Council, the right to alter be taken away by Act of Parliament; and because the addition to sub-clause (III) of clause 38 is unnecessary as miners are not paid “by the method known as the standard-bar system;” the standard-bar is simply used to prevent skips being over filled, and usually skips that are over filled are not paid for.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 43, down to and including that in line 25, page 18, which omits the word “he” and inserts the words “the owner, agent, or manager,”—because even when the miners are to be paid by “measure or gauge” they are only to be paid for “large coal;” and the check weigher is not allowed to check the taring of tubs and trams, and the person appointed by the owner is not to be punished for improperly interfering with or altering the tare.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 43, page 18, line 26.

Disagrees to the remaining amendments in clause 43, for the reasons given for previous disagreements in this clause.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 44,—because the men who are getting the mineral are those who should have the right to appoint the check-weigher, not merely those who are getting large coal.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 45,—because, under this clause as amended, the “Weights and Measures Act” will only apply to weights, &c., used for weighing “large coal.”

Agrees to the amendment in clause 46, line 54, which omits the word “fifty” but proposes to substitute the word “thirty” for the word “fifteen” proposed to be inserted.

Agrees to the remaining amendment in clause 46.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 48, but proposes to amend those in lines 2 and 7 by substituting the word “thirty” for the word “fifteen,” proposed to be inserted in each case.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 49, which omits sub-section (III),—because if the provision as to splits be omitted there may be some difficulty about enforcing a separate current of air for each district.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 50, page 21, lines 45 to 50,—because the omission of the minimum quantity of air will seriously increase the difficulties to be encountered by the inspectors, and will possibly lead to frequent and serious conflicts with the managers, and frequent references to arbitration or prosecution for offences against the Act, and may in some cases result in the cancellation or suspension of a manager's certificate, and in the interest of both owners and miners it would be expedient to have a minimum.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 50, page 21, line 55.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 50, page 22, lines 2 to 6,—because without the use of brattice it is not clear how, if the rules as amended by the Council became law, a single heading could be driven more than 35 yards.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 50, page 22, line 12.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 50, page 22, lines 23 to 56,—because it is important that inexperienced men should not be employed to make such inspections, as the lives of a number of men may depend upon the skill and care with which this duty is performed; if the place has to be marked the men can see for themselves that it has been visited before going into work; the extra cost is trifling, and the life of the man making the inspection might be endangered by using a naked light; and if danger exists, it should be recorded in the book, so that persons likely to be affected by such danger may know of its existence.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 50, page 23, line 22, which omits the words “by such person,”—because it is important that there shall be no question as to the person on whom this important duty devolves.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 50, page 24, line 14, which inserts the words “except within a completely closed chamber attached to the fuse of the shot,”—because such words appear to be quite unnecessary.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 50, page 24, lines 21 and 22, and to that in clause 50, page 24, line 27, which inserts the words “nor ‘shall’ coal or coal-dust be used for tamping,” but proposes to amend such amendment by inserting after the word “shall” the word “dry.”

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 50, page 24, lines 32 to 35, which omits the words “Provided that no person shall return to a place where such charge has missed fire until a period of eight hours has elapsed from the lighting of the fuse attached to such charge,”—because it is very desirable that some period of time should elapse after a charge has missed fire before the men are allowed to return to the place.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 50, page 26, lines 5 and 6, which omits the words “six feet high, three feet wide, and four feet deep,” and inserts the words “of sufficient ‘length,’ and at least ‘three’ feet ‘in’ width,” but proposes to amend the words proposed to be inserted by omitting the word “length” and inserting the word “height”; by omitting the word “three” and inserting the word “four”; and by inserting after the word “in” the words “depth and three feet in.”

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 50, page 26, which omits *Rule 19*,—because the object of this rule being to prevent accidents it is thought it should be allowed to remain.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 50, page 26, lines 32 and 33, which omits the words, “Every shaft in course of sinking shall be kept clear of all noxious gases by a fan or some other ‘appliance,’”—because there can be no good reason why if gas in a dangerous quantity exists in any shaft or pit its removal should not be made compulsory. The need for this has been proved by experience.

Disagrees

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Disagrees to the amendment in clause 50, page 26, which omits *Rule 25*,—because the removal of coal from under a road where the cover is thin and weak may endanger the lives not only of the men employed in the mine, but also of the travelling public.

Disagrees to the insertion of new *Rule 24*,—because it does not define what constitutes a "competent person." The responsibility rests upon the owner or manager, and in their own interest one would suppose they would wish the term to be defined.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 50, page 27, which omits *Rule 34*,—because it is most important, in the interest of both owners and men, that every precaution should be taken to prevent explosions by reason of defects in boilers.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 50, page 28, lines 12 and 13, which omits the words "or any one having the written authority of any inspector or person so employed,"—because these words appear necessary and they occur in the English Act, and no doubt they have been inserted in that Act as the result of experience.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 50, page 28, line 22, which inserts the words "not being mining engineers who are practical working miners,"—because the choice should not be restricted.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 50, pages 28 and 29, which omits *Rules 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46*; to the omission of clause 51; and to the omission of proviso to clause 52,—because it is necessary that none but experienced coal-miners should work alone. This provision is also in the English Act. Even though it be admitted that these rules, or some of them, may be unsuitable to some collieries, it will be conceded that they make for safety, and may be beneficial in some cases; and as ample provision is made in clause 51 for exempting a colliery to which they are not applicable, there should be no objection to embodying them in the Bill.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 54.

Disagrees to the amendment which omits clause 59,—because in the interest of both the owners and the miners it would be wise not to strike out this clause, as there may occur a period during which no special rules made by the owner can be in force when the special rules made by the Governor would supply the deficiency.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 62, line 39, which omits the word "wilfully,"—because a person should not be liable to be punished for pulling down a notice, &c., accidentally.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 63, line 6, which omits the words "five pounds" and inserts the words "one pound" instead thereof,—because the fine of one pound might not be effective. It rests with the Justices to fix the amount to suit the circumstances of each case.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 69,—because it leaves a workman to be prosecuted by anybody, whereas the owner, agent, manager, or under manager, can be prosecuted only by an inspector.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 72,—because under no circumstances should such persons be allowed to adjudicate.

Agrees to the omission of clause 76 and to the amendments in clause 77.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 78, page 35, which inserts the words "Large coal means all coal passing over a three-quarter-inch screen,"—because too much of the coal raised will pass through the screen.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 78, page 36, line 6, which omits the words "section four hereof," and inserts the words "Part II of this Act," but proposes to amend the words proposed to be inserted by omitting the words "Part II of."

Agrees to the remaining amendments in clause 78, and to the insertion of new Schedule I.

Disagrees to the amendments in Schedule II, lines 40 and 41, which omit the word "(round)" and insert the word "(large)" instead thereof, and which omit the words "coal (small),"—because for statistical purposes it is necessary that the quantity of small coal raised should be known, especially as small coal is a saleable commodity.

Agrees to the remaining amendment in Schedule II.

And the Legislative Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the amendments upon the Council's amendments in the Bill.

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Sydney, 30th April, 1895.*

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Darlington, Mr. Schey, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the failure of the Government to comply with the provisions of the Government Railways Act, inasmuch as they have not appointed a Deputy Railway Commissioner in the room of Mr. Eddy, absent from the Colony."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at four minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Witnesses Expenses in the "Rodney Case":—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Sleath*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he promised that the expenses of witnesses in what is known as the "Rodney Case" would be paid by the Crown, on account of the Magistrate at Pooncarie not granting an adjournment to permit them to be called at the lower Court?

(2.) If so, how many have received their expenses, and how much have they been paid?

(3.) Have all the witnesses who were entitled to their expenses been paid; and, if not, why not?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—The payment of the expenses of the witnesses for the defence, who were not bound over to appear at the higher Court, was sanctioned sometime since, but the delay in making the payments has, I understand, been occasioned by the failure of the solicitor acting for these witnesses to forward receipted vouchers to the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, which he was requested to do early in February last. All the witnesses bound over to attend the higher Court were paid at the conclusion of the trial.(2.) Ballast for Railway Lines, Newcastle and North of Newcastle:—*Mr. Edden* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners are sending broken metal as ballast for the lines from Kiama, *via* Sydney, to Newcastle and north of Newcastle?

(2.) If so, what is the cost per ton delivered in trucks at Kiama?

(3.) What is the railway freight from Kiama to Sydney, and from Sydney to Newcastle?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I will presently give this information in reply to Question No. 12, which deals more fully with the subject.(3.) Wages paid to Men on Stanmore and Annandale Sewerage Works:—*Mr. Hughes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the wages paid to the men engaged in sinking and tunnelling the Stanmore and Annandale sections of the sewerage scheme have been reduced from 7s. to 6s. per day without notice?

(2.) Will he take steps to enforce a better wage being paid by the contractor?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

(1.) I am not.

(2.) I shall be prepared to enforce all the conditions of the contract, but beyond this I cannot go.

(4.) Cost of Bayview Asylum Inquiry Commission:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When will he be able to give the names and amounts as distributed from the cost of the Bayview Asylum Commission?

(2.) If he can, will he do so?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I shall lay a statement upon the Table of the House—probably to-morrow—giving the required information.(5.) Fees paid to Barristers acting as Crown Prosecutors:—*Mr. Ashton* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) The total amount of fees paid annually to barristers acting as Crown Prosecutors in the country districts since the year 1886 (inclusive)?

(2.) The same figures in respect of the metropolitan district?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—This information will be furnished in the shape of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

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- (6.) Salary of the Chief Railway Commissioner.—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What salary is being paid to Mr. Eddy during his absence from the Colony?
  - (2.) Has Mr. Eddy authority to draw any money other than his salary during his absence?
  - (3.) If so, what, and from what fund?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have already fully replied to these questions.

- (7.) Court-house Bail accepted by Members of the Police Force.—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has any regulation been issued to the Police, preventing them from accepting ordinary Court-house bail in cases where persons are charged with using indecent or obscene language?
  - (2.) If so, will he please lay a copy of such regulation upon the Table?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that no such regulation has been issued.

- (8.) Unoccupied Crown Lands in the Western, Central, and Eastern Divisions.—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What area of unoccupied Crown land (not including reserves) is there in the Western, Central, and Eastern Divisions respectively?
  - (2.) What area of land has been abandoned by Crown tenants during the last ten years?

Mr. Gould answered,—The information asked for will be furnished in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual manner.

- (9.) Ballast forwarded from Sydney for Works at Newcastle.—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners are forwarding ballast from Sydney for works at Newcastle?
  - (2.) If so, what is the cost per ton, including handling, train haulage, and other expenses?
  - (3.) At what price can ballast be obtained at Newcastle?
  - (4.) In view of the large number of unemployed in the Northern Districts, will he see that the work is done at Newcastle and Northern stations?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that a small quantity, averaging 25 tons per week, of hand-broken metal is at present sent from the Departmental quarry at Bombo for repairs to railway approaches, &c.
- (2.) The cost delivered in trucks is 2s. 10d. per ton, and it is worked forward as trucks conveniently offer by ordinary trains. No freight is paid.
- (3.) Prices have not been obtained for suitable hand-broken metal locally.
- (4.) The metal referred to is obtained for special work. The larger supplies of machine-broken metal required for ballasting the lines are obtained locally.

- (10.) Applications to Mine for Coal under Sydney Harbour.—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Molesworth, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What applications have been made to the Department of Mines during the last twelve years for leases, authorities, or permits to mine for coal under or adjoining Sydney Harbour, stating in each case,—

- (a) The date of application.
- (b) The name of applicant.
- (c) The area applied for.
- (d) Whether granted or refused.
- (e) If granted, the date of lease or other authority.
- (f) The amount of rents or royalties reserved to the Crown.
- (g) The amount of rent or royalty paid to date.
- (h) The amounts of rents and royalties in arrears.
- (i) Whether any remissions of rents have been applied for.
- (j) What amounts of rent and royalty have been remitted?

- (2.) Do the leases or authorities to mine contain any conditions other than the usual ones, as set forth in the Schedules of the Mining Act?
- (3.) To what extent and on what conditions have assistance or concessions been granted in putting down diamond-drill bores to prove the coal at Cremorne?
- (4.) The same information, as in Question No. 1, regarding the coal under or adjoining Port Hacking?
- (4.) The same information, as in Question No. 1, regarding the coal now held by the Metropolitan Coal Company?
- (6.) Has any remission of rent been made to any other existing colliery company, or of the charge for bores; if so, to what companies, and to what extent?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This information will be supplied if moved for in the usual way.

- (11.) Appointment of Australian Judges to English Privy Council.—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has any action been taken in regard to appointing Australian Judges to the English Privy Council?
  - (2.) Has the time not arrived for appointing an Australasian Court of Appeal?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) I look on this with more favour.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1st May, 1895.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Report of the University of Sydney for the year 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Preliminary Report, by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction, on the railways and tramways of America and Europe.

Ordered to be printed.

3. BREAD BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the making and sale of bread, and to prevent the adulteration of bread, meal, and flour, and to more effectually prevent frauds upon the public in the sale of bread, meal, and flour.

Question put and passed.

4. APPLICATION OF JOHN WATSON FOR GOLD LEASE, ADELONG (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sleath moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the application of John Watson, for gold-lease 78, Adelong, and refusal of same.

Question put and passed.

5. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY GEORGE VINCENT IN THE DISTRICT OF GUNDAGAI:—Mr. Travers Jones (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order "Conditional Purchase of George Vincent, at Gundagai," laid upon the Table of this House during the Session of 1892-3, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the same subject.

Question put and passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Argyle, Mr. Rose, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the conditions under which the Premier declined to prosecute Messrs. Tooth & Co. for evading the payment of certain excise duties during a period of four years."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. BEGA CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the purchase of land, and erection and maintenance of cattle sale-yards, by the Municipal Council of Bega, within the Municipality of Bega,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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Sydney, 1st May, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

8. COTTAGE CREEK SEWERAGE WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments and an amended Title.

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

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

9. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS ACT AMENDMENT AND MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seventeen minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 MAY, 1895.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, and read to the House a letter from him on the subject.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Case of John Hart:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. Sleath, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that one John Hart has complained to the Police Department that he has been discharged from his employment on account of a statement made to his employer by Constable M'Millan, of White Cliffs?

(2.) Is it a fact that Hart asserts that such statement is utterly untrue, and likely to do him serious and lasting injury?

(3.) Has Constable M'Millan been called upon to explain?

(4.) Will he have a strict investigation made in reference to this complaint?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that it will be some days before a report can be received in this matter, as White Cliffs is a very remote place.

(2.) Police sent to Greta during Dispute:—*Mr. Edden* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many extra police were sent to Greta during the recent dispute there?

(2.) How long did they remain at Greta?

(3.) What pay did they each receive, and the total cost to the country?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) Seventeen.

(2.) From 29th September, 1894, to 27th March, 1895, but they were gradually withdrawn from the 23rd February.

(3.) Pay, £818 3s. 9d.; allowance, £468 4s.—total, £1,286 7s. 9d. The extra police who performed duty at Greta were transferred there temporarily, and would have to be paid their salaries in any case.

(3.) Case of C. R. Fountain, Centennial Park Works:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has a man named C. R. Fountain been refused permission to work for rations in the Centennial Park?

(2.) If so, under what circumstances, and for what reasons?

(3.) How long is it since he was put off the work?

(4.) Is it a fact that Fountain has a wife and five children dependent on him?

(5.) Is he aware that the action of the Department may cause the wife and children to starve, as a punishment for a real or imaginary offence of the husband and father?

(6.) Will he see that Fountain has an immediate opportunity to earn food for himself and family?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) For persistently calling upon the men at the works to "roll up," and desiring to address them upon political matters

(3.) About six weeks.

(4.) I believe so.

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(5 and 6.) In answer to these Questions I may say that this man has, during the last two years, frequently received employment at Shea's Creek and at the Centennial Park, and also free rations. He will now be given another opportunity to work at the Centennial Park, but the continuance of his employment will depend upon the manner in which he conducts himself.

(4.) Employees working at Darling Harbour:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that while the services of five permanent employees were dispensed with at Darling Harbour, on the 25th ultimo, eight men were engaged in overtime-work on the same evening?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed it is a fact that five men were booked off for the day at Darling Harbour on the 25th ultimo, and that at about 3:30 p.m. it was found necessary, for the purpose of releasing trucks, which were urgently required in the country, to arrange for eight men to be kept on duty one and three quarter hour beyond the usual time.

(5.) New South Wales Rifle Association:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Griffith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is there in existence a body known as the New South Wales Rifle Association?
- (2.) Does such Association receive assistance from the Government in the shape of an endowment?
- (3.) Does the Government approve of the objects of the said Association?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Yes.

(6.) Shea's Creek Works:—Mr. Hawthorne, for Mr. Rigg, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of men at Shea's Creek are employed on the week-about system, while others are only employed one week in eight?
- (2.) If so, will he give instructions, as far as possible, for all to be treated alike?
- (3.) Is it a fact that a number of men employed at the said works are recent arrivals from other colonies?
- (4.) If so, will he give instructions that the elector's right in each case be produced prior to employment being given?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The men employed on the trucks work every alternate week. As their work is much heavier, only selected men can do it.
- (3.) I am not aware that this is so.
- (4.) I will consider this suggestion.

(7.) Cost of Local Government Commission:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The total sum expended by the Local Government Commission to date, including salaries, rent, and miscellaneous expenses?
- (2.) The total cost to the Colony of this Commission?

Mr. Reid answered,—There is no objection to the information being supplied, if moved for in the form of a Return.

(8.) Mr. Holliman, Public Works Department:—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an officer of his Department, named Holliman, is absent from the Colony while in receipt of full pay; and at what rate of pay?
- (2.) Is he away on business of the Department; and, if so, for how long, and on what business?
- (3.) How long has this man been in the Service?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes; salary, £380 per annum.
- (2.) He is not away on the business of the Department. Length of leave, five months. Private business.
- (3.) This officer has been 11½ years in the Service, which entitles him to favourable consideration for three months leave of absence on full pay; and by the 39th section of the Civil Service Act of 1884 it is enacted that if any officer shall not take his annual leave of three weeks he shall be entitled to it in any subsequent year in addition to the leave for such year, such accumulated leave not to exceed two months. Mr. Holliman not having taken his annual leave regularly became entitled to the accumulated leave of two months, and in accordance with precedent this was added to that granted under section 40 of the Act. Mr. Holliman is an exceptionally good officer, and deserves the concession granted.

(9.) Departmental Inquiry into the Working of the Tramways:—Mr. Cann, for Mr. Hughes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that although the Commissioners appointed in the departmental inquiry into the workings of the tramways, made several recommendations in relation to certain matters, the Department has not acted upon them?
- (2.) Is it a fact that, although the guards were promised protection by the Commissioners engaged on the inquiry, one man has been shifted from the route he was on to another, without any reason being assigned for such removal?
- (3.) Has he any objection to the papers, &c., connected with the inquiry, being printed, and laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) It is assumed that the Question refers to a departmental inquiry made by officers into the duties and working of the Tramway Staff, the information elicited being now under consideration.
- (2.) The Commissioners are not aware of what is referred to in regard to a change being made in the daily duties of one man; but if any employee feels that he has been unjustly treated, he should represent his case to his superior officer, as provided for in the conditions of the railway service.
- (3.) No good purpose would be served by laying the papers upon the Table of the House.

(10.)

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2nd May, 1895.

(10.) Reports by Professor Selman, C.E., on the management of Technical Education Branch :—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What reports, letters, or other documents, if any, written by Professor D. C. Selman, C.E., while Assistant Superintendent of Technical Education, in reference to the management, system, and method adopted and followed by the Department of Public Instruction in regard to technical education, and addressed either to the Minister or to the Under Secretary of the said Department, are at present in the possession of the Public Instruction Department?

Mr. Garrard answered,—As stated on a previous occasion, no report was either received or asked for; but all the correspondence in connection with Mr. Selman's performance of his duties is in the possession of the Department.

(11.) Bridge over Bogan River at Buddabadah :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of delay in calling for tenders for the construction of a bridge over the Bogan River at Buddabadah?

(2.) When will tenders be called for?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) The work of preparing drawings for this bridge had to stand over owing to the number of equally and more urgent works in hand.

(2.) In a fortnight.

(12.) Local Government Bill :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the estimated cost up to date of dividing the Colony into shires, and making other preparations for the passing of the Local Government Bill?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The question is somewhat ambiguous, but, if it refers to the expenditure incurred by the Local Government Commissioners in connection with the division of the Colony into shires, the cost to date will be about £179. No remuneration has been paid to the Commissioners.

## 3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return showing apportionment of expense of Bay View Asylum Inquiry Commission.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of Board for the Protection of the Aborigines for the year 1894.

(2.) Report of the Commissioners of Fisheries on Fisheries of the Colony for the year 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Braidwood, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(4.) By-laws of the Borough of North Sydney.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the proceedings of a Conference respecting the Rabbit Pest in New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

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

4. COTTAGE CREEK SEWERAGE WORKS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Young, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Young then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of Sewerage Works at Cottage Creek, within the Municipalities of Newcastle and Wickham, in the county of Northumberland.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of Sewerage Works at Cottage Creek, within the Municipalities of Newcastle and Wickham, in the county of Northumberland,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 2nd May, 1895.*

5. PASTORAL HOLDINGS IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Thomas Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return giving the names, areas, Land Districts wherein situated, and dates of termination of leases of all pastoral holdings in the Central Division for which extension of leases have not been granted under the 43rd clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

Question put, and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

6. MAGISTRATES AT CONDOBOLIN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sleath moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the inquiry in reference to the alleged misconduct of certain Magistrates at Condobolin.

Question put and passed.

7. EXTRA-TERRITORIAL BARRISTERS ADMISSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admission of extra-territorial Barristers to practise in the Courts of New South Wales, and to prevent relations of any Judge from practising as advocates in any Court over which such Judge may preside.

Question put and passed.

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8. HAY IRRIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

*Mr. Speaker took the Chair.*

*Mr. Frank Farnell* reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

9. JERILDERIE TO BERRIGAN RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. See,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Tookin,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hogue,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Ravister,	Mr. Edden.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Moore.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Wood,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Travers Jones.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Willis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and an amended Title.

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

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

10. MUNICIPAL LOANS VALIDATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Brunker, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
11. REGISTRATION OF BRANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Gould, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Registration of Brands Act of 1866' and the 'Registration of Brands Act Amendment Act of 1874,'*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. BREAD BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Gould, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the making and sale of bread, and to prevent the adulteration of bread, meal, and flour, and to more effectually prevent frauds upon the public in the sale of bread, meal, and flour.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.

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The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the making and sale of bread, and to prevent the adulteration of bread, meal, and flour, and to more effectually prevent frauds upon the public in the sale of bread, meal, and flour.

On motion of Mr. Gould, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.<sup>1</sup>

13. RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

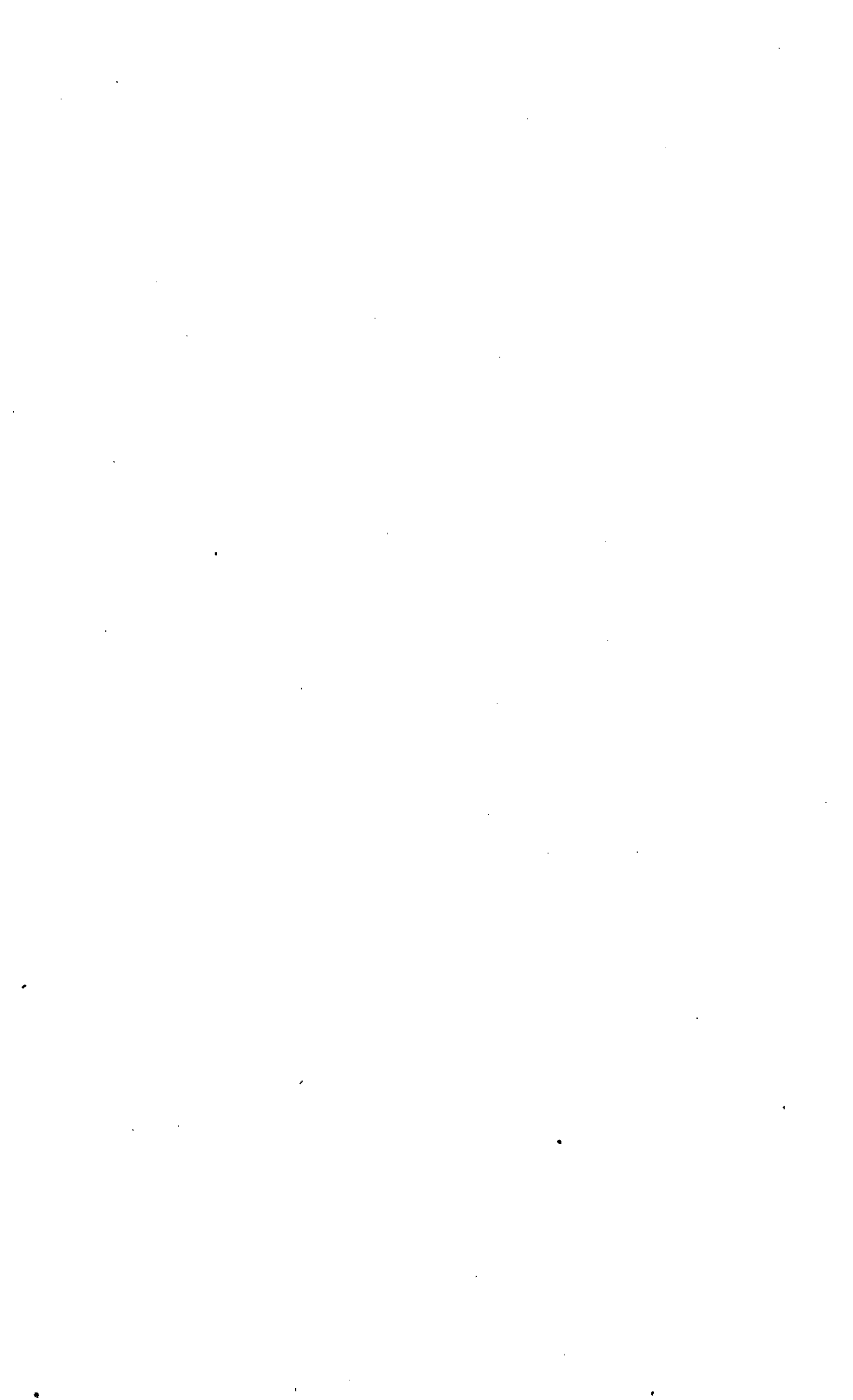
On motion of Mr. Gould, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at sixteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at half-past One o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 3 MAY, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Duty-stamp on Patent Medicines:—*Mr. Willis*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, in framing the Financial Statement, see that all patent medicines and proprietary articles sold in the Colony bear a corresponding duty-stamp, as in England, so that the law in the two countries may be assimilated?

Mr. Reid answered,—No.

- (2.) Road between Eugowra and Bindogandri:—*Mr. Willis*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the road between Eugowra and Bindogandri Railway Station yet been proclaimed; if not, when is the proclamation likely to issue, and the road opened for the convenience of the public?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The road in question was preliminarily notified in *Government Gazette* of 22nd March, 1895, folio 1,983. The time allowed by law for lodgment of objections having now expired, the further necessary action towards establishment of the road will be proceeded with at once.

- (3.) Bridge over Little River:—*Mr. Willis*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any tender yet been accepted for the erection of the bridge over the Little River; if so, when will the work be proceeded with?

Mr. Young answered,—No; but we shall be ready to proceed with the work in about a month.

- (4.) Lease of Reserve around Robertson's Point, Cremorne:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has a company applied for the lease of the 100-feet reserve around Robertson's Point, Cremorne, for purposes of coal-mining?

(2.) What is the extent or area of the land applied for?

(3.) If this lease is granted, will it give the company the right to use the surface?

(4.) Will any provisions be made to protect the public rights of access to this land?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—No such application has been received.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Piddington* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The total sum expended by the Local Government Commission to date, including salaries, rent, and miscellaneous expenses.

(2.) The total cost to the Colony of this Commission.

Question put and passed.

3. HOMESTEAD LEASE, LAND DISTRICT OF BREWARRINA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Willis* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and papers in connection with the application for and granting of homestead lease No. 1,395, in the Land District of Brewarrina.

Question put and passed.

4. HAY IRRIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of *Mr. Carruthers*, read a third time, and passed.

*Mr. Carruthers* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "An Act to amend the Schedule to the *Hay Irrigation Act*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

3rd May, 1895.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Schedule to the Hay Irrigation Act*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd May, 1895.*

5. **JERILDERIE TO BERRIGAN RAILWAY BILL:**—Mr. Young having stated that a very obvious omission of the word "estimated" before the word "cost" in the fourth line of clause 3 of the Bill had occurred,—  
Mr. Speaker consulted the House, and, no objection being made to treating it as a clerical mistake, directed the Clerk to make the correction.
6. **MUNICIPAL LOANS VALIDATION BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to validate certain Loans contracted and securities given by the Councils of certain Municipalities*."  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain Loans contracted and securities given by the Councils of certain Municipalities*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
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Sydney, 3rd May, 1895.*
7. **BREAD BILL:**—Mr. Gould, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the making and sale of bread, and to prevent the adulteration of bread, meal, and flour, and to more effectually prevent frauds upon the public in the sale of bread, meal, and flour*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. **UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE:**—Mr. Stephen moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That, in order to extend the principle of universal suffrage, and to secure equal political rights to every member of the community having a home or place of residence in New South Wales, it is the opinion of this House,—  
(1.) That, at every election of a Member to represent the electorate in which an elector and his family reside—and for which such elector is entitled to vote—in the Parliament of New South Wales, every married man shall, in addition to his own individual vote, be entitled to record one vote for his wife, and also one vote each for every member of his family, whether male or female, who is not entitled to vote under the present Electoral Laws of New South Wales.  
(2.) That every married woman, being a widow, and also being the head of her household, shall, at every election of a Member to represent the electorate in which she and her family reside, in the Parliament of New South Wales, have one vote for herself, and also one vote each for every member of her family, whether male or female, who is not at present entitled to vote under the Electoral Laws of New South Wales.  
(3.) That every unmarried woman, being of the full age of twenty-one years, and being the head of a household, shall, at every election of a Member to represent the electorate, in which she and her household reside, in the Parliament of New South Wales, have one vote for herself, and also one vote each for every member of her household, whether male or female, who is not at present entitled to vote under the Electoral Laws of New South Wales.  
(4.) That the Electoral Laws of the Colony should be amended without any unnecessary delay to give effect to the above resolutions.  
(5.) That the foregoing resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.  
Question put and negatived.
9. **QUALIFICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE:**—Mr. Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that in future no "man" (being over the age of 21 years) shall obtain employment in the service of the State unless he be a *bona fide* holder of an Electoral Right in the Colony of New South Wales.  
(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Edden moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "man," in the first line, the words "not being a British subject."  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.  
Debate continued.  
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.  
Mr. Watson moved, That the Question be amended by adding to paragraph (1) the words "except it can be shown to the Executive Council that the services required cannot be obtained in the Colony."  
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be added be so added.  
Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Schey,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Astcock,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Harris.
Mr. Hughes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Rigg.
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Griffith.
Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Robert Jones,	
Mr. Henry Chapman,	
Mr. Watson,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Mahony.
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Lec,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Austin Chapman.
Mr. Wood,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put and negatived.

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

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 53.**Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further regulate the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of Crown lands; for the protection of certain homesteads; to enable the Crown, by purchase, resumption, exchange, and surrender, to acquire alienated lands; to amend the law relating to conditional purchasers in certain respects; to provide for forfeitures and validations in certain cases; to prevent impounding and actions for trespass upon unfenced holdings; to amend the law as to Local Land Boards and the Land Appeal Court; and to effect amendments in such Statutes; to give full force and effect to the aforesaid provisions; and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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11. GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING:—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the amounts paid for Government advertising during the last three years—Return to be for all Departments, and to show names of papers and amounts paid to each.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Young moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,

*Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 MAY, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Alleged Evasion of the Beer Duty Act:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did Messrs. Tooth & Co. enter a written protest when paying the arrears demanded by the Customs officer?  
 (2.) If so, will he lay such protest upon the Table of the House?  
 (3.) If the protest was a verbal one, in the presence of whom was it made?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

- (1.) A written protest was not rendered.  
 (2.) Answered by Question 1.  
 (3.) The Collector of Customs reports to me that the amount of duty claimed was handed to him with a verbal understanding that the matter in dispute would be referred to the Treasurer by Messrs. Tooth & Co.

- (2.) Homestead Leases held by Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Dr. Hollis*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many homestead leases are registered in the names of Pitt, Son, and Badgery, as mortgagees?  
 (2.) In whose names have these leases been taken up?  
 (3.) What is the aggregate area of these leases?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—Information of the character sought by the Honorable Member, involving the disclosure of the private financial business of a number of settlers, should be moved for in the shape of a return. It is only fair to the Honorable Member for me to intimate that I shall oppose such a motion, unless good grounds are shown why the private financial affairs of people having transactions with the Crown as landlord should be disclosed.

- (3.) "Southern Gold-fields," by the late Rev. W. B. Clarke:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it the fact that the late Rev. W. B. Clarke's standard work, the "Southern Goldfields," is now so scarce as to be virtually inaccessible to the miners of the Colony?  
 (2.) Is it also the fact that the late Rev. W. B. Clarke's official account of his geological survey of New South Wales (undertaken during the years 1851-4) has long since been out of stock at the Government Printing Office?  
 (3.) Is it also a fact that, except in Sydney Public Library, the miners of the Colony have no opportunity of consulting the Journals of the Legislative Council, in which Mr. Clarke's reports were printed for the information of the colonists?  
 (4.) Will he authorise the reprinting of Mr. Clarke's reports, in a popular form, from the Journals of the Legislative Council, as follows:—1851, p. 319; 1852 (vol. 2), pp. 389, 437, 447, 463, 469, 477, 483, 485; 1853 (vol. 1), pp. 449, 457, 597, (vol. 2), pp. 373, 871; 1854 (vol. 2), p. 1,397?  
 (5.) If not, has he any objection to the reprinting of these very valuable official reports, as a Parliamentary paper, for the guidance and instruction of the miners of the Colony?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) Yes.  
 (3.) Yes; except in Sydney Public Library, Parliamentary Library, Department of Mines, and possibly one or two other places.  
 (4 and 5.) No objection.

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- (4.) Flemington Rifle-range:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for *Mr. Bavister*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is it the intention of the authorities to re-open the Flemington rifle-range for rifle shooting?  
 (2.) If this can be done, will he see that it is done at as early a date as possible?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—Yes, as soon as the safety of the public has been insured by a slight change in site, for which some small expenditure is necessary.

- (5.) Manufacture of Railway Fastenings:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that a quantity of railway fastenings are required, or about to be required, in connection with the light railways, passed by this House?  
 (2.) Is it intended that these shall be made locally or imported?  
 (3.) Is he aware that these things are particularly suitable for local manufacture?  
 (4.) Is he aware that there are a number of establishments in this Colony with complete machinery suitable for making this class of goods, and that much of such machinery is idle, and has been for a long time?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

- (1.) All orders have been given for fastenings for light rails, and enough for 150 miles of road have been obtained.  
 (2, 3, and 4.) Fishplates and fishbolts were ordered in the Colony, but the manufacturer was unable to execute, and the whole quantity required was therefore indented for, and delivery is practically completed. Spikes are being made in the Colony, as has been the practice for many years. Screws are not required.

- (6.) Lease to Mine for Coal at Cremorne:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
 (1.) Has a company applied for the lease of the 100-feet reserve around Robertson's Point, Cremorne, for purposes of coal-mining?  
 (2.) What is the extent or area of the land applied for?  
 (3.) If this lease is granted, will it give the company the right to use the surface?  
 (4.) Will any provisions be made to protect the public rights of access to this land?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

- (1.) An application has been made to lease land at Cremorne Point.  
 (2.) Twenty acres.  
 (3.) This will depend upon the result of inquiries that will be made before granting a lease.  
 (4.) The rights of the public will be considered in dealing with the application.

- (7.) Insurance Companies:—*Mr. Austin Chapman* asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is he aware that a number of Insurance Companies have closed up during the last three years?  
 (2.) Is he aware that some of the companies carrying on business in New South Wales at present are reported to be in a very unsound financial position?  
 (3.) Is he aware that in other countries a substantial deposit is required from all companies carrying on business?  
 (4.) Will he take steps to enforce a similar deposit from all companies carrying on business in New South Wales?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) No.  
 (3.) Yes.  
 (4.) I may say, in reply to this question, that it is a matter of some importance, and can be dealt with only by legislation. So far I have not had time to consider what course the Government should take in regard to it.

- (8.) Messrs. Cook and Son's Excursion Trains:—*Mr. Austin Chapman* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) What special concessions are allowed to Messrs. Cook and Son for excursion trains?  
 (2.) Are Messrs. Cook and Son allowed a Commission on the sale of railway tickets; if so, what is the amount of commission paid?  
 (3.) What amount of money has this firm received from the Government as commission?  
 (4.) Are similar terms and allowances given to other firms or individuals?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I am informed that Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, who have offices throughout the world, act as ticket agents in connection with intercolonial and international business, with the special train monthly to and from Melbourne, and several tourist resorts within the Colony, and a commission of 10 per cent. is paid in connection with this business, covering all expenses of office, advertising, &c. They are not allowed commission on any other business. In connection with "combination" tickets issued by them for excursions to certain mountain stations they are granted railway excursion rates.  
 (3.) The amount varies according to the extent of business. For the last fifteen months the average commission paid has been £57 17s. 9d.  
 (4.) There are no other firms engaged under like circumstances.

- (9.) Expenditure from Loan Votes:—*Mr. See* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Is it correct, as reported in the *Daily Telegraph* of the 2nd instant, that the expenditure during April, 1895, for services provided for under Loan Accounts, was £341,207 sterling?  
 (2.) Will he furnish particulars of the said expenditure?  
 (3.) What sum has been expended from Loan money from the 1st January to the 30th April, 1895?  
 (4.) What sum was expended from Loan money from the 1st January to the 30th April, 1894?

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Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) It is not correct. The expenditure for Loan Services during April, 1895, was £83,029 15s. 8d.
- (2.) Answered by No. 1.
- (3.) Cash paid for works, £445,295 3s. 5d. This is exclusive of amounts paid for renewal of Debentures and accrued interest erroneously accredited to Loans.
- (4.) Cash paid for works, £426,776 4s. 11d., exclusive of repayment of Treasury Bills.

(10.) Senior-constable Coutts:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How long has Senior-constable Coutts been in the Police Force of this Colony?
- (2.) On what date was he promoted to—(a) First-class Constable; (b) Senior Constable?
- (3.) Did his promotion arise from any specially meritorious service, or come in the ordinary course; if the former, what was the nature of such service or services?
- (4.) Has he lately been shifted from one station to another?
- (5.) If so, whence and whither, and for what reason?
- (6.) Have any reports or complaints been made against him during the last six months?
- (7.) If so, how many, by whom, of what nature, and what has been the result?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1.) Eleven years eight months.
- (2.) (a) 1st January, 1885; (b) 1st December, 1888.
- (3.) He was promoted for efficiency and good conduct.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) His transfer to Newtown was deemed advisable. He applied to be moved.
- (6 and 7.) Yes, by another member of the force. He was also summoned for assault and fined by the Bench; and the other charges have been dealt with.

(11.) Railway between Bowral and Robertson:—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Alexander Campbell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he had a report made by the officers of his Department of the estimated cost of constructing a light line of railway from Bowral to Robertson?
- (2.) If so, what is their estimate per mile?
- (3.) What would be the total cost of constructing such line?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) An estimate was made in January, 1894, of the cheapest suitable class of line.
- (2.) Average cost per mile, including all charges except land and compensation, £4,764.
- (3.) £82,600.

(12.) Government Funds:—Mr. See, for Sir George Dibbs, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The amount at the credit of the Government on the 30th April in the financial institutions in this Colony?
- (2.) The amount at the credit (if any) in the financial institutions in London?
- (3.) The proportion of such credits appertaining to the Consolidated Revenue and the Loan Accounts?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) £1,946,828 14s. 7d.
- (2.) £73,154 16s. 5d. on 28th February last. Since 17th December last, however, remittances to the extent of £1,000,000 have been made by bills of exchange, but the amounts of these bills have not yet been credited. Payments to the extent of £288,750 were made in London during March.
- (3.) There is no balance at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Account owing to the deficiencies in the revenue of previous years not having been covered by issue of Treasury Bills or otherwise. The balance at the credit of the General Loan Account, £875,658 19s. 4d., arises from advances thereto from the Public Account to the extent of a million sterling.

2. JERILDERIE TO BERRIGAN RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Young, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; to provide that such work shall not be carried out unless the private lands required for the construction of the line be contracted by instrument in writing, to be conveyed by deed of gift, transfer, or exchange from the owners to the Crown, save and except in the case of town allotments; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; to provide that such work shall not be carried out unless the private lands required for the construction of the line be contracted by instrument in writing to be conveyed by deed of gift, transfer, or exchange from the owners to the Crown, save and except in the case of town allotments; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 7th May, 1895.

7th May, 1895.

3. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS ACT AMENDMENT AND MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
Mr. Garrard moved, "That" the report be now adopted.  
Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses " 2, 5, and 9," instead thereof.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 5, and 9,—put and passed.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup> with further amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
4. **RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment and an amended Title.  
On motion of Mr. Gould, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
5. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bread Bill postponed until To-morrow.
6. **REGISTRATION OF BRANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Office of the District Goods Manager:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) How many assistants are employed in the office of District Goods Manager?  
 (2.) What is the amount of the total salaries paid?  
 (3.) How long has this office been in existence?  
 (4.) Is it not a fact that such an office never was in existence under the regime of Mr. Goodchap?  
 (5.) If yes, what is the necessity for such an office at the present time?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that there are:—

- (1.) Twelve, including Telegraph Operator.  
 (2.) £1,360 per annum.

(3, 4, and 5.) The office of District Goods Manager was specially established in January, 1891, when the general reorganisation of the management of the goods traffic was made, a number of officers now employed in the District Goods Office being transferred from other branches and their duties concentrated. The office is considered necessary for the efficient carrying out of the Railway goods business, distribution of trucks, &c.

- (2.) Market for Colonial Produce in Japan:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Austin Chapman, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Victorian Government are taking steps with the object of opening up a market in Japan for Victorian produce?  
 (2.) Will he take similar steps on behalf of the producers of New South Wales?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) Steps are being taken with the object of opening up markets in various countries, including Japan, for the products of this Colony.

- (3.) Weir across the Darling River, near Bourke:—Mr. Lyne, for Sir George Dibbs, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it true, as currently reported, that the Government has accepted tenders for a weir across the Darling, near Bourke?  
 (2.) The amount of such tender?  
 (3.) Were there any departmental estimates for the construction of the weir at this place; if so, how many, and what were the amounts?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) The Government has accepted a tender.  
 (2.) £18,868 11s. 8d.  
 (3.) There was only one departmental estimate at this place, the amount of which was £19,500 2s. 2d. The Chief Engineer was instructed that in preparing this estimate he was to make ample provision for everything necessary to secure efficiency in this work.

- (4.) Persons prosecuted at Condobolin for breaches of "Beer Duties Act":—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that, on the 4th instant, a brewer and three hotel-keepers were prosecuted at Condobolin for breaches of the "Beer Duties Act," with the result that a fine of £37 15s. was imposed on the brewer, and fines ranging from £3 to £4 on the hotel-keepers?  
 (2.) If yes, in consideration that no fine or prosecution took place over the evasion of the Act by Tooth & Co., will he cause such sums to be refunded?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the persons referred to were fined by the local bench for offences against the Act.  
 (2.) I am informed by the Collector of Customs that there is no analogy between the cases in question.

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(5.) Meat Trade between Australia and India:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the quantity of meat imported into India for the use of the European residents and troops, and the inability of the Indian Government to supply the required amount from local stock, will he have inquiries made into the following matters for the information of stock-keepers, &c., of New South Wales, and for the purpose of developing the trade between the Australian and the Indian markets:—

(a) The quantity of meat consumed in India both by the European and native populations?

(b) The cost of meat, live-stock, rabbits, and wine in the Indian market at the present time?

(c) The suitability of Bombay as a port of shipment, the establishment of a depôt with chilling chambers at the wharfs of the Bombay Trust or any other central position on the wharfs near the railway terminus, and the introduction of cooling-cars for inland traffic?

(d) The probability of opening up a profitable trade with India in meat, stock, rabbits, wines, &c., also scale of shipping charges, railway freights, dock charges, and incidental expenses, together with such other information as may be deemed advisable?

(2.) Will the Government appoint an expert in commercial matters to compile the requisite information?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The importance of this subject has not escaped the attention of the Government. It is now under consideration. I have not been able to obtain the information required by the Honorable Member, and I would ask him to postpone his questions until Tuesday next.

(6.) Inquiry by Local Land Board at Wagga Wagga in reference to Exchange of Crown Lands:—

Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he have advertisements inserted in the local newspapers that an inquiry will be held before the Local Land Board at Wagga Wagga, in reference to the exchange of Crown lands for private lands, under the 46th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889?

(2.) Will he see that the inquiry does not take place until sufficient public notice has been given?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Due care will be taken that sufficient publicity is given to these investigations, and inquiry will be made as to the necessity for incurring the expense of advertisements in local newspapers.

(7.) Captain Close:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has Captain Close held the position of Adjutant in the New South Wales Permanent Artillery?

(2.) When was he appointed to this post, and does he still hold it?

(3.) Has he acted as Brigade Major to the Artillery Forces?

(4.) On what date was he appointed?

(5.) Why was he selected to occupy these positions, and by whom?

(6.) Is his selection for these posts regarded as strong testimony to his especial military qualifications as an officer?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) 1st January, 1893. He has not performed these duties since the 30th September, 1894.

(3.) Yes, temporarily.

(4.) 1st October, 1894.

(5.) Captain Close, being considered competent to perform the duties, was appointed Adjutant, and subsequently Acting Brigade Major (as a temporary measure), on the recommendation of the Major-General Commanding.

(6.) At the dates of his appointments, Captain Close's military qualifications as an officer, so far as they were then known to his Commanding Officers, justified his selection.

(8.) Captain Close:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is Captain Close on leave of absence?

(2.) If so, was such leave granted on his own application; if not, at whose request was it given, and under what conditions?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Leave of absence was granted to Captain Close, upon the recommendation of the Major-General Commanding, at the termination of the recent General Court-Martial, and pending the decision of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief as to his final disposal.

(9.) Establishment of Village Settlement at Trangie:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it contemplated to establish a village settlement at Trangie?

(2.) If so, does he intend to send unemployed persons from Sydney or other places for the purpose of forming such village settlement?

(3.) Is it intended to give these persons work half the year clearing a forest reserve?

(4.) Is he aware there are a considerable number of unemployed men at Trangie already, and will he take into consideration the advisability of finding employment for those, instead of sending more into this district?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The whole question of proposed establishment of village settlements and their control is a matter being dealt with by the Lands Department. It is understood that the establishment of a village settlement in the locality of Trangie is contemplated; but nothing has been done in regard to thinning the forests in that locality.

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(10.) Timber and Quarry Licenses :—Mr. James Morgan asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has any revision of the regulations relating to timber and quarry licenses taken place recently ; if so, what reduction (if any) has been made in each ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Timber and Quarry Regulations of 14th June, 1894, were amended by *Gazette* notice of 25th March, 1895. No reductions in license fees were made, the amendments relating principally to class and timbers of certain girths exempted.

(11.) Case of Bankruptcy dealt with by Official Assignee :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Whether it is a fact that, in a case of bankruptcy dealt with last week, in which there was only one creditor, that the Official Assignee who conducted the case against the bankrupt is a paid adviser to that one creditor ?

(2.) And, if so, whether he approves of the assignee acting in that dual position ?

Mr. Gould answered,—The Registrar in Bankruptcy reports that it is impossible for him to furnish a reply to the question without knowing the name of the bankrupt referred to, and that in any case it would be a matter for appeal to the Judge in Bankruptcy.

(12.) Imprisonment of John Gillespie :—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a tribunal termed a court-martial sentenced a man named John Gillespie to twelve months' hard labour for striking a person named Butler with his fist ?

(2.) Will this man Gillespie be imprisoned in one of the gaols of this Colony ?

(3.) Does the British Government pay the cost of this man's keep ; if not, will he consider the advisability of amending the law, so that persons confined in the gaols of this Colony must be tried before the proper tribunals of this Colony ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1 & 2.) I have no information beyond what is contained in the daily papers.

(3.) If he were imprisoned in any gaol in the Colony he would be maintained at the expense of this Government.

(13.) Immigration of Japanese :—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In view of the warlike events in the East, and the great success attained by the Japanese nation, will the Government consider the advisability of immediately introducing legislation to prevent Japanese immigration into New South Wales similar to that passed into law against the influx of Chinese ?

(2.) Have the Government received from the Imperial authorities any official communication respecting the commercial treaty recently entered into between Great Britain and Japan ?

(3.) If so, will he cause a copy of the same, together with such communication and correspondence relating thereto, to be laid upon the Table of the House ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(14.) Bonuses to Station-masters and Superintendents :—Mr. Stevenson, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that bonuses are allowed to station-masters and superintendents on our railways ; if so, how much, and for what purposes are such bonuses allowed ?

(2.) Will he lay a return of the same upon the Table of the House ?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that there is no regulation providing for the payment of bonuses. In some exceptional cases bonuses have been granted, but not during the current year.

(15.) Alleged Evasion of the Beer Duties Act :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that none of the circumstances attendant on the evasion of the Beer Duties Act, by Tooth & Co., were brought under his notice by the Collector of Customs prior to the collection of certain money as arrears from Tooth & Co. ?

(2.) If no, when was he made conversant with the action of the Collector of Customs ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The Under Secretary was advised orally by the Collector of Customs, for the information of the Treasurer, directly the informer made a statement to the Collector.

(2.) The particulars were given in letters dated 4th and 26th of October last, laid upon the Table.

(16.) Appointment of the Governor :—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he seen the following cablegram, published in the Sydney morning paper (*Telegraph*) to-day :—“ London, Monday, 1 p.m.—The Marquis of Ripon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, is pressing Sir Henry B. Loch to reconsider his decision with respect to the Governorship of New South Wales ” ?

(2.) Have the Imperial authorities consulted the Government as to whether Sir Henry Brougham Loch would be considered an acceptable Governor by the people and Parliament of New South Wales ?

(3.) Will the Government communicate with the Imperial authorities, asking the sanction of the Crown to an arrangement for filling the vacant Governorship similar to that sanctioned in South Australia by the appointment of Chief Justice Way for an indefinite period ?

(4.) Whether the Government will consider the advisability of recommending that the Commission of Sir Frederick Darley as Acting-Governor be extended for an indefinite term, more especially so in view of the question of Federation being dealt with at an early date ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1, 2, 3, and 4.) No.

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2. **INTEREST ON CONDITIONAL PURCHASES BILL**:—Mr. Wilkinson presented two Petitions, the first from residents and farmers of the district of Gerogery, and the second from the residents and farmers of the district of Jindera, praying that Members, desirous of having a *bona fide* farming community settled on the land, will give their hearty and loyal support to the Interest on Conditional Purchases Bill, and pass it into law.  
Petitions received.
3. **PAPER**:—Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Report of Proceedings of the Postal and Telegraphic Conference held in Hobart, February, 1895.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. **RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Gould, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Gould then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to repeal so much of the ‘Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Act of 1867’ as relates to the Randwick Cemetery and to the interment of bodies therein, and to prohibit burials in the said Cemetery.*”  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to repeal so much of the ‘Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Act of 1867’ as relates to the Randwick Cemetery and to the interment of bodies therein, and to prohibit burials in the said Cemetery,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th May, 1895.*
5. **REGISTRATION OF BRANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the ‘Registration of Brands Act of 1866’ and the ‘Registration of Brands Act Amendment Act of 1874.’*”  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Registration of Brands Act of 1866,’ and the ‘Registration of Brands Act Amendment Act of 1874,’*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th May, 1895.*
6. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS ACT AMENDMENT AND MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Smith, *passed*.  
Mr. Smith then moved, That the title of the Bill be, “*An Act to amend and extend the ‘Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894,’ and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the ‘Mining Act, 1874,’ and for other purposes in connection therewith.*”  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, “*An Act to amend and extend the ‘Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894’ and to alter and amend sections 14, 63, 65, and 66 of the ‘Mining Act, 1874,’ and for other purposes in connection therewith,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th May, 1895.*
7. **BREAD BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Gould, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
8. **VINE DISEASES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

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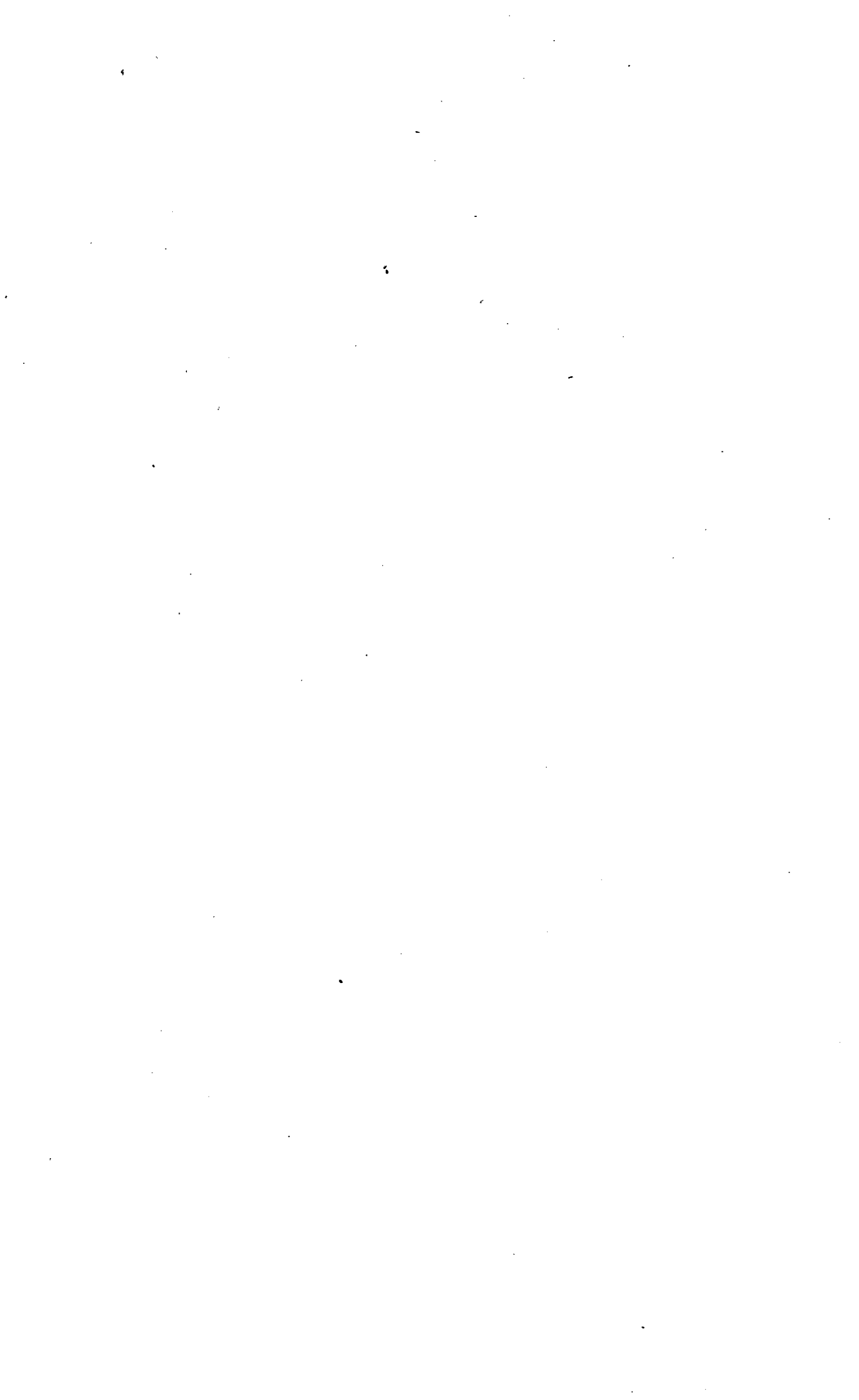
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9. PYRMONT BRIDGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the removal of the present Pyrmont Bridge, and the construction of a new bridge in lieu thereof.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
10. IMPORTED STOCK ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Sydney Smith, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871, and the Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 MAY, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Centennial Park Works:—Mr. Schey asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Has he yet settled the scale of rations and amount of work to be performed therefor in connection with the Centennial Park work?
  - (2.) If so, will he please lay a copy of the scale upon the Table?
  - (3.) What amount does Contractor Kidman receive from the Department—(a) per ration; (b) per tin of milk; (c) per pound of extras, specifying articles and price respectively?
  - (4.) Have any arrangements yet been made by which men may receive ration tickets on the completion of their work, without having to return to the Bureau for such tickets?
  - (5.) If not, when will such be made?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—
- (1.) Yes. The new scale came into operation on Monday, the 6th instant.
  - (2.) I will presently lay a copy upon the Table.
  - (3.) Mr. Kidman is paid at the following rates, viz.:—Per ration (consisting of 4 lb. bread, 3 lb. meat, 2 lb. sugar, and 4 oz. tea), 1s. 4d.; extras—per tin of milk, 6½d.; sago, rice, or oatmeal, as preferred, per lb., 1½d.
  - (4.) Yes.
  - (5.) Answered by 4.
- (2.) First Lieutenant Lenehan, of the 1st Infantry Regiment:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Henry Chapman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that 1st Lieutenant Lenehan, of the 1st Infantry Regiment, has been transferred to "B" Battery, B.D.F.A.; if so, what special qualifications has this officer?
  - (2.) Is it not a fact that this officer is now doing *recruit drill* at Victoria Barracks?
  - (3.) Does Lieutenant Lenehan take Junior 1st Lieutenant in Battery?
  - (4.) On promotion of Captain Smail and Lieutenant Wells, does this officer (who has passed no examination in Artillery) become 1st Lieutenant in that battery?
  - (5.) Has not the next officer passed for promotion also qualified in Riding, Cavalry, and Infantry Schools of Instruction?
  - (6.) By Lieutenant Lenehan's transfer, will this officer and others who have passed for promotion in the Brigade, rank junior to that officer?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—
- (1.) Yes. Seniority in the Military Service.
  - (2.) He is undergoing special instruction in field artillery.
  - (3 and 4.) Yes.
  - (5.) Passed for promotion, but not qualified otherwise.
  - (6.) Lieutenant Lenehan has seniority in the Partially-paid Artillery from date of transfer.
- (3.) Mr. W. A. Blackstone, Operating Branch, Electric Telegraph Department:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is an officer named Mr. W. A. Blackstone employed in the Operating Branch of the Electric Telegraph Department?
  - (2.) What is the salary of this officer, and his office hours?
  - (3.) Is this officer also an alderman of a suburban municipality?
  - (4.) Are officers in this Department allowed to use telephones or send from the office telegrams or type-written correspondence other than for official purposes?

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(5.) Is it a fact that Mr. Blackstone has in the telephone office of the Department a list of persons he communicates with in connection with his municipal duties?

(6.) Is it a fact that Mr. Blackstone has sent telegrams from this office other than for official purposes, and in connection with his own private or municipal business?

(7.) Is it a fact that a type-writer named Mr. Angles, employed in the Department, is in the habit of type-writing letters for Mr. Blackstone on other than official work?

(8.) Is Mr. Blackstone repeatedly absent during office hours, or being interviewed on other than Departmental work?

(9.) Will he cause inquiries to be made into any statement submitted to him in substantiation of the Questions now asked?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Salary, £326 per annum, and office hours 8.30 a.m. until 3 p.m., continuously.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The principal officers are allowed the use of telephone, but not the use of the type-writer for private purposes.

(5.) There is a list posted in the telephone office merely as a convenience instead of referring to the book for the number, but they are mainly those of the newspaper offices and officials. Mr. Blackstone did add a few names to the list for private purposes, but this list has no official recognition, and is merely posted for the convenience of persons working the telephone in the operating room.

(6.) Yes; but on purely private matters which is allowed in all telegraph services throughout the world.

(7.) No.

(8.) No; he is a most punctual and attentive officer, and is not repeatedly absent during office hours.

(9.) Yes.

(4.) Wage paid by Road-contractors in the Northern Districts :—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Griffith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that certain road-contractors in the Northern District, instead of paying the legal minimum wage to their employees, pay them 10s. per week in cash, and find them in tents and provisions?

(2.) Will he, if he is supplied with the names of such contractors, insist on them paying the minimum wage in cash?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) I shall insist upon all the conditions of the contracts being fulfilled.

(5.) Reports on Lead Poisoning Act :—*Mr. Thomas* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House the reports received from the Inspector of Mines at Broken Hill re the Lead Poisoning Act?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—The Honorable Member does not indicate what particular report he desires; I know of no objection to the production of any report.

(6.) Post and Telegraph Office at Parkes :—*Mr. Gardiner* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Have the new buildings for Post and Telegraph Offices at Parkes been completed?

(2.) What is the cause (if any) of the delay in opening the new offices?

(3.) Will he take the necessary steps to expedite the opening of the new offices?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Government Architect :—“This work is practically completed; but as some portion of the work is defective it has not yet been taken over from the contractor.”

## 2. PAPERS :—

*Mr. Garrard* laid upon the Table,—Return showing scale of rations issued to men employed at the Centennial Park Relief Works.

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Sydney Smith* laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Mines and Agriculture for the year 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

## 3. PORT HACKING NET-FISHING ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) *Mr. Stephen* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare and enact that the portion of Port Hacking, to eastward of the Spit, shall, from the 1st day of December in each year to the 31st day of May next following, inclusive of both days, be open to net-fishing, and for other purposes in connection therewith.  
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Stephen* then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to declare and enact that the portion of Port Hacking, to the eastward of the Spit, shall, from the 1st day of December in each year to the 31st day of May next following, inclusive of both days, be open to net-fishing, and for other purposes in connection therewith.*”—which was read a first time

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 21st June.

## 4. FEES TO ACTING CROWN PROSECUTORS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Millen*, for *Mr. Ashton*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The total amount of fees paid annually to barristers acting as Crown Prosecutors in the country districts since the year 1886 (inclusive).

(2.) The same figures in respect of the metropolitan district.

Question put and passed.

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5. VINE DISEASES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
6. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1895-6, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR PERIOD FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 30TH JUNE, 1895, AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.* *Message No. 59.*  
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1895-6, together with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895, and for previous years.  
*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 6th May, 1895.*  
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
(138.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the year ending 30th June, 1896, a sum not exceeding £1,425, to defray pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54.  
Mr. Reid moved, That the resolution be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Resolution read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Reid, the resolution was agreed to.
8. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
9. PAPER:—Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1895-6.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. INTENDED ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER:—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had, some time before the recent Friday sittings were established, made an important engagement for To-morrow, Friday, the 10th instant, but it was only by the indulgence of the House that he could absent himself from its sitting that day.  
Whereupon Mr. Reid moved, That, during Mr. Speaker's temporary absence on Friday next, Mr. M'Court, the Chairman of Committees, do take the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.  
Question put and passed.
11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at nine minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at half-past One o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 10 MAY, 1895.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

In compliance with the Special Order of the House made yesterday, Mr. McCourt, Chairman of Committees, in the absence of Mr. Speaker, took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Glebe Island :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received a report from his officers as to the advisability of cutting down Glebe Island, as advocated by a deputation from Leichhardt, Balmain, and Annandale, a few months since?

(2.) Will he be prepared to refer the subject for the early consideration of the Public Works Committee?

(3.) If not, will he be prepared to make an early start with the construction of a road round the foreshore of the Island, so as to add to the convenience of the residents, and at the same time find employment for many deserving unemployed men who reside in the districts surrounding the Island?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Not yet.

(2 and 3.) This will be decided when the report is before me.

(2.) Centennial Park Works :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the men who are employed at the Centennial Park, although only allowed to work not more than two days a week, have to waste a day in obtaining their order to start work and another day to obtain their rations?

(2.) Will he have any objection to fix a stated amount of wages, so that all the men employed at the above Park may be able to purchase their supplies where they like?

(3.) What is the price paid by the Government to Messrs. Kidman and Son for each man's daily rations?

(4.) What is the total amount of money paid to Messrs. Kidman and Son by the Government for the supply of rations to men employed on the Centennial Park from the commencement of the work till the 1st of May, instant?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) There are strong objections to such a course.

(3.) I furnished this information in the form of a return, which I laid upon the Table last night.

(4.) Up to the 27th April the amount paid was £2,865 13s. 1½d.

(3.) Rate of Wage for Works at Kenmore :—*Mr. Rose* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he yet fixed the minimum rate of wage in connection with the contemplated works at Kenmore?

(2.) If yes, is the schedule based on a lower rate than the rate paid in Sydney?

(3.) If yes, why are the minimum rates of wages fixed at a lower rate in the Goulburn district than in Sydney?

Mr. Young answered,—Not yet fixed.

(4.) Differential Railway Rate System :—*Mr. Millen*, for Mr. Ashton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he, at the earliest possible moment, lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the agreement entered into by the Railway Commissioners relating to the differential railway rate system now in vogue?

(2.) When may the House expect to be put in possession of the desired information?

Mr. Reid answered,—Yes, in a few minutes.

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3. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Masters and Servants Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
4. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 2nd May, 1895,—“Pastoral Holdings in the Central Division.”  
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Agreement entered into by the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the Differential Railway Rates existing between those Colonies.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. **EIGHT HOURS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill, recommitted.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Cameron* reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup> with further amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Schey, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
6. **INTEREST ON CONDITIONAL PURCHASES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Rose proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—  
*Point of Order*:—Mr. Young submitted that this Bill was out of order, not having been introduced in a Committee of the Whole, as required by Standing Order No. 134.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker ruled that the Bill was in order.  
Mr. Rose then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Cann,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Slouth,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Price,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Macka,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Schey.
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Stephen.
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Henry Chapinan,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. McLenn,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Wilks.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Mahony.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Cameron* reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Friday, 16th August.
- (2.) Railway to Botany; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stephen,—
- “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the construction of the “railway to the vicinity of the fortifications on Bare Island, at La Perouse, near the entrance to “Botany Bay, should ‘be proceeded with without any unnecessary delay,’ for the following “reasons:—
- “ (a) To make better provision for the defence of Sydney, and to secure it from attack by “way of Botany Bay.
- “ (b) To make better provision for the large amount of traffic and the carrying of produce “and material to and from manufactories and industries in Botany.
- “ (c) To make better provision for the sanitary condition of the people, and for other purposes.
- “ (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-“Governor.”
- Upon which Mr. Joseph Abbott had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words “be proceeded with without any unnecessary delay,” and inserting the words “be taken “into the early consideration of the Government” instead thereof;—until Friday, 5th July.

The House adjourned, at Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 MAY, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Meat Trade between Australia and India:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the quantity of meat imported into India for the use of the European residents and troops, and the inability of the Indian Government to supply the required amount from local stock, will he have inquiries made into the following matters for the information of stock-keepers, &c., of New South Wales, and for the purpose of developing the trade between the Australian and the Indian markets:—

- (a) The quantity of meat consumed in India both by the European and native populations?
- (b) The cost of meat, live-stock, rabbits, and wine in the Indian market at the present time?
- (c) The suitability of Bombay as a port of shipment, the establishment of a depôt with chilling chambers at the wharfs of the Bombay Trust or any other central position on the wharfs near the railway terminus, and the introduction of cooling-cars for inland traffic?
- (d) The probability of opening up a profitable trade with India in meat, stock, rabbits, wines, &c.; also scale of shipping charges, railway freights, dock charges, and incidental expenses, together with such other information as may be deemed advisable?

(2.) Will the Government appoint an expert in commercial matters to compile the requisite information?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Inquiries are being made through the Agent-General which will probably enable the Department of Mines and Agriculture to supply in due course the information required.

(2.) Working of the Traffic Branch of the Tramway Service:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has a Board been recently appointed to take evidence and inquire into the working of the Traffic Branch of the Tramway Service?
- (2.) If so, would he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the evidence and report of the said Board?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that a Departmental inquiry, such as is often desirable in large business concerns, has been made by railway officers into the working of the Tramway Traffic Branch.
- (2.) The information obtained is purely of a Departmental character, and no good purpose would be served by laying the papers upon the Table of the House.

(3.) Shearing Disputes:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table copies of all correspondence which passed between the Police Department and the pastoralists who applied for police protection in connection with the shearing disturbances between 1st July, 1894, and 30th November, 1894?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I think it inadvisable to comply with this request.

(4.) Application for certain Land by John Smith, of East Gosford:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that an application has been made by John Smith, of East Gosford, to have a certificate of title issued to him for certain lands, included in the area of which is comprised a site reserved for a market-place?
- (2.) If so, will he take steps to prevent the people of Gosford being deprived of this reserve?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—It has been ascertained that a certificate of title has issued, but the Town of East Gosford being a private subdivision of Peek's 500 acres, claims to titles of land therein do not come under the cognizance of the Department of Lands.

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(5.) Northern Breakwater at the Clarence River Heads:—Mr. Ellis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of money that has been expended on the northern breakwater at the Clarence River Heads?
- (2.) Was that work stopped on the report of Sir John Coode?
- (3.) Has he any objection to placing that report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) £108,109 6s.
- (2.) The work was stopped pending the receipt of a report from the late Sir John Coode.
- (3.) The report was laid upon the Table of the House on the 29th May, 1888.

(6.) Lease of the Manly Wharf:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did he suggest to the members of a deputation, consisting of the Municipal Council and residents of Manly, that he would be willing to grant the Council a lease of the Manly Wharf under the provisions of the Municipal Wharfs Act?
- (2.) Has the Council since applied to him for a lease of this wharf, in terms of the above proposals, and has the application been dealt with?
- (3.) Is it now proposed to lease the wharf by public auction under conditions that will fix a minimum fare 50 per cent. higher than the present passenger fares, under competition of two companies?
- (4.) If this wharf is purchased by the Port Jackson Steamship Company, will that give them the sole monopoly of the Manly wharfs?
- (5.) Is he aware that a considerable amount of capital has been invested by the residents of Manly in the Co-operative Ferry Company, and that the granting of a monopoly of wharfs to the older company will mean the winding-up of the Co-operative Company, and probable loss to the shareholders?
- (6.) Is it a fact that only through the competition of the newer company, forced upon the residents by the high fares charged by the Port Jackson Company, that the present fares are existing?
- (7.) Will any sale under the present proposed conditions enable the purchaser to evade the provisions of the Municipal Wharfs Act, which provides for the free rights to the public of access to this wharf?
- (8.) Will he again reconsider his decision in regard to the question of this wharf, so that the people may continue to enjoy the advantages of cheap fares, the present result of competition?

Mr. Carruthers answered.—In view of matters which are under consideration, I would ask the Honorable Member to withdraw this Question for the present.

(7.) Criticisms upon Report by Mr. V. Czarlinsky on Artesian Bores:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that criticisms have been obtained from Professors David and Knibbs upon the report made by Mr. V. Czarlinsky on artesian bores, laid upon the Table of the Assembly on the 2nd May, 1894?
- (2.) If so, will he lay these papers upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes, if moved for in the usual way.

2. SUGAR INDUSTRY:—Mr. Perry presented a Petition from certain farmers and cane-growers and others interested in the sugar industry in Rous and surrounding district, Richmond River, stating that the Petitioners have by costly and dangerous toil cleared a large area of land which they have planted with sugar-cane; that, under an agreement for a term of years with the Rous Sugar Mill, such cane as they produce is sold to that Company; that any reduction in the existing duty on sugar, or the imposition of an excise duty on colonial sugar, would absolutely ruin the sugar industry, and destroy the means of living of the Petitioners and thousands of other industrious colonists; and praying the House to prevent any alteration in the existing duty on sugar.  
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year 1894.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Dubbo, under the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1890."

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 3rd May, 1895,—“Local Government Commission.”
- (2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1895.
- (3.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of Land, Building, and Investment Companies for quarter ended 31st March, 1895.
- (4.) Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the year 1894.
- (5.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1894.  
Ordered to be printed.

4. REV. W. B. CLARKE'S GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the late Rev. W. B. Clarke's official reports on his geological survey of New South Wales, as printed in the Journals of the Legislative Council for the Sessions of from 1851 to 1854 inclusive, together with Mr. Clarke's evidence before the Select Committees of the Legislative Council on the management of the Gold-fields and the Gold-fields Management Bill.  
Question put and passed.



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5. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice,— That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The length of service, position held, and rate of pay of each person retrenched from the Works Department in connection with the rearrangement of the branches of that Department, defining which (if any) of them are not British-born or naturalised subjects.
  - (2.) The length of service, position held under new system, rate of pay in present and also in position previously held, showing which were not British-born subjects at time of entering the service, and showing the date on which they became naturalised, of those remaining in the Service. Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until Friday next:—
- (1.) Eight Hours Bill; third reading.
  - (2.) Interest on Conditional Purchases Bill, reported; adoption of report.
  - (3.) Parliamentary Elections (Candidates' Deposit) Bill; second reading.
  - (4.) Electoral Majority Vote Bill; second reading.
  - (5.) Attorney's Admission Bill; second reading.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Argyle, Mr. Rose, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the action of the Premier in imposing a number of duties on raw materials which are not capable of being produced in the Colony."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
- Mr. Rose moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Point of Order*:—Mr. Young requested Mr. Speaker's attention to the notice just read, which he considered irregular, as it would anticipate a discussion already initiated in the Committee of Ways and Means, the resumption of which was fixed for Wednesday next.  
Debate ensued.
- Mr. Speaker ruled the matter out of order, as the whole subject had been already under discussion in the Committee of Ways and Means, and would come on again on a future day.
8. VINE DISEASES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments and an amended Title.  
On motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
9. IMPORTED STOCK ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Smith, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Erection of Rabbit-proof Fencing from Mungindi to Gunnedah:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that rabbits are making their appearance on several stations on the Namoi and Castlereagh?

(2.) Will he take immediate steps to have erected the rabbit-proof fencing from Mungindi to Gunnedah, as approved of some time ago?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Government of Queensland, who are contributing to the erection of the fence in question, have been communicated with on the subject. Further action must await their reply.

(2.) Imported Tea:—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he aware that a large quantity of inferior tea is being continually imported into this market; if such is the case, will he consider the advisableness of appointing a tea-tester, to prevent any tea under the value of 7d. per lb. being imported?

Mr. Reid answered,—The price cannot be safely adopted as a guide to quality. The Collector of Customs considers the best course would be to adopt an import standard, fixing the percentage of extract and soluble ash, constituting a sound tea.

(3.) Alleged Evasion of the Beer Duty Act:—Mr. Perry, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) On what date was he first personally made acquainted with the action of the Collector of Customs *re* Tooth's Brewery case?

(2.) Did the Collector of Customs collect the arrears paid by Tooth & Co. without bringing any of the circumstances under his notice?

(3.) If yes, did the Under Secretary of Finance and Trade, or any other Government official, draw his attention to the circumstances either before or after the arrears were collected?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Collector of Customs reports:—

(1.) I informed the Under Secretary by telephone on Thursday, the 20th September.

(2.) I demanded payment of an amount I considered due by Tooth & Co. The payment was made on the 24th September in the usual course, and no special official notice was sent to the Treasury.

(3.) On the 4th October the matter was reported to the Under Secretary by letter.

(4.) Men employed Thinning the Murray Forest Reserves:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that some of the gangs employed in thinning the Murray Forest Reserves have nearly finished the blocks allotted to them?

(2.) In view of the great delay that has occurred in making progress payments, does he see that if final payments are similarly delayed the effect will be to make men spend all they earn before they can get away from the place after they have completed their work?

(3.) Will he, therefore, make such arrangements as will ensure prompt settlement immediately any gang completes its block?

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Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) It is thought there has been no serious delay in making progress payments.
- (3.) Arrangements will be made for the prompt payment of the men as soon as they complete their respective blocks.

(5.) Floggings administered in Gaols of the Colony :—Mr. Schey asked the Minister of Justice,— Will he lay upon the Table a full return of all floggings inflicted during the four years ending 31st March last, in all the gaols of New South Wales, for alleged breaches of discipline; such return to show :—(a) dates of conviction and floggings respectively; (b) number of lashes inflicted in each case; (c) alleged reason in each case; (d) names of justices by whom floggings were ordered in each case; besides the necessary particulars as to the names of the various gaols, &c.?

Mr. Gould answered,—This information can be given if ordered by the House in the usual way.

(6.) The Chief Commissioner for Railways :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) On what date does the seven years term of office of the Chief Commissioner for Railways expire?
- (2.) Have the Government communicated with Mr. Eddy, and intimated to him that it is unlikely Parliament will sanction the proposal to give him £4,000 per annum for a fresh term of office?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) On 21st October next.
- (2.) The Government have had no communication with Mr. Eddy. I have had communication with Mr. Eddy on several occasions of a confidential character. I suppose the inquisitiveness of the Honorable Member does not extend to these.

(7.) Roof of the Public Works Department :—Mr. Wilks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) For what purpose has the structure or quarters on the roof of the Public Works Department been erected?
- (2.) What was the cost of the said structure?
- (3.) What was the cost of furnishing the same?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) For the accommodation of the chief messenger of the Department, whose constant presence in the building was found necessary on the score of protection to the valuable property referred to, and as there were no suitable quarters available elsewhere approval was given to construct them on the roof.
- (2.) £680 17s. 10d.
- (3.) I am not aware, as the furniture belongs to, and was paid for by, the chief messenger from his own pocket.

(8.) Report on the Sugar Industry of New South Wales :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that he has received through the Department of the Minister for Mines a report on the sugar industry of New South Wales?
- (2.) If so, will he lay that report upon the Table of this House to-morrow?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) I received a report on a project to obtain Government assistance to the erection of a sugar mill near the Lismore Tweed Railway.
- (2.) If moved for in the usual way.

(9.) Amalgamation of the Savings Banks :—Mr. Watkins, for Mr. Griffith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government, when amalgamating and reorganising the Savings Banks, to so alter the present basis of loans that in future they shall be made to farmers and selectors instead of to city property-owners, as at present?

Mr. Reid answered,—It is premature to go into these matters until the scheme is submitted to the House in a definite form by Bill.

2. EXCISE DUTY ON TOBACCO :—Mr. Price presented the following Petitions from farmers, producers, storekeepers, and others, representing that ever since the imposition of an excise duty on colonial tobacco the industry has dwindled away, and it is now almost crushed out of existence; and praying earnest consideration of the premises, and the removal of at least 9d. per pound of the present excise duty :—

- (1.) From the Williams River (3 Petitions).
- (2.) From the Durham Electorate.
- (3.) From the Paterson and Allyn Districts.
- (4.) From the Patrick's Plains District (13 Petitions).

Petitions received.

3. SUGAR INDUSTRY :—Mr. Pyers presented a Petition from the residents of the Richmond Electorate, stating that the removal of the present duty on imported sugar would result in the ruin of thousands of farmers, and expelling the only remunerative industry in the Northern District; and praying the House to take the premises into favourable consideration, and retain the present duty on sugar.

Petition received.

4. DUTIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE :—Mr. Pyers presented a Petition from the residents of the Richmond Electorate, representing that the removal of the present duties on imported agricultural produce would result in the ruin of thousands of farmers throughout the Colony; that such duties should be fixed for some years; that the removal of the duty will cause thousands of persons to be thrown out of employment; and praying the House to favourably consider the retention of the duties.

Petition received.

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## 5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing interest on money borrowed by the Government.
- (2.) Despatch respecting Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and Japan.
- (3.) Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of April, 1895.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Minute by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction on Electric and other Tramways.

Ordered to be printed.

6. LAND AND STOCK TAX :—Mr. Price presented a Petition from the residents of Singleton and Hunter River District, and others, against the taxation of land other than for Local Government purposes; in favour of the imposition of a duty on Stock; and praying that the duties on all farming produce may be increased.  
Petition received.7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Question put and passed.

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

E. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 MAY, 1895.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.  
 POSTPONEMENTS:—Mr. Reid moved, That the whole of the Orders of the Day of Government and General Business on the Notice Paper for to-day be postponed until Tuesday next.  
 Question put and passed.
2. VOTE OF CENSURE:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully informing His Excellency that the continuance in office of his present advisers will retard the progress of much-needed legislation, and seriously prejudice the cause of Australian federation.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Wise moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.
3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*





New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 MAY, 1895.

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

POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until Friday next:—

- (1.) Parliamentary Elections (Candidates' Deposit) Bill; second reading.  
(2.) Electoral Majority Vote Bill; second reading.

2. VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes, "That an Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully informing His Excellency that the continuance in office of his present advisers will retard the progress of much-needed legislation, and seriously prejudice the cause of Australian federation."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Schey moved, That the Question be amended by adding thereto the following paragraph,—

"(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the existing Customs tariff should not be interfered with unless and until the question of Freetrade or Protection has been submitted to the whole of the Electors of New South Wales by means of either a Plebiscite or Referendum vote, as may hereafter be agreed upon."

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

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY, 1895.

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

SUGAR INDUSTRY:—Mr. Pyers presented a Petition from certain persons residing in the Clarence River District who are interested in the Sugar Industry, stating that they view with the gravest apprehension any measure comprehending the removal of the Sugar Duty; and praying that in dealing with the fiscal question the House will not consider it expedient to at present remove that duty.

Petition received.

2. EXCISE DUTY ON TOBACCO:—Mr. H. H. Brown presented the following Petitions in favour of the repeal of the excise duty on tobacco and cigars made from colonial leaf; and praying, for the reasons in the Petitions set forth, that the House will repeal the duty referred to,—

(1.) From certain farmers and residents of Clarence Town.

(2.) From certain farmers and residents of the Upper Paterson and Upper Allyn Districts.

Petitions received.

3. VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes, "That an Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully informing His Excellency that the continuance in office of his present advisers will retard the progress of much-needed legislation, and seriously prejudice the cause of Australian federation."

Upon which Mr. Schey had moved,—That the Question be amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:—

"(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the existing Customs tariff should not be interfered with unless and until the question of Free Trade or Protection has been submitted to the whole of the Electors of New South Wales by means of either a Plebiscite or Referendum vote, as may hereafter be agreed upon."

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

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

Debate continued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Wise submitted that, under the practice of the House of Commons anterior to the year 1880, and now binding upon this House, the motion for the adjournment of the Debate should be disposed of before that on the main Question could be proceeded with. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled in favour of Mr. Wise's contention, and stated that the Debate must be confined to the Question for the adjournment of the Debate.

And

22nd May, 1895.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 23 MAY, 1895, A.M.

Debate on the Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. James Morgan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. See,	Mr. Rose.
Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Chantor,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Mackay,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. P. Clarke,	
Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. Wise,	
Sir Henry Parkes.	

Noes, 60.

Mr. Knox,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Affleck,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Rigg.
Mr. McGowen,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 24 MAY, 1895, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Rawlinson,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wall.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Schey.

Noes, 74.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Thomas,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Edden,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. E. M. Clark.
Mr. Gillies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Knox.
Mr. Cameron,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original

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22nd May, 1895.

Original Question put,—That an Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully informing His Excellency that the continuance in office of his present advisers will retard the progress of much-needed legislation, and seriously prejudice the cause of Australian federation.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Rawlinson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Miller.
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. James Morgan,	
Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Sce,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Martin,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Pycers,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Gornly,	
Mr. Mackay,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Wall,	

Noes, 67.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Ferguson,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Cook.
Mr. Robert Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McLean,	Mr. William Morgan,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Mahony,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

The House adjourned, at nine minutes before One o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Three o'clock.

E. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 94.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 MAY, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Police Magistrates paid from Mining Wardens' Vote:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What are the names of the Police Magistrates, and the districts they have jurisdiction in, who are paid from the Mining Wardens' Vote?

(2.) What is the amount each gets as Police Magistrate or Warden per annum as salary?

Mr. Gould answered,—This information can be given if ordered by the House in the usual way.

(2.) Vessels sailed from Newcastle or Sydney reported Missing or Wrecked:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Joseph Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a return of vessels, coal-laden or mainly coal-laden, which have sailed from Newcastle, N.S.W., or Sydney, for ports beyond Australia or New Zealand, between 1st May, 1880, and 1st May, 1895, and which have been reported missing, wrecked, or otherwise lost, or on fire, or put into or returned to port in distress; together with a return of the approximate number of lives known or concluded to have been lost in consequence?

Mr. Brunker answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a return embracing the information he desires, it shall be laid upon the Table.

(3.) Retirement of Clerks in the Military Secretary's Department:—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Major-General Hutton has recently recommended the retirement of two clerks in the Military Secretary's Department?

(2.) If so, will he state the names and positions of the clerks, their present salaries, and their length of service?

(3.) Will he also give the reasons assigned by the Major-General for their retirement?

(4.) Will he also state if any pension, or gratuity, or allowance will be granted to them; and, if so, what?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) H. A. Unwin, chief clerk, Military Secretary's Office, £380 per annum, sixteen years and three months' service; and G. W. Loney, assistant clerk, Military Pay Branch, £210 per annum, nineteen years nine months.

(3.) Mr. Unwin to be relegated as being unsuitable for the clerical work in the Military Department in the position which he holds. Mr. Loney, on account of age and consequent inability to carry out his duties.

(4.) No steps have yet been taken to carry out the recommendations of the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces.

(4.) Imprisonment of Robert Porteous in Debtors' Prison:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a person named Robert Porteous has been confined in the debtors' prison, Darlinghurst Gaol, for a period of three years and six months?

(2.) If so, by whose order has he been kept that length of time in prison?

(3.) Is it true that in consequence of his long incarceration Porteous became insane, and had to be removed from the debtors' prison and placed in the criminal portion of the gaol?

(4.) Is it true that unless Porteous sequestrates his estate that he will have to remain in gaol for the rest of his life?

Mr.

28th May, 1895.

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed by the Sheriff that Robert Porteous has been confined in the debtors' prison, Darlinghurst Gaol, since 25th March, 1892, a period of three years and two months. He is detained under a writ of attachment of the Divorce Court, issued on 10th March, 1892, for non-payment of alimony at the rate of £3 per week; he was arrested and brought before the Court on 29th March, 1892, and recommitted to gaol to purge his contempt.

(3.) Dr. Manning, Inspector-General of the Insane (with the visiting-surgeon to the gaol), at the request of the then Minister, examined Porteous in July last, and reported as follows:—"We do not consider him insane or irresponsible, but he is a self-opiniated, obstinate, man, and the confinement in prison, without occupation, gives him time to brood over his troubles, and is calculated to exercise an injurious effect on his mind. He appears, however, at this time to be somewhat less morbid than he was about a month or six weeks ago." Separate accommodation was provided for him in the criminal division of the gaol at his own request, and with the approval of the Sheriff, but in all other respects his treatment was still the same as that of an ordinary debtor.

(4.) Without an alteration of the law, Porteous cannot be discharged unless he pay the alimony due or sequestrates his estate. I may add, for the Honorable Member's information, that Porteous has been informed on several occasions that he can obtain his discharge at any time by sequestrating his estate. This he has positively refused to do.

- (5.) Tenders for Supply of Railway Spikes:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many years is it since public tenders were invited for the supply of any railway spikes?
  - (2.) By whom was the last lot so tendered for supplied?
  - (3.) Who supplies these spikes at present?
  - (4.) At what price per ton, delivered in Sydney, and with inspection fees added?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Eight and a half years. The last public tender called for spikes was on 16th September, 1886.
- (2.) Messrs. Corner & Co.
- (3.) Mr. W. Sandford, Eskbank, who is now executing a contract for the supply of about 400 tons.
- (4.) The contract was for delivery in trucks at Eskbank at the rate of £13 10s. per ton. Inspection fees amount to 15s. per day when engaged, but the inspecting officer is only occupied about three days a week.

- (6.) Entrance of Newcastle Harbour:—Mr. Ellis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the navigable draught of water on the bar at the entrance of Newcastle harbour during the year 1849?
- (2.) What was the greatest draught of water of any vessel which proceeded to sea from that port in that year?
- (3.) The same information for every year from that time up to the present date?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a return.

- (7.) Case of Captain Close:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Colonial Secretary,—What foundation is there for the report now current that the Government, at the instance of Major-General Hutton, intends to dismiss or dispense with the services of Captain Close, in view of the facts that he has been acquitted by the Executive Council of all the charges which were brought against him; that by answer in this House it was stated no fresh charges have been made, and that his rapid promotion to highly responsible posts show him to be an efficient military officer?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am sure the Honorable Member will understand that it is not possible for me or for the Government to say whether there is any foundation for reports which may be circulated as to Major-General Hutton and Captain Close. I can only inform the Honorable Member that I am not aware of any new charges having been made against Captain Close.

- (8.) Pastoral Leases:—Mr. Travers Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to notify in the *Gazette* the pastoral leases which have not obtained extension of lease—that they shall become resumed areas after the date of the expiry of the current lease in terms of clause 5 of the new Act?

Mr. Garrard answered,—Notification will be made so soon as the survey and classification of the land as contemplated by the Crown Lands Act of 1895, and now being proceeded with, has been effected.

- (9.) Exemptions under the Land and Income Tax Bill:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the approximate value of the land (without improvements) that will be exempted from taxation by the Land and Income Tax Bill if carried into law—the value to be arrived at to be on the same basis as that by which the Treasurer reckons to get his £400,000 revenue?
  - (2.) By these exemptions how much revenue will be lost at the rate of 1d. on the unimproved value?

Mr. Reid answered,—This information should be moved for in the form of a return.

- (10.) Letters Patent for Invention for Destruction of Rabbits:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Price, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the number and date of all applications for letters of registration, certificates of provisional protection, and letters patent for inventions in and relating to the extirpation and destruction of rabbits, giving in each case the full name and address of applicant and of inventor, the title of invention, and a short abridgment of the specification, and distinguishing whether the application was granted, refused, abandoned, or lapsed—the return to include, in refused or abandoned applications for letters patent, the petition, specification (without drawings), all correspondence, opinions, minutes, and all other writings arising out of or connected therewith?

Mr.



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Mr. Gould answered.—The Examiner of Patents informs me that to compile a return such as that asked for would entail a good deal of labour, the cost of which, together with the expense of printing, would be considerable. The information may be obtained, and the papers referred to seen by those interested, on personal application at the Patents Office, on payment of the small search fee, 5s., chargeable under the Patents Regulations. It does not, therefore, appear that any useful purpose would be served by complying with the request now made.

- (11.) Duties of Inspector of Scaffolds :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Does the travelling, by the Inspector of Scaffolds to inspect scaffolding, extend beyond the city; if so, what places is he supposed to visit in the execution of his duties?
  - (2.) On how many occasions did he go outside the city in 1894 to inspect scaffolds, and to what places did he go?
  - (3.) Were there fewer accidents happened in 1894 owing to his inspection than during the year previous to his appointment; if so, what was the number?

Mr. Young answered,—My honorable colleague the Chief Secretary has furnished me with the following replies from the Government Inspector of Scaffolding :—

- (1.) Yes. To the whole of the Metropolitan Police District.
- (2.) Went outside the City of Sydney inspecting scaffoldings on 270 occasions during 1894 to the following places :—Ashfield, Arncliffe, Alexandria, Annandale, Bondi, Balmain, Birkenhead, Burwood, Botany, Concord, Chatswood, Canterbury, Camperdown, Carlton, Croydon, Dulwich Hill, Double Bay, Darlington, Enmore, Glebe, Gordon, Garden Island, Homebush, Hurstville, Kensington, Kogarah, Lewisham, Lindfield, Leichhardt, Macdonaldtown, Marrickville, Mosman, Manly, Newtown, North Sydney, Neutral Bay, Petersham, Paddington, Pittwater (Broken Bay), Penshurst, Pymble, Rockdale, Randwick, Redfern, Strathfield, St. Peters, Sutherland, Summer Hill, South Head, Stanmore, Willoughby, Watson's Bay, Woollahra, and Waverley.
- (3.) There were no authentic records kept of accidents during building operations in the Metropolitan Police District prior to the appointment of the Inspector of Scaffolding.

- (12.) Schedules in Estimates of Expenditure for 1895-6 :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- Will he lay upon the Table of the House, and have the same printed, and in the hands of Members not later than the finishing of the debate on the Financial Statement, the various schedules referred to by and in the explanation of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1895 and 1896?

Mr. Reid answered.—The Schedule to the Estimates, to be prepared by the Treasury, will be completed this week. The Schedule referring to public works, roads, &c., will be laid upon the Table before the items are submitted for consideration.

- (13.) Report of Royal Commission on the Civil Service Inquiry :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Could he inform the House when he will be able to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on the Civil Service Inquiry?

Mr. Brunker answered.—The Report of the Civil Service Inquiry Commission may be laid upon the Table at any time. I am anxious to lay the document upon the Table in as complete a form as possible. I am now awaiting the receipt of the evidence and appendices. These are expected to be completed next week. Immediately they are forthcoming the Report shall be laid upon the Table.

- (14.) Annual Leases between Gin Gin and Trangie and Trangie and Dandaloo :—Mr. James Morgan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has a petition been received from the Progress Committee at Trangie by the Department of Lands, asking that certain annual leases between Gin Gin and Trangie and Trangie and Dandaloo be reserved from lease?
- (2.) If so, when was the petition presented, and by whom?
- (3.) What action has been taken (if any); if no action has been taken, what is the cause of delay?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1 and 2.) On the 1st instant a letter, dated the 30th April, from J. G. Keane on behalf of the Progress Committee at Trangie, asking that G. Gordon's annual lease 7,248, of 640 acres, be cancelled, was presented by the Honorable Member.

(3.) As the land included in the annual lease is alleged to be part of the area applied for as a Common for Trangie, reference has been made to the District Surveyor on the whole question.

2. DUTY ON CANDLES :—Mr. Griffith presented a Petition from certain residents in the Newcastle District, representing that the removal of existing Customs duties would cause the loss of employment to many of the Petitioners; that the whole district would suffer a most serious and irreparable loss in the closing of local works, such as the soap and candle works; that the removal or modification of the duty on candles would compel the suspension of such works; and praying the House to allow the duty to remain intact.
- Petition received.

3. VINE DISEASES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved that the title of the Bill be "*An Act relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape-vines, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape-vine or vineyard, and to eradicate the disease known as 'Phylloxera Vastatrix,' affecting grapes, grape-vines, or vineyards; to quarantine, and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape-vine, vineyard, package, or implement; to appoint a Central Board; and for other purposes incidental thereto, and to repeal the Act 56 Victoria No. 22.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

28th May, 1895.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act relating to Vine Diseases; to prevent the introduction into this Colony, or removal from place to place in this Colony, of diseased grapes or grape vines, or any other matter or thing which may injuriously affect any grape vine or vineyard; and to eradicate the disease known as 'Phylloxera Vastatrix,' affecting grapes, grape-vines, or vineyards; to quarantine, and, if necessary, destroy any grapes, grape-vine, vineyard, package, or implement; to appoint a Central Board; and for other purposes incidental thereto; and to repeal the Act 56 Victoria No. 22,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th May, 1895.*

4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed :—

- (1.) Eight Hours Bill; third reading;—until Friday, 7th June.
- (2.) Interest on Conditional Purchases Bill, reported; adoption of report;—until Friday, 7th June.
- (3.) Native Flora Protection Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 2nd August.
- (4.) Cootamundra Racecourse Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Friday, 21st June.
- (5.) Parliamentary Elections (Candidates' Deposit) Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 7th June.
- (6.) Electoral Majority Vote Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 7th June.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Newcastle, county of Northumberland, for the Newcastle Pastoral Reserve Drainage Works, Main Channel.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Carcoar, county of Bathurst, for the construction of a bridge over the Belubula River at Carcoar.
- (3.) Return showing cost of plans prepared for improvements of Darling Harbour.
- (4.) By-laws of the Parkes Water Supply, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report on Prisons for the year 1894.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Despatch respecting the Extradition Treaty between Great Britain and Germany.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulation under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
- (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Cowra under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing amounts paid for resumption of land for railway and other public purposes.
- (2.) Return showing navigable draught of water on the Newcastle Harbour Bar since 1851.  
Ordered to be printed.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Darlington, Mr. Schey, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the case of Walter Bell, lately re-committed to gaol for failing to report himself to the police."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Proposed Harbour Improvements at Newcastle*) :—Mr. Ewing, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed Harbour Improvements at Newcastle.

Ordered to be printed.

8. IMPORTED STOCK ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871, and the Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884, and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871, and the Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 28th May, 1895.*

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9. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, *passed*.  
Mr. Reid then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the practice of Medicine and Surgery, and other matters connected therewith.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate the practice of Medicine and Surgery, and other matters connected therewith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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## MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 28th May, 1895.*

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 15. *Before "practitioner" insert "legally qualified medical"*  
Page 1, clause 1, line 15. *Omit "in medicine"*  
Page 2, clause 1, lines 6 and 7. *Omit "to be proved to the satisfaction of the New South Wales  
"Medical Board or a quorum thereof"*  
Page 2, clause 2, lines 14, 15, and 16. *Omit "and if he be not a legally qualified medical  
"practitioner within the meaning of the Acts mentioned in section one of this Act, he  
"shall, also, in each case, affix to his surname the words 'not registered'"*  
Page 2, clause 5, line 41. *Omit "1894" insert "1895"*

Examined,—

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Chairman of Committees.

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned, at four minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Exchange of Land on Moira Station:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has any application been made to him for exchange of land on Moira Station, in the Land District of Deniliquin?
  - (2.) Will he name the person or persons applying for the said exchange?
  - (3.) Will this proposal be sent on to the Land Board at Deniliquin for inquiry and report; if so, when?
  - (4.) Will he supply a sketch plan, showing the nature and extent of the proposed exchange and surrender, for publication, in order that the public may be made fully aware of the proposal before the case is dealt with by the Local Land Board?

Mr. Garrard answered—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) George Washington Charters.
- (3.) The case has already been before the Local Land Board, and the exchange, somewhat modified, has been recommended.
- (4.) This has already been done, a plan having been exhibited at Deniliquin for a period of one month prior to the case being dealt with by the Land Board.

(2.) Arrests made by Senior-constable Miller:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Senior-constable Miller recently arrested two men in West Sydney on charges of drunkenness, and that in one case the sergeant at the police station refused to enter the charge, and that the other case was dismissed?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the same officer also unsuccessfully summoned the landlord of the "Erin-go-bragh Hotel" for selling after hours?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Police report in this matter.

(3.) Bridge between Sydney and North Sydney:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Having reference to the growing necessity for a bridge between Sydney and the North Shore, will he have a return prepared showing the estimated number of passengers who daily travel between Circular Quay and Milson's Point and Lavender Bay?
- (2.) Will he also include in the return the number of vehicles which pass across daily by the horse-ferry?

Mr. Young answered,—I will endeavour to obtain this information.

(4.) Leasing of the Manly Wharf:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have any further steps been taken in regard to the leasing of the Manly wharf?
- (2.) If so, are they satisfactory to the Municipal Council of Manly, and will both companies be allowed to ply to the wharf?

Mr. Garrard answered,—This matter is still under consideration.

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- (5.) Aldermen entering into Contracts with Councils under 33rd Section of Municipalities Act:—Mr. Rigg asked the Colonial Secretary,—That in view of the recent judgment in the Supreme Court, whereby Alderman Davis was ousted from his seat at the Redfern Council for having entered into a contract with the Council to supply his premises with the electric light, thus constituting him a contractor under section 33 of the Municipalities Act, and taking into consideration that a large number of Aldermen in various Councils are in a similar position with respect to nuisance prevention, kerbing and guttering, asphaltting, drainage, and other works, will he take immediate steps to meet the difficulty?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Immediately this subject was brought under my notice last night, I placed myself in communication with the Attorney-General, in whose hands the matter now is. I expect to have a Bill dealing with it prepared by to-morrow.

- (6.) Special Endowments to Municipalities:—Mr. Rigg asked the Colonial Secretary,—That in consequence of the withdrawal of the Local Government Bill, and the Government having only allowed an endowment of 2s. 6d. in the £ for one year since February, 1893, is it the intention of the Government to provide on the Supplementary Estimates for a special endowment to the municipalities for the year ending June, 1896?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—This matter has not yet be considered by the Government. It is of considerable importance, and will, no doubt, be dealt with at an early date.

- (7.) Deposits and Unclaimed Balances in Banks of the Colony:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he see that steps are taken to obtain a return from the various Banks in the Colony, showing the amount of deposits and unclaimed balances lying in the respective Banks, during the last twenty years, belonging to sailors, diggers, the working classes, and others who have died in the Colony without friends, with a view to the funds and unclaimed balances being realised and handed over to charitable institutions in the Colony?

(2.) Will he see that a copy of the return is laid upon the Table of this House for the information of the public?

Mr. Reid answered,—This is a matter that requires consideration.

- (8.) Training of Public School Teachers:—Mr. Smailes asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) The number of male teachers who underwent a two-years course in the training school, and have not yet received a permanent appointment?

(2.) The salaries or allowances they are now receiving, and how long they have been in receipt of such?

(3.) The number of male teachers who failed for training during the existence of two-years sessions, or who took schools rather than be trained; their present salaries or allowances; and how long they have been in receipt of such?

(4.) The number of trained teachers who have been in the service ten years and upwards, and who are in receipt of salaries or allowances less than £120?

Mr. Garrard answered,—As the preparation of this information would involve time and expense, the Honorable Member should move for it in the form of a return.

- (9.) Markets for Colonial Products in Japan, China, and Eastern countries:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a suitable person to act as agent for the Colony in London in the matter of opening up markets for colonial products?

(2.) If so, when will the appointment be made?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take steps to open up markets for colonial products in Japan, China, and other Eastern countries?

Mr. Reid answered,—This matter is, in my opinion, a most important one. If Honorable Members will refer to the Estimates they will see that I propose to appoint a Board of practical men in connection with the Treasury to further the interests of our producers in this and other markets in every legitimate way.

- (10.) Appointment of Secretary, Labour Department:—Mr. Waddell asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it true that he has appointed a secretary in connection with the new Labour Department, and, if so, at what salary?

(2.) Has this gentleman got work to keep him employed, and, if so, what is the nature of the employment?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) A clerk in charge has been appointed, temporarily, with salary at the rate of £400 per annum.

(2.) Yes. This officer also acts as Clerk of Awards under the Trades Disputes Councils of Conciliation and Arbitration, and as Secretary to the Statutes Consolidation Commission.

- (11.) Repair of Roads in Country Districts:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the reason that the money provided for the repair of roads in the country districts has not been expended during the summer months, so that the roads would be made passable in winter?

(2.) What proportion of Road Votes remains now unexpended?

(3.) Will he see that all the available funds are expended with as little delay as possible?

Mr. Young answered,—The Road Votes were not made available until the beginning of this year, when the usual steps were at once taken to prepare specifications and call for tenders for the various works, but it must be seen that, owing to the Road Votes only being available about the middle of summer, necessarily some of the best months of the year for road-making must expire before.

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before the work can be done. The change which is now being made in the financial year will remedy this undesirable state of affairs, because it is hoped the Road Votes will now be available in the middle of the year, thereby giving time for the specifications to be prepared and the work put in hand in the early summer months, and thus have all the work completed before the winter sets in, which could not be done under the late system. The present cash balance on hand on the Road Vote for 1895 is £210,000, but this will be absorbed by the liabilities which have been incurred and are accruing.

(12.) Bridge over Old Man Creek:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When is it intended that tenders will be invited for the erection of a bridge over the Old Man Creek, near the Wagga Wagga-Gillenbah Road?

(2.) What has been the cause of the delay in having this bridge erected?

Mr. Young answered,—The necessary drawings are completed, but the work cannot be proceeded with pending settlement of the land question, which was referred to the Lands Department on the 24th January last.

(13.) Grant to Royal Society of New South Wales:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that the Royal Society of New South Wales receives an annual grant of £500 from the Treasury?

(2.) Does the Government grant this sum with the view to encourage original research in the various branches of Natural History?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the Royal Society has invited scientists to contribute essays on original research for a medal and prize, and then given the medal to a compilation, and published it under an altered title to that for which the medal and prize were offered?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) Yes, in the proportion of £1 for every £1 raised by private contributions.

(2.) Yes, in conjunction with general scientific research.

(3.) I am not aware.

(14.) Police Department:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any inquiry been made by the Civil Service Commission as to the financial and general condition of the Police Department?

(2.) If no inquiry was made, on what grounds was the department named excluded from investigation?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Inspector-General of Police was examined, and the Commission reported that in their opinion his department appeared to be well administered. The Commissioners were, however, prevented by want of time from making a very exhaustive inquiry into the financial and general condition of the Police Department.

(15.) Government Night for Private Business:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

Referring to his promise to give a Government night at an early date for private business, which was prevented from coming on some weeks ago owing to an adjournment from Thursday to the following Tuesday, will he name a night next week for such business?

Mr. Reid answered,—I hope to give Tuesday week after tea.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.

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

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

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

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the re-introduction of the use of the Gag in the Gaols of the Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 24th April, 1895,—“Railway Free Passes.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—Police report respecting charges made by Senior-constable Miller against Charles Harrison and August W. Siebert.

## 3. POLICE MAGISTRATES ACTING AS MINING WARDENS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The names of the Police Magistrates, and the districts they have jurisdiction in, who are paid from the Mining Wardens' Vote.

(2.) The amount each gets as Police Magistrate or Warden per annum as salary.

Question put and passed.

## 4. GAS AND OTHER ILLUMINATING POWERS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate and control the supply of gas and other illuminating powers, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Question put and passed.

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5. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., “the action of the Government in reference to the defence of persons charged with a capital offence.” And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Crick moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Young moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 96.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 MAY, 1895.

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

## I. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Dismissal of Maintenance Man on Molong and Manildra Road :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the District Roads Superintendent at Orange has dismissed one Daniel Sweeney, the maintenance man on the Molong and Manildra Road; if so, for what reason?
- (2.) How long has Sweeney been in the Service as a maintenance man, and has ever any complaint been made against him during that period?
- (3.) Will he lay upon the Table a copy of the circular or rules issued for the guidance of maintenance men?

Mr. Young answered,—There is no report on this matter in the Department, but I have called on the local officer to forward an explanation in regard to it, and on receipt of his reply I will lay the same upon the Table of the House for the Honorable Member's information.

(2.) Operations performed by Medical Officer in Darlinghurst Gaol :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The number of capital and other operations performed annually by the medical officer in Darlinghurst Gaol during the last five years?
- (2.) The average weekly number of patients in the gaol hospital?
- (3.) The number of hours the medical officer has to devote daily to his official duties?
- (4.) The amount of salary paid annually to the medical officer?
- (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to increase the pay or remuneration paid to the medical officer in proportion to the value of the services rendered and time lost attending to his official duties?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) The average number of capital and other operations performed annually by the medical officer in Darlinghurst Gaol during the past five years amounts to thirty-three.
- (2.) The average weekly number of patients in the gaol hospital amounts to sixty.
- (3.) It depends upon the number of patients who apply for treatment outside hospital (the weekly average being eighty-four), the amount of clerical work to perform in the shape of answering correspondence, and writing prescriptions. The average daily attendance of the medical officer is about five hours, but he is supposed to hold himself in readiness to be sent for specially at any hour of the day or night.
- (4.) The amount of salary paid annually to the medical officer is £380.
- (5.) The matter will be considered.

(3.) Ammunition expended by Naval and Military Forces on Queen's Birthday :—Mr. Shipway asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many rounds of ammunition were expended by the Naval and Military Forces on Queen's Birthday last?
- (2.) What was the total cost of such ammunition?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Naval, 3,744; Military, 2,200 rifle and 21 gun.
- (2.) Naval, £5 Os. 8d.; Military, £5 Os. 1d.

(4.) Leaseholds on Cathundral and Mullengudgerie :—Mr. James Morgan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Are the leaseholds of Cathundral and Mullengudgerie being surveyed for settlement?
- (2.) If so, under what form of settlement are they to be offered to the public, and in what areas?

Mr. Garrard answered,—The papers are at present with the District Surveyor, and on a decision being arrived at as to the classification of the land the Honorable Member will be informed.

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- (5.) Men Employed on Polo Ground, Centennial Park:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that men employed on a polo ground on the Centennial Park were dismissed, and that their work is being done by members of the Permanent Force; if so, by whose authority are members of such Force being employed?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The ground in the Centennial Park used by the Polo Club is kept in order by the Club. There have been no dismissals lately from the working staff of the Centennial Park.

- (6.) Dismissal of Clarendon Stuart from the Department of Justice:—Mr. Piddington asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was an officer in the Department of Justice named Clarendon Stuart dismissed from the Service?

(2.) If so, when, and upon the recommendation of what Minister, and for what reason?

(3.) Had he previously been complained of, suspended, or disrated in salary for any misbehaviour?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Mr. Stuart was removed from the Service in February, 1893, by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, upon the recommendation of the then Minister of Justice (Hon. R. E. O'Connor) for incompetence and neglect of repeated instructions.

(3.) Complaints of his inefficiency having been received while he occupied the position of clerk and schoolmaster in the gaol at Bathurst, in 1889, he was given a further opportunity of proving his ability, and transferred to Berrima. In March, 1891, Mr. Stuart was suspended for drunkenness and gross insubordination, and called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the Service, but a lenient view was taken of the matter,—he was severely reprimanded and cautioned, and removed to Darlinghurst at a reduced salary. At the latter place his inefficiency and repeated errors led to his being, in November, 1892, invited to resign, and, upon his refusing to do so, his services were dispensed with.

- (7.) Expenditure on Main Trunk Railways since 1888:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total expenditure up to date upon the main trunk railways by way of quadrupling, duplicating, and in improving curves, grades, &c., since the Commissioners for Railways entered upon office?

(2.) What is the estimated value of all land in the vicinity of Darling Harbour occupied for railway purposes, including Darling Island?

(3.) Is the interest upon these amounts charged against the railway revenues?

Mr. Reid answered,—It is suggested that this should be moved for in the form of a return in the usual way.

- (8.) Record of Pairs on Divisions in Parliamentary *Hansard*:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he make the necessary arrangements to secure a record of pairs on all divisions in the Parliamentary *Hansard*, as is the practice of other colonies, notably that of Victoria.

Mr. Brunker answered,—I have always been given to understand that pairs are not recognised as pertaining to Parliamentary rules. They are simply allowed as a matter of convenience to enable Honorable Members who wish to do so to leave Parliament House. In regard to having the names recorded in *Hansard*, that is a matter to which the Government will have to give further consideration. I think, however, that the matter rests with the Speaker, and not with the Government.

- (9.) Surrenders and Exchanges of Land in Pastoral Holdings:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he give timely notice, by advertisement in local newspapers, of all proposed surrenders and exchanges of land in pastoral holdings, in order that the public may have the fullest opportunity of giving evidence before the various Land Boards?

Mr. Garrard answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to my reply to Mr. Gormly's question of the 8th May last, and to the 47th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.

- (10.) Exchange of Land on Moira Station:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to the answer given to Question 1 on 28th May, will he refer the proposed exchange of land in Moira pastoral holding to the Land Board at Deniliquin for reconsideration, in order that the large number of persons who have petitioned him may have the opportunity of attending and giving evidence against the proposed exchange?

Mr. Garrard answered,—The papers are with the District Surveyor, and have been telegraphed for; on their receipt the matter will receive consideration, and the Honorable Member informed of the decision arrived at.

- (11.) Gazetting of Magistrates:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the special list of magistrates be gazetted?

Mr. Brunker answered,—As early as possible.

2. SUGAR INDUSTRY:—Mr. Pyers presented a Petition from certain residents of Broadwater and its vicinity, protesting against the removal of the sugar duties; representing that the sugar industry is of great value to the Colony because it employs labour directly and indirectly; and praying the House to give the sugar duties careful consideration, and foster, if possible, an industry that gives sustenance to such a large population.

Petition received.

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3. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY GEORGE VINCENT IN THE DISTRICT OF GUNDAGAI:**—Mr. Travers Jones, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 19th April, 1895, together with Appendix. Ordered to be printed.
4. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Sir Henry Parkes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The conduct of the Prime Minister in despatching a cablegram to the Agent-General in reference to the vacant office of Governor of this Colony."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
5. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:**—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

## (1.) Randwick Cemetery Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to repeal so much of the 'Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Act of 1867' as relates to the Randwick Cemetery, and to the interment of bodies therein, and to prohibit burials in the said Cemetery,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 30th May, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## RANDWICK CEMETERY BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 30th May, 1895.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "except in any case where there is on such day an exclusive right of interment in any vault or enclosure in the said cemetery purchased or acquired in which any body intended to be interred shall be encased in a leaden coffin, the lead weighing not less than six pounds to the square foot."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

## (2.) Cottage Creek Sewerage Works Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of Sewerage Works at Cottage Creek, within the Municipalities of Newcastle and Wickham, in the county of Northumberland,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 30th May, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## COTTAGE CREEK SEWERAGE WORKS BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 30th May, 1895.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3. At end of clause *add* "and shall not under any circumstances exceed the estimated cost by more than ten pounds per centum."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

## (3.) Hay Irrigation Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Schedule to the Hay Irrigation Act,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 30th May, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

(4.)

30th May, 1895.

## (4.) Bankruptcy Acts Amendment Bill (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Bankruptcy Act, 1887,' and the 'Bankruptcy Act Amendment Act, 1888,' and to amend the law relating to bankruptcy and Bills of Sale,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 30th May, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

G. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Parkes to Condobolin*) :—

Mr. Ewing, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the proposed railway from Parkes to Condobolin.

Ordered to be printed.

- WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 31 MAY, 1895, A.M.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

(6.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending 30th June, 1896, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £1,425, to defray pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Vic. cap. 54.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at three minutes before Five o'clock p.m., until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 4 JUNE, 1895.

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

VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Varney Parkes, Esquire, resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury.

Whereupon Mr. Reid moved, That the seat of Varney Parkes, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Varney Parkes, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Minute by Mr. Speaker, and Report by Principal Short-hand-writer, respecting the Parliamentary Reporting Staff.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Reappraisal of Land within Special Areas:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, in view of the serious depreciation which has taken place in the value of land throughout the Colony during the last two years, take into consideration the necessity of having a reappraisal made of all land within special areas which has not yet been conditionally purchased?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—Instructions were sent to the District Surveyors in June, 1892, requesting them to report from time to time any cases where the circumstances would justify the reduction of the prices of special areas. Such reports are being constantly received, and reduction of prices made. Under these circumstances there does not appear to be any necessity for a reappraisal of all unselected lands within special areas. I may add that under section 20 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 a conditional purchaser within a special area can apply to have his holding converted into a homestead selection.

(2.) Road from Barney Reef to Wyaldra Creek:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount has been expended on the road from Barney Reef to Wyaldra Creek during the last twenty years?

(2.) Is he aware that a large amount of revenue has been received from the sale of land in the vicinity, and that there is a considerable amount of traffic in consequence?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

(1.) About £395.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) Barristers and Civil Servants attending the Governor's Levee:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has it been the custom in the past for the Government of this Colony to pay the hire of carriages to enable barristers of the Supreme Court to attend the Governor's levee?

(2.) Was it done on Monday, the 27th May?

(3.) If so, what member of the Government, or of the Civil Service of this Colony, is responsible for the order for carriages being given?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Minister or the Government to certify for the payment of the above account?

(5.) Is it usual for any of the officers under his control to be provided with vehicles at the public expense to convey them to the Governor's levees?

(6.) If so, will he be good enough to name them, as also their positions in the Service?

Mr.

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Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Secretary to the Attorney-General's Department that this has been the practice for the last fifteen years.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Attorney-General.

(4.) Yes, following the usual practice, but the Attorney-General informs me that he disapproves of the practice, and, if in office, intends to discontinue it.

(5.) No.

(6.) Answered by No. 5.

(4.) Cost of Stock Department for the Year 1894:—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the total cost of working the Stock Department for the year 1894?

(2.) What number of hands were employed in said Department, the nature of such employment, and the remuneration received by each employee?

(3.) Did the Chief Inspector of Stock receive travelling allowances when visiting Chicago and other places; and, if so, what was the amount of said allowances, and the fund from which it was paid?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

The information asked for will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way.

(5.) Duties of Forest Rangers:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What are the duties of the foresters, for which the sum of £6,093 is provided for on the Estimates laid upon the Table of the House?

(2.) What places are the foresters located at?

(3.) What are the districts each are supposed to have supervision over?

(4.) Will he ascertain whether the police in the different localities could do the duties these forest-rangers are supposed to do?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) The supervision of Crown lands for the purpose of suppressing illegal timber cutting, bark stripping, occupation, ringbarking, &c.; the collecting of license fees and royalty, and enforcing the proper fulfilment of timber and quarry regulations; reporting upon ringbarking applications upon forest reserves; recommending reservation of areas, embracing valuable timber, and reporting upon the proposed cancellation of unsuitable areas; collection of herbarium and timber specimens, and acting under general instructions from head office. In many districts the foresters are also inspectors under the Prickly Pear Destruction Act, and all foresters act as Crown Lands bailiffs.

(2.) Murwillumbah, Casino, Grafton, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Booral, West Maitland, Gosford, Picton, Milton, Bega, Glen Innes, Armidale, Gunnedah, Singleton, Grenfell, Tumut, Corowa, Narrandera, Condobolin, Dubbo, Narrabri, Deniliquin, Moama.

(3.) An area of from 50 to 70 square miles.

(4.) Inquiry has been made in this matter, and while there is no doubt that the police if appointed acting foresters would be of great assistance in preventing illegal timber cutting, it is not thought that they could undertake the complete duties of foresters, excepting in a few out-lying districts where no royalty is collected and timber is only cut for purely local requirements.

(6.) Application to mine for Coal at Robertson Point, Cremorne:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) When does he expect to have the report of Warden Wilshire submitted to him on the question of the application of Mr. T. S. Huntley for the right to mine for coal at Robertson Point, Cremorne?

(2.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House a copy of this report on receipt of same?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Report received on the 3rd instant.

(2.) Yes, if moved for in the ordinary way.

(7.) Contract for Weir at Warren:—Mr. James Morgan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has a clause been inserted in the contract for the weir at Warren, preventing sub-letting or fixing a minimum wage?

(2.) If it is a fact, as reported, that men are being employed at 18s. per week, will he take steps to enforce conditions of contract?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) There is a clause in this contract forbidding sub-letting without the sanction of the Minister.

(2.) The contractor states that he is paying 7s. per day to workmen.

(8.) Artesian Bores:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have any contracts been let recently for artesian bores without calling for tenders first?

(2.) If so, how many contracts have been so let, and who are the contractors?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) No contract has been let since November last.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

(9.) Students at the Technical College:—Mr. Bavister asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What have been the numbers on the roll and the average attendance of students at the Technical College during the term just closed at the following classes:—Architecture, sanitary engineering, plumbing, masonry and carving, boilermaking, moulding, bricklaying?

(2.) The salary paid to the instructor in each case?

Mr.

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Mr. Garrard answered,—The information asked for is subjoined:—

Class.	Number on Roll.	Daily Average.	Salary paid.
Architecture ... ..	27	13·4	£ 245
Sanitary Engineering ... ..	21	13·5	245
Plumbing ... ..	74	29·6	180
Masonry and Carving ... ..	9	5·3	42*
Boilermaking... ..	17	10·4	42
Moulding ... ..	10	7·5	84
Bricklaying ... ..	12	6	42*

\* Class closed.

- (10.) Supply of Machinery, Tools, &c., to Hawkesbury Agricultural College:—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Mines,—The names of the persons or firms supplying machinery, tools, appliances, and materials to the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, and the amount supplied by each person or firm during the period since 1st May, 1894?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Jas. Martin & Co., £131 0s. 6d.; Hordern & Sons, £9 17s.; F. Lassetter & Co., £172 16s. 3d.; Hudson Bros., £131 1s. 11d.; Holdsworth, MacPherson, & Co., £175 9s. 1d.; Elliott Bros., £2 9s. 7d.; W. Cary and Sons, £69 1s. 8d.; Goodlet and Smith, £34 12s. 6d.; Lysaght Bros., £60 5s. 1d.; Macintosh and Sons, £81 8s. 2d.; Chapman & Co., £2 6s. 2d.; Marshall & Co., £165; Vahren-Kamp and Bridgefoot, £8 15s.; Tulloch & Co., £1 1s.; J. and C. Howard, £13 0s. 6d.; Hordern Bros, £1 8s. 1d.; Hebblewhite & Co., £1 18s. 6d.; Pearson & Co., London account, £1 9s.; Agent-General's account, in London, £4 15s. 6d.; Melbourne Chilled Butter Company, £5 7s.; J. Keep and Sons, £69 12s. 4d.

- (11.) Supply of Clothing to Railway Employees:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the employees on our railway lines have lately been supplied with their annual suit of blue serge?
- (2.) Is the clothing so supplied so light and flimsy that the employees have been compelled to purchase underclothing to protect themselves against cold weather?
- (3.) In cold inland districts, such as Orange, Goulburn, &c., will he see that in future such clothing is supplied of a more durable, warmer, and better quality?
- (4.) What is the actual weight of the serge suits of clothing, viz., vest, coat, and trousers, so supplied to such employees, and what is the tender price of supplying the same?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the employees are supplied by the Department with two suits annually without cost, and one has lately been issued.
- (2, 3, and 4.) The clothing weighs about 4 lb., and the same class of uniform has been supplied for years past. The question of a heavier material for under wear will be inquired into prior to the next clothing supply.

- (12.) Newcastle Harbour Improvement Works:—Mr. McLean, for Mr. Dick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does the Government intend to go on with the Newcastle Harbour improvement works, as recommended by the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Young answered,—So soon as the financial matters have been disposed of.

- (13.) Amendment of the City of Sydney Improvement Act:—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill this Session to amend the City of Sydney Improvement Act, with a view to enable the Improvement Board to be more effective and useful?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The importance of this subject has not escaped the notice of the Government, but there has been some conflict for a considerable time past between the City of Sydney Improvement Board and the Sydney Municipal Council. I have been in conference with the Mayor in reference to the matter, and I have no doubt that in a short time we shall be in a position to deal with it.

#### 4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return respecting dismissal of maintenance man, Daniel Sweeney.  
Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Revised Code of Regulations for the Postal and Electric Telegraph Department.

#### 5. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—(Formal Motion):—

- (1.) Mr. Bruncker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare and enact that certain contracts and agreements shall be, and be deemed to have been, excepted from the provisions of sections 33 and 38 of the "Municipalities Act of 1867," and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Bruncker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare and enact that certain contracts and agreements shall be, and be deemed to have been, excepted from the provisions of sections 33 and 38 of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' and for other purposes.*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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6. COPE'S CREEK PREFERENTIAL OCCUPATION LICENSE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, plans, minutes, reports, and other documents relating to the reinstatement of Cope's Creek Preferential Occupation License and Owen McCosker's applications for annual leases of part of the land formerly held under such preferential occupation license.  
Question put and passed.
7. VESSELS CARRYING COAL TO PORTS BEYOND AUSTRALIA OR NEW ZEALAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Joseph Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return of vessels, coal-laden or mainly coal-laden, which have sailed from Newcastle, N.S.W., or Sydney, for ports beyond Australia or New Zealand, between 1st May, 1880, and 1st May, 1895, and which have been reported missing, wrecked, or otherwise lost, or on fire, or put into or returned to port in distress; together with a return of the approximate number of lives known or concluded to have been lost in consequence.  
Question put and passed.
8. APPLICATIONS TO MINE FOR COAL UNDER OR ADJOINING SYDNEY HARBOUR (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Molesworth moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) All applications made to the Department of Mines during the last twelve years for leases, authorities, or permits to mine for coal under or adjoining Sydney Harbour, stating in each case,—
    - (a) The date of application.
    - (b) The name of applicant.
    - (c) The area applied for.
    - (d) Whether granted or refused.
    - (e) If granted, the date of lease or other authority.
    - (f) The amount of rents or royalties reserved to the Crown.
    - (g) The amount of rent or royalty paid to date.
    - (h) The amounts of rents and royalties in arrears.
    - (i) Whether any remissions of rents have been applied for.
    - (j) What amounts of rent and royalty have been remitted.
  - (2.) Whether the leases or authorities to mine contain any conditions other than the usual ones, as set forth in the Schedules of the Mining Act.
  - (3.) The extent and conditions upon which assistance or concessions have been granted in putting down diamond-drill bores to prove the coal at Cremorne.
  - (4.) The same information, as in resolution No. 1, regarding the coal under or adjoining Port Hacking.
  - (5.) The same information, as in resolution No. 1, regarding the coal now held by the Metropolitan Coal Company.
  - (6.) Any remission of rent made to any other existing colliery company, or of the charge for bores; to what companies, and to what extent.
- Question put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Masters and Servants Bill postponed until Friday, 16th August.
10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE, 1895, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported a Point of Order from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House had been given thereon.

*Point of Order*:—The Chairman stated that a resolution was under the consideration of the Committee relating to Customs Duties, in which Sir George Dibbs moved an amendment, and after such amendment was in possession of the Committee a motion was moved, "That the 'Question be now put'; that Question being resolved in the affirmative, the Chairman put the amendment, which was, on division, negatived. Mr. O'Sullivan thereupon attempted to address the Chair, but he, the Chairman, decided that the closure applied as well to the original motion as to the amendment. This decision being dissented from, the Committee directed him to report the Point of Order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker, quoting a precedent from the Votes and Proceedings of 24th June, 1887, a.m., said it appeared on that occasion that there were two questions before the House—the original question for the third reading of the Customs Duties Bill and an amendment thereon; a debate having ensued, the closure was moved, and carried, and the amendment negatived; an attempt was then made to continue the debate on the original motion for the third reading of the Bill, when Mr. Speaker Young ruled that the Debate was closed, as the closure applied to every Question then before the House. He agreed with that ruling, and said that on the point now submitted, if he ruled that the Chairman were wrong, he should practically deprive the Committee of the power to close the Debate upon the original Question. The resolution and an amendment were before the Committee, and if the main Question were not to be put immediately after the amendment was disposed of the closure would not be effective, as every line of the original resolution would be subject to discussion. Mr. Speaker then quoted from *May*, 10th edition, page 218, and ruled that the decision of the Chairman was in accordance with the practice of the House of Commons and of this House.

Mr.



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Mr. Reid moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Committee resume.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Brunker,  
Mr. Black,  
Mr. Garrard,  
Mr. Gould,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Storey,  
Mr. Reid,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Sydney Smith,  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Wilks,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Robert Jones,  
Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. McLean,  
Dr. Graham,  
Mr. Millard,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Cameron,  
Mr. Carruthers,  
Mr. Lees,  
Mr. Fowler,  
Mr. Knox,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Russell Jones,  
Mr. Molesworth,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Ashton,

Mr. Stephen,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Hawthorne,  
Mr. Whiddon,  
Mr. William Morgan,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Henry Chapman,  
Mr. Newman,  
Mr. Ravister,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Griffith,  
Mr. Joseph Abbott,  
Mr. Collins,  
Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. E. M. Clark,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Shipway.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Reilly,  
Dr. Hollis.

Dr. Ross,  
Mr. Levien,  
Mr. Sec,  
Sir George Dibbs,  
Mr. Wright,  
Mr. Rose,  
Mr. Wall,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Chanter,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Rawlinson,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Hogan,  
Mr. James Morgan,  
Mr. FitzGerald,  
Mr. Travers Jones,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Mr. Stevenson,  
Mr. Willis,  
Mr. Alexander Campbell,  
Mr. Hassall,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. Mackay,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Lyne,

Mr. F. Clarke,  
Mr. Pyers,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Austin Chapman,  
Mr. Carroll.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Schey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported another Point of Order from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision thereon by the House.

*Point of Order*:—The Chairman stated that the resolution for imposing a Land Tax being before the Committee, an amendment was moved to reduce the amount of the tax, and the Chairman ruled that the main Question could not be discussed until the amendment had been disposed of. Exception being taken to the ruling, the Committee referred it to the House. Mr. Speaker said it would be found very inconvenient in practice to separate the amendment for discussion in certain cases. He could not agree with the Chairman's ruling.

On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Mr. Molesworth* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

*Mr. Molesworth* also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, that the reception of the resolutions stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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

(1.) Customs Duties Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 60.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties, and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 5th June, 1895.*

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

(2.) Land Tax Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 61.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for imposing a Tax on Land.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 5th June, 1895.*

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

(3.) Income Tax Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 62.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for imposing a Tax on Incomes.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 5th June, 1895.*

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

4th June, 1895.

12. EMU GRAVEL AND ROAD-METAL COMPANY'S TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the construction, maintenance, and control by the Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company (Limited) of a tramway from the property known as the Prospect Quarries, to the Toongabbie Railway Station, and connecting with the Great Western Railway, and to carry passengers and goods thereon,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th June, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Nine o'clock p.m., until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 6 JUNE, 1895.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, and read to the House a letter from him on the subject.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Costs incurred in Supreme Court Action *re* Payment of Members Act :—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has any application been made for payment by the Government of the costs incurred in the recent Supreme Court action *re* Payment of Members?

Mr. Reid answered,—No such application has been made.

(2.) Bridges over Calf and Whymoul Creeks :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the construction of bridges over the Calf and Whymoul Creeks, on road leading from Moulamein to Koondrook?

Mr. Young answered,—Tenders will be invited within a week for the bridge over Calf Creek, and probably in a month for the bridge over Whymoul Creek.

(3.) Bridge over Murray River at Swan Hill :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) Have any tenders been received for the construction of a bridge over the river Murray at Swan Hill?

(2.) If so, will he state when a tender will be accepted, and give the name of the successful tenderer or tenderers?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The tender of Messrs. J. B. and W. Farquharson has this day been accepted.

(4.) Notification of Surrenders and Exchanges of Land in Pastoral Holdings :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to his answer to Question No. 9, 30th May, will he, seeing that it is now a matter of general complaint that proposals for surrender and exchange of land under the 46th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 are dealt with by Local Land Boards before the general public are aware of the proposals, cause a notification to be made through the local newspapers circulating in the district, giving particulars of all such proposals at least one month before the said proposals are to be inquired into by the Local Land Boards, in order that the public may have an opportunity of giving evidence and properly representing the requirements of the district?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—My honorable colleague is not aware that any general complaints have been made; but for the future due publicity will be given in these cases in the *Gazette* and a local newspaper, as provided by the 47th clause of the Act of 1895, to which the Honorable Member's attention was invited in my reply to his question of the 30th ultimo.

(5.) Excise Duty on Tobacco :—Mr. Griffith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, in remodelling the finances of the Colony, take into consideration the advisability of removing the excise duty on locally manufactured tobacco?

Mr. Reid answered,—This matter does not form part of the financial proposals of the Government.

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(6.) Compensation to Owners of Land fronting Crow's Nest Road:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When will a decision be arrived at by the Registrar-General's Department as to the payment of compensation to owners of land fronting Crow's Nest Road for portions of their allotments taken from them owing to certain alignments made by the Lands Department in 1890?

(2.) Has an opinion been obtained by the Lands Department, and forwarded to the Registrar-General on this subject?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Action is now being taken by the Registrar-General's Department and Lands Department with a view to the settlement of the matter.

(7.) Persons travelling by Military Guard Boat from Chowder Bay to Sydney:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was it a custom to allow persons (other than those connected with the military) living at Chowder Bay to travel to and from Sydney by the military guard-boat?

(2.) Has that privilege been lately discontinued, and why?

(3.) Are members of the Military Force, their wives, and families allowed to travel by this boat?

(4.) In view of the fact that this is the only convenient means of transit available to the residents of Chowder Bay, will he extend to the few general taxpayers of the country living there the same privileges as are enjoyed by the military and their wives and families?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Under exceptional circumstances, and during previous contracts, civilians have occasionally been permitted to travel by the military guard-boat.

(2.) Yes. Irregularities and complaints in connection with residents near Chowder have made it necessary to withdraw any privilege connected with the use of the guard-boat.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The present contract does not include civilians, and the Major-General Commanding does not recommend any further concession on this head.

(8.) Trams on the North Shore Cable Line:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the question of frequent and inconvenient overcrowding of trams on the North Shore cable line, owing to insufficient car accommodation, been brought under the notice of the Railway Commissioners?

(2.) Will they cause inquiries to be made into this matter, with a view to meet the convenience and comfort of the present and daily increasing traffic on this line?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) I am informed that representations have been made that the tram-cars on the North Shore Cable Line have been overcrowded.

(2.) The matter has had the attention of the Railway Commissioners.

(9.) Double-headed Rails:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of double-headed rails, almost as good as new, are now being sold by the railway Commissioners for exportation abroad?

(2.) Will not these rails have to be replaced by others?

(3.) If they are still serviceable, why should these rails be sold, and fresh ones bought to replace them at a time when retrenchment should prevail in all departments?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed it is not a fact that a number of double-headed rails, almost as good as new, are being sold as represented. A number of old rails, the accumulation of years, and quite unfit for use on the main lines, are being disposed of to advantage.

(10.) Bridge over the Little River at Balderodgery:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any tender yet been accepted for the erection of a bridge over the Little River at Balderodgery?

Mr. Young answered,—No; but tenders will shortly be invited.

(11.) Officers in the Public Works Department:—Mr. Piddington asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, when the Estimates of his Department are being considered, a return giving,—

(1.) The names of all officers retrenched recently?

(2.) The names of all officers to whom an increase of salary (*a*) has been given, (*b*) or to whom it is intended to give an increase?

(3.) The same as to those officers whose salaries have been or are to be reduced?

Mr. Young answered,—Yes.

(12.) Bayview Asylum Commission:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Cameron, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will he, according to his promise made some time ago, lay upon the Table the evidence (omitting names) as taken before the Bayview Asylum Commission?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The alteration in the names in connection with this matter is being made, and I hope in a few days to be able to lay the Report upon the Table of the House.

(13.) Plans of Railway Line from Tamworth to Barraba:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the plans, &c., of survey of the railway line from Tamworth, *via* Manilla, to Barraba, been completed yet?

Mr. Young answered,—The field-work has been completed.

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3. AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

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

*Message No. 63.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the appropriation and application of public moneys to public purposes; to amend the Audit Act; and for other purposes.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 6th June, 1895.*

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

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

- (1.) Width of Tires Bill:—

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

*Message No. 64.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the width of the tires of stage carriages and vehicles constructed to carry loads, and the weight of loads to be carried on the said vehicles; to provide for painting on the said vehicles the names and residences or places of business of the owners, and the weight of the vehicles; and for purposes incidental thereto.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 30th May, 1895.*

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

- (2.) Newcastle Harbour Improvements Bill:—

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

*Message No. 65.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle, and for other purposes.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 5th June, 1895.*

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

5. PAPERS:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. John, county of Cumberland, for the erection of metallurgical works at Newington.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Bango, county of King, for a public watering place at Bango Creek.
- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Mukudjeroo and Mucruss, county of Irrara, for the deviation of the road from Bourke to Hungerford, at Yantabulla.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Brunker moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled a Bill to declare and enact that certain contracts and agreements shall be and be deemed to have been excepted from the provisions of sections 33 and 38 of the "Municipalities Act of 1867," and for other purposes, through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

7. TOTALISATOR BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to more effectually cope with the practice of gaming, and legalise an instrument known as the totalisator on racecourses, subject to certain restrictions and regulations.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Willis then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to more effectually cope with the practice of gaming, and legalise an instrument known as the totalisator on racecourses, subject to certain restrictions and regulations,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 16th August.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until Friday, 21st June:—

- (1.) Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
- (2.) Attorneys Admission Bill; second reading.

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9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "to call attention to the action of the Government in authorising the revival of and application of an instrument of torture known as the gag."

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

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

Debate ensued.

*Mr. Speaker entered the House and took the Chair.*

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

10. HAY IRRIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 66.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Schedule to the Hay Irrigation Act,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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*Sydney, 6th June, 1895.*

11. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 28th May, 1895, in reference to the Medical Practitioners' Bill:—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 1, which omits the words "to be proved to the satisfaction of the New South Wales Medical Board, or a quorum thereof,"—(1) because the questions involved cannot be so conveniently or satisfactorily determined by the tribunal charged with the hearing of cases under this Act as by the Medical Board which has been by law constituted for the purpose of investigating and deciding such questions. (2) Because the words, the retention of which is insisted upon, afford to a person accused under the earlier portion of this clause who is not registered, but entitled to be so, an easy and effectual method of establishing his defence.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 2,—because experience and the evidence before the Select Committees on this subject have shown that the absence of such a provision has been the fruitful source of much deception and injury to poor and suffering persons.

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*

*Sydney, 5th June, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Tuesday next.

12. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of certain resolutions from the Committee of Ways and Means,—

The Chairman of Committees moved, That the resolutions be now received.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. McGowen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Fogan.
Mr. Edden,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Carroll,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. See,	
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. James Morgan,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. H. H. Brown.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The resolutions were then read a first time as follows:—

(7.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty there shall be charged, collected, and paid from and after the 1st July next, upon the several articles, goods, wares, and merchandise imported into the Colony, enumerated in Schedule A hereto attached (including those in Bond), the duties of Customs specified against each respectively, in lieu of all duties heretofore

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heretofore chargeable thereon. And the duties upon all goods mentioned in schedule A. of the Customs Duties Act of 1892, which are not mentioned in the Schedule to this Resolution, and upon all goods which are by the said Act subject to ad valorem duties, shall continue to be levied, and collected as under the said Act until the 30th June, 1895, and no longer, except in the case of barley, beans, maize, oats, peas, wheat, flour, bran, pollard, sharps, hay, chaff, straw, potatoes, and onions, the respective duties upon which shall continue to be levied and collected until the 30th September, 1895, and no longer, and except in the case of butter (which shall, however, be collected at the rate of one penny per pound instead of twopence), cement, plaster, and hydraulic lime, cheese, bacon, and ham, chicory, dandelion and taraxicum, roasted, ground, or mixed with any other article, chocolate plain or mixed with any other article, chocolate creams, cornflour and maizena, cocoa prepared, paste, or mixed with any other article, coffee roasted, ground, or mixed with any other article, fish dried, frozen, or salt, iron galvanised, in bars, sheet, or corrugated, galvanised wire-netting, milk condensed or preserved, sporting powder, blasting powder, dynamite, and lithofracteur, shot, rice, salt, timber dressed and undressed, doors, sashes, and shutters, the respective duties on which shall be levied and collected as under the said Act until the 30th day of June, 1896, and no longer.

## SCHEDULE A.

*Permanent Tariff.*

Spirits—On all kinds of spirits and spirituous compounds imported, and not otherwise enumerated	per proof gallon	s.	d.
No allowance beyond 16·5 shall be made for the underproof of any spirit of a less strength than 16·5 underproof.		14	0
Case Spirits—Contents of two, three, four, or five gallons shall be charged—			
Two gallons and under as two gallons.			
Over two gallons and not exceeding three as three gallons.			
Over three gallons and not exceeding four as four gallons.			
Over four gallons and not exceeding five as five gallons.			
Bitters, essences, fluid extracts, sarsaparilla, tinctures, medicines, infusions, and toilet preparations containing—			
Not more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	3	6
Not more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	7	0
Not more than 75 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	10	6
If containing more than 75 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	14	0
If containing spirit overproof to be charged as spirituous compounds	per proof gallon	14	0
Methylated Spirit	per gallon	0	1
Perfumed spirits, perfumed waters, Florida water, and bay rum	per liquid gallon	20	0
Wines—Sparkling—For six reputed quarts, or twelve reputed pints		10	0
Other kinds	per gallon	5	0
Other kinds—For six reputed quarts, or twelve reputed pints		5	0
Beer, ale, porter, spruce, or other beer, cider, and perry—			
In wood or jar	per gallon	0	6
In bottle	per gallon	0	9
For six reputed quarts, or twelve reputed pints	per gallon	0	9
Tobacco—Delivered from ship's side or from a Customs Bond for home consumption—manufactured, unmanufactured, and snuff	per lb.	3	0
Unmanufactured, entered to be manufactured in the Colony. At the time of removal from a Customs Bond or from an importing ship to any licensed tobacco manufactory for manufacturing purposes only into tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes	per lb.	1	0
Sheepwash	per lb.	0	3
Cigars and Cigarettes (including wrappers in latter case)	per lb.	6	0
Opium and any preparation thereof	per lb.	20	0

*Diminishing Duties.*

Candles per lb., or reputed package of that weight, and so in proportion for any such reputed weight, night lights, and stearine:—

From 1st July, 1895	per lb.	s.	d.
From 1st July, 1897	per lb.	0	1
From 1st July, 1899	.....	0	0½
Oil, Kerosene, naphtha, and gasoline	per gallon	Free.	
From 1st July, 1896	per gallon	0	6
From 1st July, 1897	.....	0	3
Oils, except linseed oil (raw or boiled), fish and seal oils, black whale, cocoanut, sperm, palm, and essential oils	per gallon	Free.	
From 1st July, 1896	per gallon	0	6
From 1st July, 1897	.....	0	3
	.....	Free.	
		Sugar—	

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Sugar—Refined.	Sugar—Raw, and Solid Glucose.	Molasses and Treacle—Glucose, Liquid and Syrup.	
per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.	
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
6 8	5 0	3 4	From 1st July, 1895.
5 4	4 0	2 8	From 1st July, 1897.
4 0	3 0	2 0	From 1st July, 1898.
2 8	2 0	1 4	From 1st July, 1899.
1 4	1 0	0 8	From 1st July, 1900.
Free.	Free.	Free.	From 1st July, 1901.

Biscuits ... ..	per lb.	s. d.
From 1st July, 1898	per lb.	0 1
From 1st July, 1900	.....	0 0½
		Free.
Confectionery (including cakes, comfits, liquorice, liquorice paste, lozenges of all kinds, cocoanut in sugar, sugar-candy, succades, and sweetmeats) ... ..	per lb.	0 2
From 1st July, 1898	per lb.	0 1
From 1st July, 1900	.....	Free.
Fruits—Dried, candied and prunes (exclusive of dates) ... ..	per lb.	0 2
From 1st July, 1898	per lb.	0 1
From 1st July, 1900	.....	Free.
Jams and Jellies—per lb. or reputed package of that weight, and so in proportion for any such reputed weight ... ..	per lb.	0 1
From 1st July, 1898	per lb.	0 0½
From 1st July, 1900	.....	Free.
Preserves and canned fruits, fruits boiled, peel drained or dry ... ..	per lb.	0 1
From 1st July, 1898	per lb.	0 0½
From 1st July, 1900	.....	Free.

(8.) *Resolved*.—That in aid of the Revenue of the Colony, and to provide for the annual supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, levied, and paid for every year commencing from the first day of July, 1895, upon and in respect of all lands within the Colony held in private ownership, including mortgages and other interests in such lands (with such exemptions, exceptions, deductions, adjustments, conditions, and qualifications as are prescribed in the Assessment Act of 1895), a tax of one penny for every pound sterling of the unimproved value of all individual holdings, and to impose an additional tax of twenty pounds for every hundred pounds of the land tax in the case of absentees.

(9.) *Resolved*.—That in aid of the Revenue of the Colony and to provide for the annual supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, levied, and paid for every year commencing from the first day of July, 1895, upon and in respect of the annual income derived by or accruing to any person from any profession, trade, employment, or vocation, followed or carried on in New South Wales, or from any salary or allowance from any office or employment of profit in the Public Service of New South Wales, or from any pension or allowance payable from the Consolidated Revenue or the Civil Service Superannuation Account, or any other public account, and upon and in respect of income from pastoral lands of the Crown held under lease or license issued by or on behalf of the Crown, or arising or accruing to any person, wheresoever residing, from any kind of property (not being lands, mortgages, or other interests in land held in New South Wales and subject to the payment of land tax), or from any other source of income whatsoever in New South Wales not previously specified (with such exemptions, exceptions, qualifications, adjustments, and deductions as are prescribed in the Assessment Act of 1895) for every twenty shillings of the annual value or amount thereof, a tax of (6d.) sixpence.

Mr. Reid then moved, That the resolutions be now read a second time.

And Sir George Dibbs requiring that the said resolutions be proposed *seriatim*—

(1.) *Customs Duties*:—Question proposed,—That the resolution (No. 7), relating to Customs Duties, be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That the resolution (No. 7), be now read a second time.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 42.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. See,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Russell Jones,	Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Cook,	Dr. Graham,	Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Austin Chapman,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Gillics,	Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. James Morgan,	
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Perry,	
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Crick,	
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Collins.	Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Smailes,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Stephen,		Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Mackay,	
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Shipway.	Mr. Gormly,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second time and, on motion of Mr. Brunker, agreed to.

(2.) *Land Tax* :—Question proposed, That the resolution (No. 8), relating to Land Tax, be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put, That the resolution (No. 8) be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. See,	
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Russell Jones,	Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Cook,	Dr. Graham,	Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Gillics,	Mr. James Morgan,	
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Schey,	Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Crick,	
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Black.	Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Stephen,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Mackay.	
Mr. Henry Chapman,		<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Molesworth.	Mr. O'Sullivan.	
Mr. Watkins,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second time and, on motion of Mr. Brunker, agreed to.

(3.) *Income Tax* :—Question proposed, That the resolution (No. 9) relating to Income Tax, be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put, That the resolution (No. 9) be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. See,	
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wisc,	Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Gillics,	Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Newman,	Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Mackay,	
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. F. Clarke,	
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dick.	Mr. Bavister.	
Mr. William Morgan,	<i>Tellers,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. McLean,		Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Gardiner.	
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Cann.		
Mr. Sleath,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second time and, on motion of Mr. Brunker, agreed to.

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## 13. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, That a Bill be brought in founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 7), for the establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid.
- (2.) Mr. Brunker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid.*"

Whereupon Mr. Brunker moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Knox,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Bavister.
Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. Edden,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Russell Jones.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. See,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. H. H. Brown.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Perry.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

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

## 14. LAND TAX BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, That a Bill be brought in founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 8) to impose a Tax in respect of Land, of Mortgages on Land, and of Leasehold, and other interests therein.
- (2.) Mr. Brunker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to impose a Tax in respect of Land, of Mortgages on Land, and of Leasehold, and other interests therein.*"

Whereupon Mr. Brunker moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Knox,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Gardiner,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Schey.
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Black,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Joseph Abbott.

Noes, 17.

Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. See,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Stevenson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. H. H. Brown.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

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

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6th June, 1895.

## 15. INCOME TAX BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, That a Bill be brought in founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 9), to impose a Tax on Incomes.
- (2.) Mr. Brunker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to impose a Tax on Incomes*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

## 16. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

- (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Brunker, *passed*.

Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare and enact that certain contracts and agreements shall be and be deemed to have been excepted from the provisions of sections 33 and 38 of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare and enact that certain contracts and agreements shall be and be deemed to have been excepted from the provisions of sections 33 and 38 of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 6th June, 1895.*

- (3.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to declare and enact that certain contracts and agreements shall be and be deemed to have been excepted from the provisions of sections 33 and 38 of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,**Sydney, 6th June, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

## MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).

*Schedule of the Amendments, referred to in Message of 6th June, 1895.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 15. *After "out" insert "by the Council"*  
 Page 2, clause 1, lines 6 and 7. *Omit "or hereafter to be granted"*  
 Page 2, clause 1, lines 8 and 9. *Omit "or (f) in respect of advertising"*  
 Page 2, clause 1, line 13. *After "forfeited" insert "under"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

- (4.) Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare and enact that certain contracts and agreements shall be and be deemed to have been excepted from the provisions of sections 33 and 38 of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' and for other purposes.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 6th June, 1895.*

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17. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruncker (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Rawlinson,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. Newman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Russell Jones.
Mr. Frank Farnell,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Miller.  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Fegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cook, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McCourt, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Miller, Mr. Schey, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Young,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 11 JUNE, 1895.

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

**ELECTORATE OF CANTERBURY:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 4th instant, declaring the seat of Varney Parkes, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Parkes, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Varney Parkes, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury.

2. **MEMBER SWORN:**—Varney Parkes, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury.

3. **QUESTIONS:**—

- (1.) **Blue-stone Quarry at Prospect:**—Mr. Griffith asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is the blue-stone quarry at Prospect the property of the State?
- (2.) Has it been leased to the Emu Gravel Company?
- (3.) If so, at what rental, and for what term?
- (4.) Is not this the most conveniently situated blue-metal quarry available for metalling the Western Road and railway line?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

- (1.) Yes, and is held by the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage on behalf of Her Majesty.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) £300 per annum and 6d. per ton royalty on any quantity of stone removed over and above 12,000 tons per annum, the Company to expend £10,000 or such lesser sum as may be found necessary to open up the quarry and construct a tramway. Period of lease, twenty years, with option of renewal for ten years further.
- (4.) Yes.

- (2.) **The Unemployed:**—Mr. Griffith asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to provide shelter during the coming winter for the workless workmen of Sydney?

*Mr. Garrard* answered,—Arrangements have already been made for providing shelter during the winter months.

- (3.) **Postal Regulations:**—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. H. H. Brown, asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he take into consideration the necessity for altering the Postal Regulations, with a view, as a matter of public convenience, to opening country post-offices at 8 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—I am of opinion that the existing hours of attendance—namely, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the provision for delivering letters up to 8 p.m. in the event of mails arriving after 6 p.m.—sufficiently meet all reasonable requirements.

- (4.) **Retention of Ladies in Postal Department after Marriage:**—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a regulation of the Postal Department that ladies employed in the Service must, on marrying, forfeit their position?
- (2.) Does he approve of this regulation?

(3.)

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- (3.) Have there been any cases in the Department where ladies marrying have been removed from the Service?
- (4.) Are there any cases in the Department where ladies have married, and still continue in the Service?
- (5.) If so, and in view of the large number of male applicants with wives and families seeking employment, will he cause inquiry to be made with a view to enforcing the regulation equitably in all cases?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) The following regulation was introduced on the 1st June, 1892:—"No married female shall be eligible for appointment to the charge of an official post or telegraph office in connection with which quarters are provided by the Department; and should any female now holding such a position marry, she shall immediately forfeit her appointment."

(2.) There appear to be good reasons for it.

(3.) Only one case has come under this regulation, which only operated in regard to married females appointed subsequent to 1st June, 1892, and to females then in the Service marrying after that date. The case referred to is that of a former postmistress at Summer Hill, who, on marrying, forfeited her appointment as postmistress, her husband being appointed in her stead, and she being allowed a small salary as assistant.

(4.) None, so far as the Department is aware, except the one just mentioned. The regulation, it may be observed, applies only to official offices, *i.e.*, those to which a salary of £100 a year is attached.

(5.) As will be seen from the foregoing, the regulation on this subject is enforced equitably.

- (5.) Tramway Extension to the Willoughby District:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the growing demand for an extension of tramway communication with the Willoughby district, will he take steps to ascertain the present and probable traffic to warrant such extension?

Mr. Young answered,—As I have already informed the Honorable Member, this proposal will be considered, with others of a similar character, when the question of railway and tramway extension is before the Cabinet. I cannot give any further promise at the present time.

- (6.) Expenditure on Unemployed in Sydney and in Country Districts:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) The amount of money and rations that have been expended during the last six months on the unemployed in Sydney and suburbs?

(2.) The same information with regard to the unemployed in country districts?

(3.) The number of unemployed hands in each district respectively, *viz.*, town and country, during the same period?

(4.) Has any provision been made for supplying work or rations to the unemployed in country districts; if so, to whom has application to be made?

Mr. Garrard answered.—

(1.) £6,392 13s. 9d.

(2.) The sum of £151 7s. 9d. has been granted.

(3.) At present there are no reliable data from which the information could be furnished.

(4.) Yes. Application should be made to the Minister for Labour.

- (7.) Issue of Free Passes to Bourke:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Sleath, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of free passes issued to Bourke from all parts of the Colony?

(2.) Have passes been issued to Bourke from Cootamundra since the contract for the weir has been let?

(3.) Will he, seeing the large amount of local labour available, give instructions that no more passes to Bourke be issued?

(4.) Will he make arrangements that the local workers who have been displaced by the free-pass arrivals shall be provided with free passes to go elsewhere in search of employment?

(5.) Have any free passes from Bourke been issued; and, if so, how many?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) During the present year 187 have been issued. This includes passes to Wilcannia, Paroo Road, Brewarrina, Walgett, Hungerford, Cunnamulla, &c.

(2.) No.

(3.) Inquiries will be made, and the matter shall receive very careful consideration.

(4.) Passes from Bourke and other towns are issued upon satisfactory proof being produced as to the *bona-fide* nature of the application.

(5.) Yes; but I am unable to say how many. Very few passes from Bourke have been applied for, but all applications made were granted. In some cases, however, the passes issued were not used.

- (8.) Order for Attachment of Salary made by Bankruptcy Court:—Mr. Bavister asked the Minister of Justice,—In how many cases during the last three years has an order for attachment of salary been made in the Bankruptcy Court, where the salary at time of making such order did not exceed £200 per annum?

Mr. Gould answered,—The Registrar in Bankruptcy informs me that this has only been done in one instance, and in that case the bankrupt's total income from all sources had exceeded £200 per annum.

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(9.) Fees for Proposed Lecture on Electricity by Professor of Physics:—Mr. Schey asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to a statement in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 4th instant, to the effect that the Secretary of the Railway Institute had applied to the University for the Professor of Physics to deliver a course of advanced lectures on electricity, and that the reply was to the effect that the request could be complied with conditionally upon a minimum attendance of fifteen students, at a fee of £1 1s. each, for a course of ten lectures being guaranteed?
- (2.) Is there not an Instructor in Electrical Engineering at the Technical College?
- (3.) If so, (a) is he not competent to deliver such lectures as those referred to; (b) what fee would be charged at the Technical College to students attending a course of instruction?
- (4.) Does he approve of a charge of £1 1s. being made to working men for a course of ten lectures?
- (5.) Is the Professor in Physics at the University in receipt of any salary, fee, or other emolument from the Government?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) (a) Yes. (b) Eight shillings per term of fourteen weeks, for one lesson per week.
- (4.) This is an arrangement between the Railway Institute and the University authorities, and one over which I have no control.
- (5.) Beyond the salary and fees paid from the University Funds, I am not aware that the Professor of Physics receives any remuneration from the Government.

(10.) License-holder Ernest Walter Bell:—Mr. Piddington asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has he caused further inquiries to be made with reference to license-holder Ernest Walter Bell, whose case was referred to upon the adjournment of the House on the 28th May last?
- (2.) Has he been liberated; and, if so, has he been provided with means to return to Queensland?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Upon my recommendation, and for reasons apart from those urged on the motion for adjournment, authority was given for Bell's release on 4th instant, in respect of the sentence, which, for breach of the conditions of the license issued to him, he was returned to gaol to complete. Bell, however, has since been arrested on other charges, and I understand from the Police authorities that the offences alleged against him comprise forgery, embezzlement, and larceny, committed during the time he was at large on license, and shortly before he absconded from the Colony. Under the circumstances, nothing could be done in the way of assisting him to return to Queensland.

(11.) Unclaimed Balances in Sydney Banks:—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. Griffith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any action with regard to the large amount of money lying in the Sydney banks as unclaimed balances?

Mr. Reid answered,—So far as I am aware, there is not a very large sum unclaimed, although there is a popular impression to the contrary. When a Banking Bill is laid before Parliament, it will be found that the question of unpaid balances has been effectually dealt with.

(12.) Fees for Counsel assigned for Defence of Prisoners:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Newman, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to a statement in the *Australian Star* of the 3rd instant, to the effect that no fees were available for the retention of counsel assigned for the defence of prisoners arraigned on capital charges at the Central Criminal Court?
- (2.) If so, have steps been taken to set aside an amount to provide for such fees?
- (3.) If not, will he take the matter into his early consideration?

Mr. Gould answered,—My honorable colleague, the Attorney-General, within whose province the matter comes, has furnished me with the following information:—"I have not seen any such statement, but it is a fact that the moneys are not available, but solicitor and counsel were assigned, and the prisoners were carefully defended, the counsel employed leaving the matter of their remuneration until Parliament votes the money. A sum has been placed on the Estimates for the purpose of providing such fees."

(13.) Premises rented in connection with the Hospital for Sick Children, Glebe:—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) From what date have special premises been rented in connection with the Hospital for Sick Children, Glebe, for the treatment of children suffering from diphtheria?
- (2.) Has the rent for the said special premises been paid in part or wholly by the Government?
- (3.) Is he aware that when the Hospital for Sick Children was established at the Glebe it was with the distinct understanding, acknowledged in the earlier annual reports, that no cases of infectious or contagious disease should be admitted into that institution?
- (4.) How many cases of diphtheria have been treated in the institution in question since the establishment of the special ward for that disease?
- (5.) Have orders been given for the removal of some of the patients to another locality?
- (6.) Will he take steps to relieve the people of the Glebe, as early as possible, of the danger to their health, and the depreciation to property caused by their borough being made the receptacle of cases of diphtheria from other localities?

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

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4. **ROADS BILL**.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

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

*Message No. 67.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the opening, closing, and survey of roads; to make provision for the disposal of unnecessary roads and of lands resumed or withdrawn, but not required for roads, and of certain other lands; for the prevention of the obstruction and injury of roads; for the alignment and the alteration of the alignment of streets in municipalities; for granting leave to place public gates in certain cases; and for other matters of the like nature; and for that purpose to amend the Act 4 Wm. IV No. 11, the Public Gates Act of 1875, and the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 5th June, 1895.*

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

5. **CUSTOMS DUTIES**.—Mr. Barnes presented a Petition from John J. Miller, President, and Thomas Williams, Secretary, of the Cootamundra Farmers Union, submitting a resolution which was carried unanimously at a public meeting held in the Town Hall, Cootamundra, condemning the proposed repeal of the present Customs Duties, and stating that the effect of such repeal will be to crush out industries already established; and praying the House to give most careful consideration to this matter.  
Petition received.

6. **CO-OPERATIVE COLLIERY TRAMWAY BILL**.—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from the Honorable William George Laidley, of Sydney, Member of the Legislative Council, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the maintenance and use of a tramway which has been constructed from the Co-operative Mine, situate on the Wentworth Estate, in the parish of Hexham, county of Northumberland, in the Colony of New South Wales, to the screens above the Co-operative Railway-line, and which said tramway crosses various streets and ways in the Borough of Plattsburg; and to enable the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to divert the course of Kendrick-street, between Wentworth-street and Fletcher-street, and giving him compulsory powers to acquire lands forming the site of the said tramway. And Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Wallsend and Plattsburg Sun*, and the *Newcastle Morning Herald*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—  
Petition received.

7. **CUSTOMS DUTIES**.—Mr. Cook presented a Petition from certain inhabitants and workers of Hartley Vale, representing that they are in fear that it is in contemplation to do away with the duty which has hitherto been charged upon imported kerosene oil, which duty has enabled the people to gain a living by the production of that oil in the Colony, and to develop an industry which is a benefit to numerous other industries; and praying the House to decide that this duty shall be retained.  
Petition received.

8. **PAPERS**.—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Jedburgh, county of Roxburgh, for a public watering-place at Rankin's Bridge.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Marangaroo, county of Cook, for the Post and Telegraph office at Lithgow.
- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Wagstaff, county of Gordon, for the deviation of the road from Bolderogery to Peak Hill.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Crown Lands Acts.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Regulations relating to leases of water-races, drains, dams, or reservoirs for mining purposes.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of May, 1895.
- (2.) Schedule to the Estimates for 1895-6, showing the total remuneration received by all public officers who hold more than one office, or who received any fees, special allowance, quarters, fuel, or light, in addition to their fixed annual salaries, during the half-year ended 30th June, 1895.
- (3.) Report on Leprosy in New South Wales for the year 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return respecting diphtheria patients at the Hospital for Sick Children, Glebe.

9. **HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE WORKS**.—Mr. Dick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Works" have power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them from time to time to this House.  
Question put and passed.



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10. **ROADS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the opening, closing, and survey of roads; to make provision for the disposal of unnecessary roads and of lands resumed or withdrawn but not required for roads, and of certain other lands; for the prevention of the obstruction and injury of roads; for the alignment and the alteration of the alignment of streets in municipalities; for granting leave to place public gates in certain cases; and for other matters of the like nature; and for that purpose to amend the Act 4 Wm. IV No. 11; the Public Gates Act of 1875; and the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889.  
Question put and passed.
11. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** (*Harbour improvements at Newcastle*) [*Formal Motion*]:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that harbour improvements at Newcastle, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, with such of the modifications recommended by the said Committee as this House may hereafter determine.  
Question put and passed.
12. **ABATTOIR ROAD ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to revoke the dedication of part of certain lands set forth and described in the Schedule to the Abattoir Road Act of 1860, and to repeal the said Act in part.  
Question put and passed.
13. **WIDTH OF TIRES BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the width of the tire of stage carriages and vehicles constructed to carry loads, and the weight of the loads to be carried on the said vehicles; to provide for painting on the said vehicles the names and residences or places of business of the owners, and the weight of the vehicles; and for purposes incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
14. **RESIDENT ENGINEERS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Robert Jones moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
(1.) The names, positions appointed to, when entering Service, and length of service, of the recently-retrenched resident engineers from the Roads and Bridges and Sewerage Branch of the Works Department.  
(2.) The like information about the officers retained in the Service in above branches.  
Question put and passed.
15. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** (*Pymont Bridge*) [*Formal Motion*]:—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Minister for Public Works, Mr. Norman Selfe, and the Chief Commissioner for Roads, having reference to the evidence of Mr. Selfe and Mr. Hickson, and to an alleged misrepresentation said to be printed on page 284 of the report of the Standing Committee of Public Works on Pymont Bridge.  
Question put and passed.
16. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed:—  
(1.) Eight Hours Bill; third reading;—until Friday, 21st June.  
(2.) Licensing Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 5th July.
17. **CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Kidd moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Establishment of National Ammunition Works in Sydney:—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Hassall*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been drawn to an article which appeared in the *Sunday Times* with reference to the powder supply in New South Wales, and will he, in view of any possible trouble with a foreign power, consider the advisability of establishing national ammunition works in Sydney?

*Mr. Brunner* answered,—My attention has been drawn to the article. The question of considering the advisableness of establishing national ammunition works in Sydney is not one of very great importance at the present time, because I find on reference to documents in my office that a contract was entered into on the 11th October, 1893, for seven years with the ammunition factory in Victoria—*John Whitney*, manager. As this contract will not expire for five years, there can be no immediate necessity for the establishment of the works referred to.

- (2.) Application to mine for Coal at Robertson Point, Cremorne:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the nature of the report of Warden *Wilshire* on the application of *T. S. Huntley* to mine for coal at Robertson Point, Cremorne?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—The Warden's report is adverse to the applicants, and recommends that the application be either refused or held over pending result of alleged negotiations for a site on alienated land.

- (3.) Contracts let by the Works Department:—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Sleath*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have the same conditions been embodied in the contract let for constructing a weir on the Darling River, near Bourke, in regard to the contractor paying not less than a stipulated wage, as are provided for in contracts let by the Works Department?

(2.) If not, why not?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

(1.) No; but according to reports received the rates being paid are above the minimum specified by the Works Department for this class of work.

(2.) The conditions were omitted through an oversight, but sub-letting is prohibited except with the consent of the Minister.

- (4.) Stock Returns sent in by *Mr. Kiddle*, of Steain Plains Station:—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Sleath*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Lewis Kiddle*, of Steain Plains Station, Conargo, has for years sent in incorrect returns to the Stock Branch as to the number of stock on his run?

(2.) Does he intend to take any action in reference to this matter?

*Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—

(1.) Not that I am aware of.

(2.) A letter, signed *George Brown*, was received on 10th April last, stating that *Lewis Kiddle* had made false returns every year; but, on making inquiry, no such person as *George Brown* can be found, while a letter addressed to him has been returned unclaimed from Conargo, the post office from which his letter was dated.

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- (5.) Tenders for Repair of Roads in Country Districts:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that no tenders have yet been called for work to be done on the following roads in the Yass electorate, and for which money was granted months ago—(a) road, Murrumbateman to Yass River, *via* Armstrong's; (b) road from Yass to Wargalia; (c) road from Thompson's Crossing to Jerrawa; (d) road, Gunning to Gundaroo; (e) road, Bevandale to Main Goulburn to Burrawa Road?
  - (2.) What is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders?
  - (3.) How soon will tenders be called for these works?
- Mr. Young answered,—I am communicating with the local officer on the subject, and will furnish the Honorable Member with the necessary information as soon as I have the facts before me.
- (6.) Provisions of the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Was a Bill passed in July, 1887, to enable a private company to construct a tramway from North Sydney to Willoughby, and was it a provision of the Bill that the tramway should be completed in a workmanlike manner, and brought into use within three years?
  - (2.) Was an amendment to this Bill passed in September, 1890, extending the time of completion for a further term of three years, and was it provided that all the powers and privileges of this Act should cease if the work was not completed and in use at the time specified?
  - (3.) Has the work been completed and brought into use in terms of the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act, and, if not, has he any power to cancel the rights of the company under that Bill according to the intention of Parliament, or does he propose to take any steps with regard to the bridge and other works carried out by them?
  - (4.) Were any moneys ever paid to this company in respect to any work done by them, and resumed for Government purposes; if so, what amount?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes; with the exception that an extended term of five years was granted for the branch lines.
  - (3.) The work has not been completed in terms of the Act, but with regard to the rights of the Minister, I shall require more time than the Honorable Member has given me to look into the question, which, however, I will do as early as practicable, and communicate the result to the Honorable Member.
  - (4.) In June, 1891, the sum of £700 was paid to the North Sydney Investment and Tramway Company (Limited) in full payment of all demands for carrying out the arrangement entered into by the Minister for Public Works prior to the passing of the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending Act, 54 Victoria, for surrendering claim of right to construct a tramway between the present terminus of the North Shore tramway and Falcon-street, North Sydney, pursuant to which the Act was amended accordingly.
- (7.) Clothing Supplied to Railway Employees:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Can any reason be assigned for calling in the suits of serge clothing lately supplied to employees on the railway lines, or was the clothing too flimsy and unsuitable for the climate during winter?
  - (2.) What is the contractor's price for supplying suits of serge clothing to the railway employees, including platform-porters, guards, &c.; and the number of suits supplied annually?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Department to supply a warmer and more durable quality of clothing to employees during the winter months of the year, especially in cold districts?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—
- (1.) My honorable colleague is informed that certain serge clothing was withdrawn, as it was ascertained that some of the suits were of inferior quality.
  - (2.) Porters' and shunters' suits cost 17s., and guards' 20s. 6d. Two suits are supplied annually.
  - (3.) It is intended to consider this question prior to the next clothing contract being accepted.
- (8.) Interest on Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Perry, for Mr. James Morgan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that 10 per cent. interest is charged to selectors and others who have purchased land from the Crown, and desire a suspension of their payments?
  - (2.) If so, in view of the condition of many of these persons, will he take into consideration the advisability of lowering the rate of interest to (say) 5 per cent.?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—Under clause 28 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 selectors applying for suspension of their payments for any one year will have to pay the prescribed fee of 5s. to cover the expenses incurred by the Crown in consequence of such application, and during such suspension interest on the balance of purchase-money, calculated at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, will be added to the balance of the purchase-money; but if no application is made, then, under the 48th clause of the same Act, interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum accrues on all overdue payments.
- (9.) Vacancies in the Civil Service:—Mr. Copeland asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay a return upon the Table of this House, showing how many vacancies through death, resignations, and dismissals for misconduct have occurred in each Department of the Civil Service during the years 1894, 1893, 1892, 1891, and 1890, having reference only to officers on the permanent and temporary staffs, with the amount of salary attaching to each position?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—There will be no objection to supply this information if the Honorable Member will be good enough to move for it in the usual manner.
- (10.) Legal Assistance granted to Military Officers:—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it not the fact that when legal proceedings are taken against a police officer on account of his action when on duty, that such an officer has to provide any legal assistance which he may require at his own cost, only to be recouped if he has proved not to have acted in excess of his duty?
  - (2.)

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(2.) In view of the statements in the newspapers that, in a private suit in which he was defendant, Major-General Hutton has referred the plaintiff's solicitor to the Crown Solicitor, as acting on his behalf, does the Government intend to permit its law officers to defend this private suit, and so render itself liable to pay such damages and costs as may be awarded in the event of the plaintiff being successful?

(3.) Also will the Government please state to this House whether the mere difference in rank would induce them to afford legal assistance to the one officer, and refuse it to the others?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

(1.) This is the ordinary rule, but there have been exceptions, as when a police officer has acted in the execution of orders, or clearly in the discharge of his duty.

(2.) The Crown will not permit its law officers to appear for Major-General Hutton in any private suit, nor, if it did, would the Crown be liable for damages.

(3.) No.

(11.) Acceptance of Writ in case *Captain Close v. Major-General Hutton*:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has Major-General Hutton asked the Crown Solicitor to accept service of a writ at the suit of *Captain Close*?

(2.) Has the Crown Solicitor accepted service?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to permit the Crown Law Officers to defend civil actions of a private nature brought against servants of this Government?

(4.) Is not *Captain Close's* action against Major-General Hutton of such a character?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—I have had no communication with Major-General Hutton upon this question, neither have I had any information in regard to it beyond what I have read in the newspapers.

(12.) Crown Lands Act of 1895:—*Mr. Moore* asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps are being taken by his Department to afford selectors and intending selectors the fullest information in regard to the new Land Act and Regulations?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—An Information Bureau has been established for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the provisions of the new Land Act and Regulations. District Surveyors have also been instructed to supply full particulars to any persons inquiring. Pamphlets are in course of publication showing land now open to selection, and supplementary schedules will be published from time to time as lands are made available under the new Act. A guide for the use of intending settlers is also about to be published, which will explain all the sections of the Crown Lands Acts which bear directly on the methods by which Crown Lands may be acquired for settlement.

2. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by *Mr. Reid*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 68.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare and enact that certain contracts and agreements shall be and be deemed to have been excepted from the provisions of sections 33 and 38 of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867'; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 11th June, 1895.*

3. EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE TO WOMEN:—*Mr. Fegan* presented a Petition from *G. D. Clark*, G.C.T., Chairman, on behalf of the meeting of members of the Independent Order of Good Templars, in annual session assembled, urging that steps be taken at an early date to extend the franchise to the women of the Colony.  
Petition received.

4. CO-OPERATIVE COLLIERY TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Frank Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the maintenance and use of a tramway which has been constructed from the Co-operative Mine, situate on the Wentworth Estate, in the parish of Hexham, county of Northumberland, in the Colony of New South Wales, to the screens above the Co-operative Railway-line, and which said tramway crosses various streets and ways in the Borough of Plattsburg; and to enable the said *William George Laidley*, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to divert the course of *Kenrick-street*, between *Wentworth-street* and *Fletcher-street*, and giving him compulsory powers to acquire lands forming the site of the said tramway.  
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Farnell* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to authorise the maintenance and use of a tramway which has been constructed from the Co-operative Mine, situate on the Wentworth Estate, in the parish of Hexham, county of Northumberland, in the Colony of New South Wales, to the screens above the Co-operative Railway-line, and which said tramway crosses various streets and ways in the Borough of Plattsburg; and to enable the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to divert the course of Kenrick-street, between Wentworth-street and Fletcher-street, and giving him compulsory powers to acquire lands forming the site of the said tramway*,"—read a first time.

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5. ATTORNEYS COSTS ACT OF 1847 AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Austin Chapman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Attorneys Costs Act, 11 Victoria No. 33.  
Question put and passed.
6. ROAD BETWEEN COOBOOL ISLAND AND SWAN HILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and other documents relating to the application for the opening of a road between Coobool Island and Swan Hill.  
Question put and passed.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Waratah, Mr. Griffith, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.; "The failure of the Government to keep in proper repair the Hunter River punt, which constitutes the means of communication between Ash Island and the main land."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Griffith moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Noes* had it.  
Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *negative*, as there were only two Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.  
The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Crick and Mr. Miller.
8. CLOSURE—DISSENT FROM MR. SPEAKER'S RULING:—  
(1.) *Matter of urgency*:—Mr. Crick moved, without Notice, pursuant to Standing Order No. 395, That it is a case of urgent necessity that the Standing Orders be suspended to allow of Mr. Crick moving, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, given on 5th June, a.m., whereby he upheld the ruling of the Chairman of Committees on a Point of Order which had been referred to the House from the Committee of Ways and Means, in reference to the effect of the application of the closure.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Reid submitted the Point of Order that the course being taken conflicted with that prescribed by the Standing Order No. 161, and argued that the time limited therein for dissenting to Mr. Speaker's ruling having passed, the whole matter had lapsed.

Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney—King Division—Mr. Reid, be not further heard.  
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Kidd,  
Sir George Dibbs,  
Mr. Wright,  
Mr. See,  
Mr. Copeland,  
Mr. Schey,  
Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Travers Jones,  
Mr. F. Clarke,  
Mr. Wall,  
Mr. Chanter,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Austin Chapman,  
Mr. Mackay.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Crick,  
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 46.

Dr. Ross,  
Mr. Bruncker,  
Mr. Reid,  
Mr. Sydney Smith,  
Mr. Hogan,  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Russell Jones,  
Mr. Ashton,  
Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. Millen,  
Mr. Cameron,  
Mr. Fowler,  
Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Gould,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Rigg,  
Mr. Henry Chapman,  
Mr. Whiddon,  
Mr. Shipway,  
Mr. Molesworth,  
Mr. Carruthers,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. Stephen,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Afleck,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Hassall,  
Mr. McLean,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Millard,  
Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. Joseph Abbott,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Black,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. E. M. Clark,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. Stevenson,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. William Morgan,  
Mr. Hogue,  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. Wilks,  
Mr. Miller.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Reid having concluded his speech on the Point of Order,—  
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the course taken by Mr. Crick was quite in order.

Original Question put and passed.

- (2.) *Suspension of Standing Order*:—Mr. Crick then moved, That the Standing Order No. 161 be suspended, so as to allow of dissent to Mr. Speaker's ruling *re* the closure, given on Wednesday, 5th June, 1895, a.m., being moved.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only three Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Fegan, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Miller.

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- (3.) *Dissent from Mr. Speaker's Ruling*:—Mr. Crick then moved, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, given on 5th June, a.m., whereby he upheld the ruling of the Chairman of Committees on a Point of Order which had been referred to the House from the Committee of Ways and Means, in reference to the effect of the application of the closure.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

- (1.) Jerilderie to Berrigan Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; to provide that such work shall not be carried out unless the private lands required for the construction of the line be contracted by instrument in writing to be conveyed by deed of gift, transfer, or exchange from the owners to the Crown, save and except in the case of town allotments; and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th June, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

JERILDERIE TO BERRIGAN RAILWAY BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th June, 1895.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. Omit "carried out" insert "commenced"  
Page 2, clause 1, line 5. Omit "carried out" insert "commenced to be constructed"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

- (2.) Imported Stock Acts Further Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871, and the Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884, and for other purposes in connection therewith*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th June, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

IMPORTED STOCK ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 12th June, 1895.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 3. Omit "or by land"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

10. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Mr. McFarlane moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.





New South Wales.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 13 JUNE, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Standard Dictionary for use in Public Schools :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Public Schools of the United Kingdom, as also those of the United States of America, are supplied with copies of some standard dictionary for the use of their teachers and scholars?

(2.) Will he be prepared to recommend the adoption of the above, so that at least all the principal Public Schools in this Colony may be supplied with copies of the latest edition of some standard dictionary?

(3.) Will he recommend, by minute or otherwise, to the head masters and mistresses of all our Public Schools, the advisability of establishing school libraries, so that the scholars may have opportunity afforded them of reading books likely to improve their minds?

*Mr. Garrard* answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) No; the expense is not warranted.

(3.) Libraries have already been established in many of the more important metropolitan and country schools. Action on my part is not necessary, as the teachers already have the required power, and receive every encouragement in the direction indicated.

(2.) Approaches to Gundagai Bridge over Murrumbidgee River :—*Mr. Barnes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the dangerous state of the wooden approaches to the Gundagai Bridge, across the Murrumbidgee at that town, on Main Southern Road, is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the coming Estimates for the erection of new approaches, as promised some time since?

*Mr. Young* answered,—The amount necessary for this work has been noted on the draft Estimates, now under consideration.

(3.) Proposed Low-level Bridge across the Murrumbidgee River :—*Mr. Barnes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In consequence of the increased production of chrome ore at the Gobarrolong mines, is it the intention of the Government to make provision in the coming Estimates for the erection of the proposed low-level bridge across the Murrumbidgee River at that place, to enable the different companies to get their chrome to Coolac Railway Station, and the farmers in the neighbourhood to get their produce to market?

*Mr. Young* answered,—The amount necessary for this work has been noted on the draft Estimates, now under consideration.

(4.) Contractors for Newcastle Technical School :—*Mr. Dick* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have the contractors who built the Newcastle Technical School yet been paid?

(2.) If not, what is the reason of the delay?

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Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1) With the exception of a small amount (£11 14s.) the contractor has received payment.
- (2) Answered by No. 1.

(5.) Legal Assistance granted to Military Officers:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to answers given to Mr. Schey's Question No. 11, of 12th June, will he please say,—

- (1) Was an action at law instituted by a Mr. John McLeod against Lieutenant-Colonel de Wolski, late Commanding Military Engineer?
- (2) Did Lieutenant-Colonel de Wolski request that the Crown Law officers should undertake his defence?
- (3) Was Lieutenant-Colonel de Wolski informed by the Government or any responsible officer thereof that he must instruct a private solicitor to do any legal work necessary?
- (4) What is the reason that Major-General Hutton is to be treated in a different fashion to Lieutenant-Colonel de Wolski?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No trace of such request can be found in the records of the Crown Law Offices.
- (3) So far as the Crown Solicitor's Office is concerned, there is no record of any such communication.
- (4) The two actions appear to be very different in their nature. McLeod's action was in respect of, or arising out of, a contract. The action by Captain Close against Major-General Hutton is one apparently arising out of a breach or infringement of Military Regulations, and so far as it is within Military Law has to be dealt with accordingly.

(6.) Addresses of Persons Trading as Financial Agents:—Mr. F. Clarke asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1) Is it the usual practice of his Department to conceal the changed addresses of certain people who advertise themselves as financial agents and such like?
- (2) Is he aware that a large number of people in the city advertise themselves as financial agents, having large sums of money to advance on country security?
- (3) Is he aware that many of the so-called financial agents obtain money by fraud and false pretences from unsuspecting country people, and on being suspected, and fearing exposure, they immediately change their addresses?
- (4) Is he aware that, owing to the action of the postal officials as above referred to in withholding their changed addresses, these people are allowed to escape and evade the law, and continue to practice their frauds on someone else?
- (5) Will he give instructions to his officials to give the addresses of such people when demanded?

Mr. Cook answered,—It is quite impossible on such short notice to make the exhaustive inquiry that would be necessary to enable me to reply to Questions 2, 3, 4, and 5. With regard to No. 1, I can only state that it is contrary to the Postal Regulations to give information as to the addresses of persons who have furnished the Department with the same, unless with the consent of such persons.

(7.) Appointment of Railway Commissioner:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1) Has he obtained the opinion of the Crown Law Officers on the necessity of appointing a third Railway Commissioner, as brought under his notice by Mr. Schey a month or so ago?
- (2) If so, what is the opinion given?
- (3) What does he intend to do under the circumstances?
- (4) If no opinion has yet been obtained, when does he propose to obtain the same, as promised by him a month or so ago?
- (5) How many appeals have been heard by the Railway Commissioners since Mr. Eddy left New South Wales?
- (6) Does he intend to introduce a Validating Bill, to legalise the decisions given in these cases?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will lay upon the Table next week the papers in this case.

(8.) Extension of Balmain Tram to East end of Darling-street:—Mr. Wilks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1) Does he propose to extend the Balmain tram from its present terminus to the east end of Darling-street?
- (2) In the event of a direct extension of the said tram being beyond present engineering skill, will he advise his officers to prepare a scheme to overcome these difficulties?

Mr. Young answered,—This question will be considered, along with other proposals of a similar character, when railway and tramway extensions are being dealt with.

(9.) Kerosene Oil used by the Railway Department:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1) What amount of kerosene oil approximately is used by the Railway Department annually?
- (2) What is the average price of kerosene in Melbourne and Sydney at the present time?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1) I am informed that about 60,000 gallons of kerosene oil are used annually by the Railway Department.
- (2) The price paid under the Railway contract in Sydney is 1s. 1d. per gallon. The latest Melbourne quotations are:—For importers' lots, 9½d. to 9¾d. per gallon; trade lots realised 10d. per gallon.

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2. **TAXATION PROPOSALS OF THE GOVERNMENT**:—Mr. Joseph Abbott presented a Petition from Jno. M. Purves, President, and William Epps, Secretary, members of the National Association of New South Wales, referring to the taxation proposals of the present Government, and praying the House, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, not to pass into law the measures for the imposition of a land and income tax, at any rate with exemptions, as proposed; but to pass such a measure as will, at the earliest possible moment, bring about the introduction of a general system of Local Government.  
Petition received.
3. **ATTORNEYS COSTS ACT OF 1847 AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Austin Chapman, pursuant to leave granted on 12th June, 1895, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Attorneys' Costs Act, 11 Victoria No. 33,'*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
4. **PRISON DIET (Formal Motion)**:—Dr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all diet sheets and lists at present in use in the gaols of the Colony, which regulate the dieting of the various classes and grades of prisoners, together with a statement from the prison authorities showing on what dietetic principles the scale of dieting is based, and in what cases the ordinary diet is departed from.  
Question put and passed.
5. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Report of the Wollongong Fire Brigades Board for the year ending 31st March, 1895.  
(2.) Report on Vote for maintenance of sick paupers for the year 1894.  
(3.) Return to an Order made on 4th June, 1895,—“Vessels carrying coal to ports beyond “Australia or New Zealand.”  
Ordered to be printed.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Darlington, Mr. Schey, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., “the action of the Government in permitting the Crown Solicitor to undertake the defence of Major-General Hutton in a civil action at law.”  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Schey moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Sir George Dibbs,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Dr. Ross,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. James Morgan,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Rose,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Stevenson,  
Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. Alexander Campbell,  
Mr. Wood.

*Tellers,*  
Mr. Austin Chapman,  
Mr. Schey.

Noes, 40.

Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Bruncker,  
Mr. Gould,  
Mr. Sydney Smith,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Carruthers,  
Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Reid,  
Mr. Knox,  
Mr. Whiddon,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. McCourt,  
Mr. Garrard,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. Stephen,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Cameron,  
Mr. Wilks,  
Mr. Millen,

Mr. Lees,  
Mr. William Morgan,  
Mr. Bavister,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Joseph Abbott,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Ashton,  
Mr. O'Reilly,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Newman,  
Mr. Hawthorne,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Millard,  
Mr. Black,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. Fegan.

*Tellers,*  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. **CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, “That this Bill be ‘now’ read a second time.”  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Mr. Schey moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word “now” and adding the words “this day three months.”  
Question proposed, That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
Question,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.  
Original Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 64.		Noes, 33.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Fowler,	Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. See,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. B. M. Clark,	Mr. Cricke,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Newman,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Law,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Rose,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Lync,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Gardiner,	Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hawthorne,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Price,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Millen.	
Mr. Morton,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments. Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, that this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
10. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 30th April, 1895, in reference to the Coal Mines Regulation Bill,—

Agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 1, which substitutes the word "July" for the word "March."

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 2, page 2, line 26, which proposes to substitute the word "twenty" for the word "thirty,"—because it is not considered necessary that a mine employing less than thirty men should be under the control of a certificated manager, and be subject to all the restrictions and responsibilities which would attach to a large mine, and it would mean considerably increased expenditure to a number of hard-working and industrious men who are engaged now in developing small properties, which, if trammelled with the conditions under which large coal-mining properties ought to be worked, would be closed up.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 5, page 2, after line 57, which inserts the words "(a) Three persons being owners or agents of mines in the Colony of New South Wales," and disagrees to the Assembly's amendment in the same clause, page 3, line 1, which inserts the words "being owners or agents of mines or persons,"—because inasmuch as all parties should be represented on a Board of this kind, and it does not necessarily follow that the composition of the Board would be one-sided. The amendment follows closely the words of the English Act, which provides for representation on a similar Board of an exactly similar character. The Minister has the power to appoint and remove this Board, and they only hold office during his pleasure. The field outside is large enough to make a selection of a very capable and disinterested Board.

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Insists upon its omission of clauses 8 and 9,—because it is not considered necessary either in the interests of the owners, nor is it any advantage to the workmen that the men in charge of machinery should have certificates of competency. For their own protection a qualified man is always provided by the owners, and great care is exercised in the selection of a sober, trustworthy person. It has not been found necessary with the large mining operations in the United Kingdom to have any such provision as this, and new clause 8 is a copy of the section of the English Mining Act, which deals with this question. Rule 24, the subsequent part of the Bill, makes the further necessary provision in connection with these sections.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 15, which inserts the words “or for registration of,”—because provision should be made for the payment of some fee by applicants for a certificate who have undergone examination in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and who possess the necessary qualifications, and desire only to register in this Colony.

Insists upon the omission of clause 17,—because of its apparently far-reaching and unnecessary operations. Apart from its impossibilities, some of the Companies' consulting engineers are not resident in the Colony, and whilst possessing an exceedingly competent manager at a high salary here questions connected with the general character of operations at the mine are submitted for the consulting engineer's judgment, though he is resident in England, and it would be impossible for such a person to conform to this section. The same contention may be raised regarding a managing director or the Board governing a company; besides, no good object could possibly be obtained by such a record. If orders were given to the manager, his proper business, provided he did not agree with the instructions given him, would be to at once record in writing, for conveyance to the authorities above him, his objections.

Does not insist upon its amendments in clause 19.

Insists upon its omission to clause 21 and the insertion of a new clause in lieu thereof,—because the new clause, which is an exact copy of section 41 of the English Act of 1887, provides all that is necessary to enable an Inspector to do his duty if he understands his work, whilst, on the contrary, if clause 21 was retained, it would hand over in an arbitrary way the whole of the mining operations of this Colony to the whim and caprice of, it might be, an incompetent Inspector, and would give him too absolute a power, which is undesirable. The power he possesses now under the present Coal-fields Regulation Act is quite sufficient, if not too extensive as it is, whilst the substitution of section 21 in lieu of the law as it now stands would endow the Inspector with such substantial power that, at his will, he could ruin any mining company if he thought fit. All he would require to do, without rhyme or reason, would be to announce to the colliery manager that it was his wish the men should be withdrawn from the mine, in which case 400 or 500 men would be thrown out of employment, and a repetition of what occurred at the Stockton mine possibly be the result. In that case the mining authorities declared the pit unsafe, ordered the men to be withdrawn, and the men themselves, after some enforced idleness, petitioned the manager to be allowed to go back to work, as the mine was safe, notwithstanding the opinion expressed to the contrary by the mining authorities. The men went back to work, and have been at work for the last two years, in the face of the order that they should be withdrawn, and the fact that a prosecution was instituted against the manager for not complying with the mining authorities' orders, the manager being fined for working, what was then alleged, a property which was unsafe, but which, as has already been stated, has been at work for two years since, and is at the present moment in operation.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 22, which omits the words “and enter such report in a book at the mine,”—because the provision is entirely unnecessary, and not in conformity with the English Act.

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 27, page 11, line 1, which proposes to substitute the words “or other person agreed to by the arbitrators,” for the words “a Police or Stipendiary Magistrate, or a Barrister-at-Law,”—because in matters of this kind it is necessary that all adjudications should be before some independent person, and it is thought that this can best be obtained by the retention of the officials designated as above.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 30, page 12, line 23, which omits the word “three” and inserts the word “six,”—because six months is not too long a period for the plotting of the workings to be in arrears, and it is the law now, and has been for years past, without causing any inconvenience, nor has it been a disadvantage to those concerned—employer or employed.

Insists upon its remaining amendments in clause 30,—because the words proposed to be omitted are unnecessary, ample provision being made in the Bill by re-enacting clause 38 of the present Coal Mines Regulation Act, which serves all the purposes for ascertaining the working of coal outside the boundaries of mines, and if the Crown have lost revenue, as alleged, through owners having taken coal outside their boundary the fault lies in not making use of the provisions of the law as it now stands in section 38 referred to.

Insists upon its amendments in clause 31,—because it copies, word for word, section 35 of the English Act, and to refuse to insert the word “serious” would render the work of those called upon to supervise mining operations a grave burden to them, and make them liable to be penalised for the most trifling accidents which are bound to occur in any large operations where hundreds of men are employed, and as a matter of fact all serious injuries are always reported.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 32, which omits the word “forthwith” and inserts the words “within one month,”—because there is no valid reason for having it done immediately.

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 34, page 14, line 46, which proposes to insert after the word “boundaries” the word “of,”—because it is as well that any plan should show the surface boundaries as well as the workings under ground.

Insists upon its omission of clause 36,—because it is not desirable to limit by legislation the hours of labour, and penalise any man for working beyond eight hours, or have any time stipulated by legislation, apart from the fact that the application of what is commonly known as the eight hours system to coal-miners is unnecessary, inasmuch as, by voluntary combinations and regulations, they have now eight hours, with an idle Saturday every fortnight, besides, being contractors at so much per ton, they can go to work and leave off practically when they please. Disagrees

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Disagrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendment in clause 37, line 41, which propose to substitute the word "eight" for the word "ten;" to omit the word "one;" to omit the words "and eight hours on the next Saturday;" and to omit the words "(11) Each "period of employment shall be inclusive of one hour for meals,"—because this being the law now under the present Coal Mines Regulation Act, sections 8 and 9, any alterations in the present hours of working would curtail the output of the various mines, and lessen the wages earned by the workmen. The boys referred to in this section are not necessarily employed underground for ten hours. Under present arrangements they work now only eight hours, but it is necessary for them, as part of their employment, to travel in and out of the mine, either with their horses, for gatekeeping, or other purposes for which they may be employed underground, and the time for this varies according to the length of time the colliery has been opened. In some places it might occupy them altogether an hour—in others probably not ten minutes, and it must be borne in mind that one hour of the ten mentioned in the Statute is occupied exclusively for meals. It is necessary in order to maintain the proper output of the mine that these lads should be in attendance, and it is the training ground which all colliers like to give their sons before putting them to work on the coal.

Insists upon its amendments in clause 41,—because it is an honest attempt to settle by legislation for what the miners are paid, and if it is not ascertained by the provisions of this section, and any demand was made for payment for what is commonly known as "small coal" it would involve an immediate reduction of the hewing rate now paid to the miner. His contract is to fill clean round coal only, and he is paid an additional rate, which is taken into consideration, for the small coal that is unavoidably sent up and passes through the screens when the coal is being made marketable. Miners are not ordinarily employed to get small coal, if small coal is filled it is paid for; besides, the retention of the section will conform with the judgment of the House of Lords in several recent cases where a demand had been made to secure payment for small coal under the title of "mineral," and it would set at rest any little uneasiness that may be felt upon this question. The law as it stands under the English Act and in our present Colonial Act, according to the judgment of the House of Lords, entitles the miner to be paid for small coal; but, with the exception of three or four demands in England, the law has not been invoked by the parties interested, they, no doubt, feeling that when payment was made for hewing large coal it also included small as above referred to, and it was only to harmonise the present legislation with the English Act, making the question more definite, that the clause was inserted, and which, in the interest of all parties, the Council desires now to insist upon. If this position be conceded then the insistence on subsection 3 is necessary.

Insists upon its amendments in clause 43 down to and including that in line 25, page 18, which omits the word "he" and inserts the words "the owner, agent, or manager,"—because it concedes ample provision for the protection of the wage-earner, and is the same provision as in the English law as at present, with the exception that it provides that the check-weigher shall be an employee of the colliery. This is the colonial law, and its operation has not been conducted with any disadvantages. It is often very desirable that persons who are not connected with the mine should not be allowed to act as check-weighers, and that the person filling this office should be an employee of the company.

Insists upon its remaining amendments in clause 43 disagreed to by the Assembly,—because it brings its provisions in conformity with the English Act.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 44,—because it is desirable that it may be brought within the provisions of clause 41.

Insists upon its amendments in clause 45,—because the miner is only to be paid for hewing large coal or shale.

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 46, line 54, which proposes to substitute the word "thirty" for the word "fifteen,"—because this is in accordance with the English Act.

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in clause 48, lines 2 and 7, which propose to substitute the word "thirty" for the word "fifteen" in each case,—because it forms part of the English Act.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 49, which omits subsection (III),—because this provision of the Bill refers only to the division of mine into parts, and it has been erroneously classed under the title of "Division of mine into splits," and represents clauses 19 and 20 of the English Act, which describes it under the heading of "Division of mine into parts," and not "Division of mine into splits," and in the English Act the legislation is permissive, and not compulsory, the word "may" occurring in the English Act, but in this section it has been converted into "shall."

Insists upon its amendments in clause 50, page 21, lines 45 to 50,—because the term "adequate" will be quite sufficient for every purpose connected with mining operations. It is sufficient for all the legislation on this class of mining in the United Kingdom, and gives rise to no difficulty there, and if administered here by competent people the same results will follow. The present law provides for a minimum quantity of air, and if this is to be amended by the addition of any further prescribed figures, it is thought better to follow out the English practice, as our deep sinkings are producing fiery mines, where it is notorious that 100 feet (cubic) of air would be absolutely insufficient. As the law stands now, in one of the mines of this Colony, the quantity of air circulated as a matter of necessity is three times more than that required by law, and it is thought that the retention of the word "adequate" will be more than sufficiently satisfactory to determine special application to each mine where either less or more ventilation may be required. The quantity now in some places as fixed by law is very much too large, whilst in the case cited above it is very much too little.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 50, page 22, lines 2 to 6,—because it is not necessary to have bratticing as well as cut-throughs. One or other of these provisions is all that is necessary.

Insists upon its amendments in clause 50, page 22, lines 23 to 56,—because this portion of the Act has only been brought into accordance with the exact wording of the English Act.

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Insists upon its amendment in clause 50, page 23, line 22, which omits the words "by such person,"—because the words "by such person" do not appear in the English Act.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 50, page 24, line 14, which inserts the words "except within a completely closed chamber attached to the fuse of the shot,"—because this is in accordance with the English Act, and is absolutely necessary in every fiery mine.

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 50, page 24, line 27, which proposes to insert after the word "shall" the word "dry,"—because this is not in accordance with the English Act, the word "dry" not being made use of, and it appears to the Council that the term "coal and coal dust" would be quite sufficient to embrace coal of any character, whether dry or wet.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 50, page 24, lines 32 to 35, which omits the words "Provided that no person shall return to a place where such charge has missed fire until a period of eight hours has elapsed from the lighting of the fuse attached to such charge,"—because it does not appear to be part of English legislation, and it is unnecessary to make it part of statute law, precautions are taken by the men themselves, by voluntary action on their part, of absenting themselves for a reasonable period where the shot misses fire.

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendment in clause 50, page 26, lines 5 and 6, which propose to substitute the word "height" for the word "length" and the word "four" for the word "three" and to insert after the word "in" the words "depth and three feet in,"—because the provision to the extent of sufficient height and 3 feet in width is that provided for in the English Act, and should be sufficient for all purposes.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 50, page 26, which omits *Rule 19*,—because such a provision is unnecessary, and is really the course pursued as a matter of practice.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 50, page 26, lines 32 and 33, which omits the words "every shaft in course of sinking shall be kept clear of all noxious gases by a fan or some other appliance,"—because it is an addition to the English legislation on this subject which is considered to be unnecessary. The words "or otherwise made secure" in the rule itself is capable of a much larger construction than limiting an expression regarding it as it is proposed to do by the addition of the words "every shaft in course of sinking shall be kept clear, &c."

Insists upon its amendment in clause 50, page 26, which omits *Rule 25*,—because it is the business of the Crown when leasing coal to see that sufficient provision is made for protecting the surface, and that owners of the mineral long before any improvements in the shape of roads or townships were in existence ought not to be punished now by losing their coal, as it is by no action of theirs that circumstances have produced an apparent necessity for not mining the coal which they are entitled to. Practically in nearly all mining townships the large companies make provision—even at the proprietors' expense—for the maintenance of the surface where the safety of the travelling public has to be considered. It is notorious that roads have been made long after the coal has been taken out, and the authorities ought to have known this would one day result in a settlement of the surface before they made the roads.

Insists upon the insertion of new *Rule 24*,—because it is in conformity with the provisions of the English Act, and necessary to be placed here if the Council's omission of section 8 is maintained.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 50, page 27, which omits *Rule 34*,—because it forms no part of English legislation, nor of any legislation in this Colony, and it appears to be unnecessary.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 50, page 28, lines 12 and 13, which omits the words "or any one having the written authority of any inspector or person so employed,"—because they appear to be superfluous; besides, it is doubtful if the power of an inspector or employee should be delegated in this way, as such a power might be given for improper purposes.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 50, page 28, line 22, which inserts the words "not being mining engineers who are practical working miners,"—because the retention of such authority as this would leave it open to the persons employed at the mine obtaining an inspection of a valuable mining property possibly for sinister purposes, and all that is required in an inspection of this kind can always be accomplished by two working miners.

Insists upon its amendments in clause 50, pages 28 and 29, which omit *Rules 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, and 46*; which omit clause 51, and the proviso to clause 52,—because legislation of this character would simply destroy the coal-mining industry of the Colony, and particularly that of the Newcastle District.

Insists upon its amendment which omits clause 59,—because it would be undesirable that there should be any set of special rules established by the Executive, whilst ample provision is made for all the preliminary mining operations under the Bill, and it would be the business of the authorities and everyone interested in the colliery operations to frame a set of special rules in accordance with the Act as speedily as possible so as to govern the mining property for the interest of all concerned.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 62, line 39, which omits the word "wilfully,"—because anyone pulling down notices should be punished. If it could be shown to the Court that it was the result of an accident, the offender could not be punished. In any case it would be difficult to obtain a conviction with the word "wilfully" retained in the section.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 63, line 6, which omits the words "five pounds" and inserts the words "one pound,"—because the section itself differentiates now to a serious extent between the manager and the workman. It provides a punishment not exceeding £20 as against the manager, and to anybody else, for a similar offence, a fine of £2. Besides, it assimilates the punishment of £1 to that provided for in the English Act.

Insists upon its amendments in clause 69,—because it is only right that offences committed by owners, agents, managers, or under managers should be prosecuted for by a specially constituted authority in the shape of an inspector under the Act, otherwise it would be competent for outsiders and employees to be constantly annoying those concerned in the administration  
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of the mine by projecting charges of offences under the Act, which were frivolous and untenable, and the section as amended makes it an exact copy of clause 65 of the English Act of 1887.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 72,—because it leaves it optional to the parties interested to make the agreement, and, unless both parties are agreed, the adjudication could not take place, and it is part of the English Act, clause 69.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 78, page 35, which inserts the words "Large coal means all coal passing over a three-quarter inch screen,"—because it is a consequential amendment to the definition of the term "mineral," which must be defined as in manner stated.

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 78, page 36, line 6, which proposes to omit the words "Part II of,"—because the duties and powers of an Inspector are defined under Part II.

Insists upon its amendments in Schedule II, lines 40 and 41, which omit the word "(round)" and insert the word "(large)" and which omit the words "coal (small),"—because they are consequential upon those already made, and it is unnecessary for statistical or any other purpose to have legislation in a Coal Mining Bill of this character, inasmuch as the information is always available from the Coal Mining Offices of the various collieries, and it is not in accordance with the returns asked for under Schedule 3 of the English Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1887.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th June, 1895.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at half-past Four o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE, 1895.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Reid announced to the House that the vacancy which had existed so long in the office of Governor of New South Wales had at length been filled by the appointment of Lord Hampden.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other moneys for the year 1894, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Darling Island:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of money did the Government pay altogether for the resumption of Darling Island?

(2.) What amount of money has been expended on and in connection with it from the date of its resumption until the present time?

(3.) What is the annual charge for interest on money sunk therein?

(4.) What use is the Government making of the island at the present time?

(5.) What revenue has the Government received from it up to date, and for what use?

(6.) What use is it proposed to put the island to?

(7.) What is the reason of the delay in so utilising it?

(8.) Does the contemplated use of this island necessitate any further resumption of land?

(9.) If so, whose, and what is the estimated cost?

(10.) In view of the terrible distress, is it not possible to find work for the deserving unemployed in connection with this island?

Mr. Young answered,—The whole question in connection with the utilisation of Darling Island is now before the Government, the Board appointed to inquire into the matter having only just sent in their report. I shall be glad, therefore, if the Honorable Member will postpone his question for (say) a fortnight, within which time I hope some determination will be come to on the subject. The Honorable Member may rest assured that the Government is as anxious as he is to find some fitting means of utilising this expensive property. He must be also aware that the proposition to this end, which was placed before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works by a previous administration, was rejected.

(2.) Tricycles Repaired at Goulburn:—Mr. Dick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) For what reason are the tricycles in use on the Northern line sent for repairs to Goulburn, instead of being repaired as before in Newcastle?

(2.) Will he take steps to have such repairs executed in Newcastle, and so avoid the expense and delay of such a long transit?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that it is not economical to have more than one set of machinery for tricycle repairs, and, as the work is being done to the most advantage at Goulburn, it has been arranged to continue to carry out the repairs at that place. There is no appreciable expense involved in the transit of the tricycles—the whole matter is a small one of detail—the most economical arrangement being adopted. It is not intended to alter the existing practice.

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(3.) Vacancy on Land Board at Dubbo:—*Mr. Crick*, for *Mr. James Morgan*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When did the last vacancy occur on the Land Board at Dubbo?
- (2.) Has any action been taken to have the vacancy filled; if so, by whom?
- (3.) Is it intended to make an appointment to the Board; if so, who is the person selected for the position?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,

- (1.) On the 26th November, 1894.
- (2.) A large amount of correspondence has passed between the Department and several Members of Parliament, including the Honorable Member, on the subject.
- (3.) An appointment will shortly be made, and the Honorable Member will be then informed of the name of the person appointed.

(4.) Legal Assistance granted to Public Servants:—*Mr. Cann* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) In reference to his reply that in exceptional cases police officers are provided with legal assistance by the Crown, will he please to give the names of the officers in any such cases where such aid was provided, prior to the trial, by the Government when they were the defendants in the Courts on questions as to their actions in the course of their duty?
- (2.) Will the Government, as a matter of equal justice, therefore, avoid the risk of having to pay damages and costs for Major-General Hutton, by requesting that officer to remove the conduct of his case from the Crown Solicitor to a private solicitor?
- (3.) If they will not do this, will they—that there may be no class distinctions made in their administration—direct the Law Officers of the Crown to appear in the defence of all police officers against whom action may be taken in cases arising from their conduct in carrying out their duties?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) The Crown Solicitor defended an action brought against Senior-constable Walsh, Cooma Police, in 1883, for false imprisonment, when the constable's procedure was directed by a Magistrate. The Crown also defended actions brought against the Inspector-General of Police by ex-Senior-constable Stafford for wrongful dismissal. No doubt other cases could be traced by exhaustive search.

(2 and 3.) The case of *Close v. Hutton* will be treated in the same way as other cases.

(5.) "Foot-warmers" in Railway Carriages from Orange to Parkes and Forbes:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—As the Western mail train from Sydney arrives in Orange at about 5 o'clock a.m., will he see that steps are taken during the cold months of winter to have "foot-warmers" placed in the carriages on the train that runs from Orange to Parkes and Forbes, *via* Molong, the same as exists on the Western mail train?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—I am informed foot-warmers have never been in use for this service, but the matter will have attention.

(6.) Roads from Queanbeyan to Gundaroo, and Gundaroo to Gunning:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many tenders for work, to be done by contract, have been called for on the roads—Queanbeyan to Gundaroo, and Gundaroo to Gunning, since the 1st of January last?
- (2.) If any, who were the contractors, and what was the amount of these contracts?
- (3.) What quantity of work on these two portions of road has been let by contract, and what amount of money has been expended on each section of such contracts out of the Vote from 1st January to 30th June, 1895?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

(1.) None.

(2 and 3.) On January 5th last, a tender for 10 chains formation near 10-mile Post, and 20 chains formation and gravelling and a pipe culvert, near Gifford's, on the road from Queanbeyan to Gundaroo, was accepted; contractor, J. J. McInnes, amount £51 2s. Of this sum, only 15s. 9d. was defrayed from the 1895 Vote. Maintenance work to the value of £30 has been done since 1st January last, and charged against the 1895 Vote, the balance of which is now £125. Work to the value of that amount has been laid out, and tenders will shortly be invited. The road is reported to be in a very fair state of repair.

(7.) Charge of Cruelty against a Senior-constable:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the name of the senior-constable who was charged recently with catching, detaining, and castrating a vagrant male goat under circumstances of gross and brutal cruelty?
- (2.) What punishment has been inflicted on him for the offence?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) Senior-constable Alexander Coutts.

(2.) He was removed to another station for this and other unsatisfactory conduct, and severely reprimanded. He had a good record previously, during eleven years' service; he further had claims for promotion, which will not be now considered.

(8.) Drawback Payments on Reimported Soft Goods:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he received any information that firms of soft goodsmen are preparing to export all drapery possible to be collected and packed, with a view of obtaining drawback of all duty paid thereon when originally landed, and relanding same here duty free when the existing tariff on such goods is removed?

(2.) Does he not see that the effect of such action, if taken, will be to defraud the State of some thousands of pounds sterling?

(3.) Will he cause full inquiry to be made, and refuse drawback payments except in cases of *bona fide* export for consumption in another colony or country?

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Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) No, though I have heard rumours to some such effect.  
 (2. and 3.) The allowance of drawback is controlled by the Customs Regulation Act of 1879. No drawback will be paid unless the provisions of the Act are strictly complied with in each case. Such provisions do not allow payment of drawback on goods intended to be reloaded in the Colony. An official notification on the subject has been made through the Custom House.

(9.) Fee for revaluing Special Areas :—*Mr. Hayes*, for *Mr. Gormly*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was a regulation (103) published in the *Government Gazette* on 3rd June, providing that an application that the value of any conditional purchase within a special area may be determined by appraisal shall be accompanied by a fee of £3?

(2.) As, in view of the depressed times, this is a very high charge for revaluing special areas, will he consider the desirableness of amending the regulation referred to, with a view of reducing the fee?

*Mr. Bruncker* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) After due inquiry, the fee provided for by the Crown Lands Act of 1895 was fixed at £3, to cover, in part, the expenses which would be incurred by the Department in reappraisal of a conditional purchase within a special area, for the benefit solely of the selector, and there appear to be no grounds for reducing the amount of such fee.

(10.) The Honorable Alexander Brown, M.L.C. :—*Mr. Griffith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is the Honorable Alexander Brown a Member of the Parliament of New South Wales?

(2.) Does he also hold an office of profit under the Crown?

(3.) If so, will the Government take steps to compel this gentleman to resign either one position or the other?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) Member of the Legislative Council.

(2.) Yes; President, Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, salary £300 per annum.

(3.) Much as the Government disapprove of the dual positions held by this gentleman, the Government cannot at present deal with the matter. When the four years for which *Mr. Brown* is entitled to hold the office have lapsed, that is to say, on 1st July, 1896, he will have to choose between the position of honour and the position of emolument under the Crown as all other persons have had to do.

(11.) Australian Year Book :—*Mr. Griffith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What sum of money has the Government paid during this year to the proprietor of the "Australian Year Book," and the "Year Book of N.S.W.," for copies of these publications?

(2.) Is the Honorable E. Greville the proprietor of these publications?

(3.) Is he also a member of the Parliament of New South Wales?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—The answer to this question will take some little time to prepare. The information will be supplied in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way. I may add that the Government have for some time been under the impression that the order for this publication has been on altogether too extravagant a scale. Some time ago the Government took means to terminate that state of affairs.

4. DUTIES ON GRAIN :—*Mr. Fitzpatrick* presented a Petition from certain electors of The Murrumbidgee, Gundagai, and Wagga Wagga Electoral Districts, identified with the agricultural interests, praying the House, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, to reject the proposed measures for the repeal of the grain and agricultural duties, or grant such other relief as may seem meet. Petition received.

5. WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-MOUNTED POLICE SERGEANT :—*Mr. Hawthorne* presented a Petition from *William Stafford*, ex-Mounted Police Sergeant, submitting a statement of his case, and praying the House to again consider it, and cause effect to be given to the preponderance of the evidence on petitioner's side, and also to the supremacy of the findings and recommendation of Parliament, in his case. Petition received.

6. PAPER :—*Mr. Bruncker* laid upon the Table,—Report of the Royal Commission to inquire into the Civil Service, together with evidence. Ordered to be printed.

7. CLOSURE—LIMITATION OF APPLICATION (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Reid* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Standing Order be adopted by this House, and presented by *Mr. Speaker* to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for approval :—175A. The carrying of the closure shall only affect the last question submitted to the House or Committee. Question put and passed.

8. CANCELLATION OF ANNUAL LEASE, BOREE-CABONNE, MOLONG (*Formal Motion*) :—*Dr. Ross* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, petitions, and reports relative to the cancellation of annual lease No. 13,458, in the parish of Boree-Cabonne, district of Molong, county of Ashburnham. Question put and passed.

9. VACANCIES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Copeland* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing how many vacancies through death, resignations, and dismissals for misconduct have occurred in each Department of the Civil Service during the years 1894, 1893, 1892, 1891, and 1890, having reference only to officers on the permanent and temporary staffs, with the amount of salary attaching to each position. Question put and passed.

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10. CHINESE RESTRICTION AND REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—  
 (1.) Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the "Chinese Restriction and Regulation Act of 1888" (52 Victoria No. 4), so as to include other persons.  
 Question put and passed.  
 (2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the Chinese Restriction and Regulation Act of 1888 (52 Victoria No. 4), so as to include other persons,*"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
11. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Reid moved, That the report be now adopted.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
12. LAND TAX BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be "now read a second time."  
 Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "now read a second time," and inserting the words "referred to a Select Committee to report on the amount of revenue derivable therefrom, both with and without exemptions. (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Morton, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. See, Mr. Crick, Mr. Cann, and the Mover," instead thereof.  
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Young,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Caun,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Robert Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Shipway,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Mackay,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Alexander Campbell.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Rose.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Young,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Ellis.
Mr. Schey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Law,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Shipway.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Mackay,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Morton.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Perry.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE, 1895, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at nine minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m.  
This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE, 1895.

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

ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDER NO. 175a (*Closure—Limitation of Application*):—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had this day presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the Additional Standing Order No. 175a, adopted by the House on the 18th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Persons Travelling by Military Guard-boat from Chowder Bay to Sydney:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the Question asked on the 6th June, on the subject of persons travelling to and from Chowder and Sydney by the military guard-boat, and answered from information supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces, has he any objection to state the irregularities and complaints which rendered it necessary to withdraw the privileges from residents of Chowder to use the guard-boat, and by whom reported?

(2.) Were these alleged irregularities or complaints against the whole of the residents, or only some portion; if so, why was the privilege withdrawn?

(3.) Will he recognise that the privilege of travelling by this boat would be a convenience to the residents of Chowder—quite as much as to the wives and families of the military—and extend it to those residents of Chowder who have not been guilty of the irregularities complained of by him?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I regret to say that, in consequence of the absence from Sydney of the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces, I have not been able to obtain full information with regard to the subject matter of the Honorable Member's questions, but from the correspondence I find that the guard-boat running between Chowder and Sydney is chartered simply for military purposes. There is a clause in the contract which precludes the carrying of private passengers under any consideration whatever.

(2.) Land owned by Government near Glebe Island:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does the Government own any land, irrespective of the Abattoirs, at or near Glebe Island?

(2.) If so, when was it resumed, and at what cost?

(3.) What is the annual interest charged on money sunk therein?

(4.) What proposals have been made in regard to Glebe Island, as a whole?

(5.) What is the present stage of matters in connection therewith?

(6.) Is it probable that the proposals as made, or in any modified form, will be approved of and carried out by him?

(7.) In view of the terrible distress existing, will he endeavour to have this work done at once, so that the deserving unemployed may have an opportunity of earning food and shelter for their families?

(8.) In carrying it out will he arrange to have the work done directly under the supervision of his own officers, and see that the men are employed on it not less than one week in every two?

Mr. Young answered,—As in regard to a similar question asked by the Honorable Member yesterday, I must ask him to postpone this matter for a fortnight. The report concerning Glebe Island, which has only recently been received, has not yet been dealt with, but probably will be within the time mentioned. The Government is doing its best to push forward public works which can be legitimately undertaken, with a view, among other things, of providing employment for persons now out of work.

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- (3.) Model Farm at Garra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to establish a model farm at Garra, near Molong; if so, when?
  - (2.) When are steps to be taken for establishing a silk-worm farm at Garra, and for planting mulberry trees on the Garra Reserve?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) This matter has been under consideration for some time past. It is not proposed to establish this model farm.
  - (2.) The matter is now under consideration.
- (4.) Speed of Steamers passing Circular Quay:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- In view of the sinking of the "Cammaray" on Saturday morning last, will the Marine Board consider the question of making and enforcing stringent regulations restricting the speed of inward and outward bound steamers passing Circular Quay?
- Mr. Reid answered,—Regulations already exist restricting the speed of inward and outward bound steamers to six knots westward of Fort Denison. The Marine Board will do all they can to enforce the said regulations.
- (5.) Uniforms of Government Employees:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The number of uniforms required annually for the railway and tramway employees?
  - (2.) The number for post-office employees?
  - (3.) The number for police?
  - (4.) The number for asylums, the "Sobraon," and the reformatories?
  - (5.) The number for the Military and Volunteer Forces of the Colony?
  - (6.) The date when these contracts are given out?
  - (7.) The cost per head annually for uniforms in each of the above departments?
- Mr. Reid answered,—Yes; if moved for in the usual way.
- (6.) Working of Hospitals and Charitable Institutions:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he see that some steps are taken, by way of fresh legislation, to put the increasing drain on the funds of our hospitals and charitable institutions on a more sound and economical basis?
  - (2.) Will he see that a searching inquiry is made into the more economical working of our hospitals and charitable institutions, so that the actually deserving poor may not be deprived of the benefits accruing from such institutions by undesirable persons or immigrants from other colonies and countries, or by persons who are in a position to pay for services rendered?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The matter referred to in the Honorable Member's questions has been engaging my attention for a considerable time, and I hope that at no distant date a system may be formulated to carry out what the Honorable Member desires.
- (7.) Encroachment on Beach at Watson's Bay:—Mr. Affleck, for Mr. Knox, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that great inconvenience is caused to residents in the Borough of Vaucluse by reason of an encroachment on the beach at Watson's Bay below high-water mark?
  - (2.) Will he cause steps to be taken to have the encroachment removed?
  - (3.) By what authority (if any) was the encroachment effected?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am not aware; but if the Honorable Member will furnish particulars of the supposed encroachment, I will cause inquiry to be made.
- (8.) Conviction of E. Burns, J.P., at Lithgow:—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. H. H. Brown, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Was E. Burns, a Justice of the Peace, recently convicted at Lithgow; if so, for what offence?
  - (2.) Was his fine remitted; if so, for what reason?
  - (3.) Does he consider it desirable that persons convicted of such offences should continue in the Commission of the Peace?
  - (4.) Has he any objection to lay the papers upon the Table of the House?
- Mr. Gould answered.—
- (1.) Yes; for having a light weight in his possession.
  - (2.) The fine and costs inflicted were remitted, representations having been made that Mr. Burns, who is an auctioneer and valuator, and does not use weights for retail purposes, had the material in his auction-room on sale. The Bench were satisfied no intentional fraud had been committed.
  - (3.) This Question invites an expression of opinion. The well-known law of Parliament is that Questions should not involve opinion, argument, or inference.
  - (4.) None, if moved for in the usual way.
- (9.) Fees to Members of Metropolitan and Hunter River Water and Sewerage Boards:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the amount of fees paid per sitting to each of the members of the Sydney Water and Sewerage Board?
  - (2.) How many sittings were there held between the 1st January last and the 18th June instant, and how many members attended each sitting?
  - (3.) Are they only paid the fees when attending?
  - (4.) How are the members of the Hunter River Water and Sewerage Board paid—by stated sum (if so, how much), or by fixed rate and fees; and what is the amount of fees paid to each?
  - (5.) How many sittings were there held between the 1st January and 18th June instant, and how many members attended each sitting; were they paid whether present or absent; if so, by fees or fixed salary?

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Mr. Young answered.—I have received the following answers from the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage:—

(1.) £5 per week each for one or more sittings, not to exceed £250 per annum; therefore two weeks' meetings are attended without remuneration.

(2.) Twenty-eight sittings. At fourteen sittings there were seven members present; at eleven sittings there were six members present; at three sittings there were five members present. The President has been absent on leave since the 16th of April. In addition to the sittings held at the Board's offices, the following five visits of inspection were made:—Sewage farm and water reserve, Botany, 26th April; Prospect reservoir and works, 2nd May; Ryde pumping station and reservoirs, Chatswood reservoirs, and North Shore water supply, 16th May; inspecting site for reservoir, Gordon water supply, 7th June; Crown-street reservoir, 3rd June.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The salary of the President is determined by a vote of Parliament. Each of the other members of the Board receives a sum not exceeding £100 per annum each, to be paid in the form of a fee for each meeting which he has attended.

(5.) There were twenty-three meetings, seventeen of which were attended by seven members, five by six members, and one by five members.

(10.) Wages in connection with Reservoir in the Centennial Park:—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was a minimum rate of wage provided for in the contract now being carried out for a reservoir in the Centennial Park; if so, what was the rate stated?

(2.) Was there anything in the conditions which would have the effect of causing the contractor to insist on employees signing a statement or declaration of their age?

(3.) Is he aware, or has he caused any inquiries to be made, as to the manner in which these conditions are honoured by the contractor?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) I am not aware, but I will cause inquiries to be made into this matter.

(11.) Retrenched Officers:—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) On what system or principle is the absence on leave on full pay granted to officers retrenched in consequence of the rearrangement of the branches of his Department?

(2.) Will he take steps to see that retrenched officers will not be deprived of the length of leave or any part of it on full pay that they were entitled to at the date of their retrenchment?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) For two years' service, one month; for from two to four years' service, two months; for from four to six years' service, three months; for from six to eight years' service, four months; for from eight to ten years' service, five months; for from ten years and over, six months; for special cases—eighteen years and over, nine months; for thirty years and over, twelve months.

(2.) I will deal with every case of the kind on its merits.

(12.) Applications for Rebate or Drawback on Exported Goods:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The number of applications that have been made to the Treasury during the last six months for a rebate or drawback on goods exported, and on which an import duty has already been paid, specifying the various articles on which a rebate has been granted, and the amount of the same?

Mr. Reid answered,—The information will be prepared in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way.

(13.) Report of Royal Commission in England on Diseases in Stock:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he yet received any copy of the report of the Royal Commission in England, which has been sitting for the last five years investigating diseases in stock condemned by the Health Board, viz., tuberculosis, cancer, &c.; if so, will he see that such parts of the report as bear on the disease of stock in the Colony are published for the information of the public and stock-owners throughout the Colony?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered.—No.

(14.) Homestead Selections in the Western District:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he, in view of the fact that there are large numbers of persons waiting to take up land round the following towns, viz., Cobar, Nyngan, Louth, Byrock, Coolabah, Gongolgon, Mount Drysdale, and Girilambone, have areas of land at each of these towns proclaimed and surveyed as soon as possible for homestead settlement?

(2.) Will he also see that complete maps and all necessary information for intending settlers are sent as soon as possible to the Local Land Agents?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Instructions for subdivision of lands suitable for homestead selections in the vicinity of Cobar and Nyngan have already issued, and the question of taking similar action with respect to land in the neighbourhood of the other towns mentioned by the Honorable Member will receive early consideration.

(2.) In all cases complete plans and the necessary information will be supplied.

(15.) Forest-thinning in the Murray District:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table full copies of all letters, telegrams, and other documents relating to the payments made to men who were sent away to the various jobs of forest-thinning in the Murray District?

(2.) If so, when will the papers be available to Honorable Members?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Yes, if the Honorable Member will move for the papers in the usual way.

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(16.) Cost of Technical Education:—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Wilks*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What was the cost of technical education per student per annum for each of the years ending 31st December, 1893 and 1894?

*Mr. Cook* answered,—The cost to the State per head—individual students—for the year 1893 was £4 8s. 7d., and for 1894 £4 6s. 1d.

(17.) Proposed exchange of Land on Moira Pastoral Holding:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to his decision, as conveyed in a letter from the Under Secretary for Lands, 15th June instant, No. 95-5,643, not to refer the proposed exchange of land on Moira pastoral holding No. 619 to the Local Land Board for reconsideration and fresh evidence, will he, in response to the very large petition presented to him by residents of that district, reconsider his decision, and give them an opportunity of tendering their evidence to the Land Board, in order that the public interest may be fully protected?

*Mr. Carruthers* answered,—This matter was fully considered by the Local Land Board after sufficient notice had been given to admit of the lodgment of any objections to the proposed exchange. In view of its having been reported that the land offered by the lessee for surrender is equally suitable for agriculture as that proposed to be granted in exchange, and is more valuable on account of its proximity to a larger town (Moama), it was not considered that the prayer of the petition from residents near Mathoura should be complied with and the recommendation of the Local Land Board ignored.

3. DESTRUCTION BY FIRE OF THE STEAMER "RODNEY" (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Chanter* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, and other documents relating to the claim made by Messrs. Permewan, Wright, & Co. (Limited) against the Government for compensation for the destruction by fire, at Moara Station, on the River Darling, on the 26th August, 1894, of their steamer "Rodney."  
Question put and passed.

4. SUGAR INDUSTRY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Kelly* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of a recent report from an officer of the Government, to the Honorable the Minister for Mines or Colonial Treasurer, on or in connection with the sugar industry of the northern rivers of New South Wales.  
Question put and passed.

5. PARLIAMENTARY PAIRS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Chanter* moved, pursuant to Notice, That all pairs on divisions, either in the House or in any Committee of the Whole, signed by the Members so pairing, and handed to the Principal Shorthand Writer, Parliamentary Reporting Staff, prior to the divisions being taken, be recorded in conjunction with said divisions in the Parliamentary *Hansard*.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Sir George Dibbs,  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Dr. Ross,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Mr. Chanter,  
Mr. Hayes,  
Mr. Pyers,  
Mr. Rose,  
Mr. F. Clarke,  
Mr. Millon,  
Mr. O'Reilly,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. Griffith,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Lyne,  
Mr. Waddell.

Tellers,

Mr. E. M. Clark,  
Mr. Hassall.

Mr. McCourt,  
Mr. Whiddon,  
Mr. Crick,  
Dr. Graham,  
Mr. Cook,  
Mr. McLean,  
Mr. Rigg,  
Mr. Cameron,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. Smailes,  
Mr. Bruaker,  
Mr. Carruthers,  
Mr. Sydney Smith,  
Mr. Copeland,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Reid,  
Mr. Gould,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Wilks,  
Mr. Thomas.

Noes, 55:

Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Alexander Campbell,  
Mr. Hughes,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Millard,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Mackay,  
Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. Ashton,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. Black,  
Mr. Newman,  
Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Hawthorne,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. Ferguson,

Sir Henry Parkes,  
Mr. Austin Chapman,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Bavister,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Robert Jones.

Tellers,

Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Schey.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

(1.) Attorneys Costs Act of 1847 Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 19th July.

(2.) Church of England Property Act of 1889 Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for the Hastings and The Macleay, *Mr. F. Clarke*, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the action of the Government in giving undue preference to the West Maitland Electorate by specially subsidising the Borough Council of that town, and providing relief-works for the unemployed, while totally disregarding the poverty and want of employment which are well known to exist in other districts of the Colony."

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

*Mr. Clarke* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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8. PAPERS:—MR. BRUNKER laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Report on Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for the year 1894.  
 (2.) Report on Vaccination for the year 1894.  
 (3.) Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the best means of developing the Marine and other Fisheries of the Colony, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix.  
 Ordered to be printed.

9. JERILDERIE TO BERRIGAN RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title.  
 On motion of Mr. Young, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888; so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; to provide that such work shall not be carried out unless the private lands required for the construction of the line be contracted by instrument in writing, to be conveyed by deed of gift, transfer, or exchange from the owners to the Crown, save and except in the case of town allotments; and for other purposes*,"—including the amendment in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
 Sydney, 19th June, 1895.*

10. COTTAGE CREEK SEWERAGE WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.  
 On motion of Mr. Young, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of Sewerage Works at Cottage Creek, within the Municipalities of Newcastle and Wickham, in the county of Northumberland*."

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 Sydney, 19th June, 1895.*

11. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Affleck,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Ashton.
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Fegan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Morton.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Mackay,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. See,	Mr. Crick.
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Carroll.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Reid, *passed*.Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for the establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid*."

Question put and passed.

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12. LAND TAX BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Alleck,
Mr. Stephen,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Shipway,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cook.
Mr. E. M. Clark,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Wuddell.
Mr. Austin Chapman,	
Mr. Wilks,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Mackay,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. See,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Rose,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Lync,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Barnes.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to impose a Tax in respect of Land, of Mortgages on Land, and of Leasehold, and other interests therein.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose a Tax in respect of Land, of Mortgages on Land, and of Leasehold, and other interests therein,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
Sydney, 19th June, 1895.

The House adjourned, at Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 20 JUNE, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land Resumed at Woolloomooloo Bay.—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) For what purpose did the Government resume land some time ago along the east side of Woolloomooloo Bay?
  - (2.) What was the total cost of the resumptions?
  - (3.) What amount of money has been paid since for or on account of such lands?
  - (4.) What is the annual interest charge on the moneys sunk in these lands?
  - (5.) What use it is proposed to make of such lands?
  - (6.) What is the cause of the delay in utilising them?
  - (7.) Does the proposed purpose require any further resumptions of land?
  - (8.) If so, whose; and what is the estimated cost?
  - (9.) Is it not possible to commence the proposed works at once, so that the deserving unemployed may have an opportunity of relief from their present condition of dire distress, and a chance to earn food and shelter for their wives and children?
  - (10.) In carrying out these works will he have them done directly under the supervision of his own officers, and provide that the men shall be employed thereon not less than one week out of every two?

Mr. Young answered,—The Honorable Member is asking me questions which it is impossible to answer on such a short notice. I can only inform him now, that the question of the utilisation of the resumed land at Woolloomooloo Bay will be dealt with at the earliest possible date, and, as I informed the Honorable Member previously, the Government is doing everything possible to open up works to find employment for those in need of it. I may mention that in some of the works which the Government has determined to go on with, there will be ample opportunity for the employment of the class of persons which he refers to in his questions.

- (2.) Prisoners in the Mount Rennie Outrage.—Mr. Perry asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has he received any statement or representations, written or oral, tending to exculpate or to throw doubt upon the guilt of the five prisoners now undergoing penal servitude for life for alleged complicity in the Mount Rennie outrage, of which charge they were convicted and sentenced to death, but afterwards reprieved, and the sentence commuted to imprisonment for life?
  - (2.) If so, will he consider the advisability of recommending that the said prisoners should be set at liberty, or the desirability of appointing a Royal Commission to inquire into the whole of the facts and circumstances connected with and surrounding the accusation, trial, conviction, and reprieve of these five young men?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Certain representations have been made to me of the nature indicated, but it is believed similar representations were made to the Executive when the death-sentences passed on the prisoners were under consideration; while in the year 1888 the then Minister of Justice, after causing very careful inquiry into the cases of three of the prisoners now serving their death-commuted sentences, determined that he could see no reason why the sentences passed upon them should be interfered with. Since this date each subsequent Minister appears to have had the case under consideration upon Petitions for remission.
- (2.) It is my intention, however, to have the case of each prisoner carefully reconsidered.

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(3.) Retention of Ladies in the Postal Department after Marriage:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Referring to the Question of the 11th June, on the subject of the "Retention of ladies in the postal department after marriage," and the answer that the regulations only applied to official offices, *i.e.*, those to which a salary of £100 a year is attached,—is the Willoughby office an official office; and, if not, considering its importance and business, why?

(2.) What is the salary of the postmistress there, and what additional allowances are made to her in fuel, rent, lighting, forage, stabling, &c.?

(3.) Is this salary (considering the value of allowances) not sufficient to come under the regulations?

(4.) Has this lady married since her appointment, and has it been represented that her husband is in receipt of a good salary?

(5.) Has this lady, for domestic reasons, been unable to attend to her official duties, and was her niece appointed to the office for that purpose?

(6.) Will he consider the question of making Willoughby an official office so that it might be dealt with by departmental regulations more equitably than at present?

*Mr. Brunner* answered,—

(1.) Willoughby is not an official office within the meaning of the departmental regulations, the salary attached thereto being under £100 a year. So long as the business is satisfactorily conducted I do not see that it concerns the public whether it is an official office or not.

(2.) Salary, £99 10s. per annum (inclusive of commissions formerly allowed on the sale of postage stamps and on Money Order and Government Savings Bank transactions, which, as in the case of other non-official P.M.'s, have lately been added to salary), quarters, fuel for office use during winter months, £2 per annum for light for office purposes, and 4s. per diem for forage for mail-boys and messengers' horses.

(3.) No; it is the salary alone which determines the class of the office.

(4.) The postmistress has married since her appointment; the only representations that have been made to the Department as to her husband's being in the receipt of a good salary are those from the Honorable Member himself.

(5.) No; Miss Hambly, who had been assisting in the office without remuneration for about three years, was in February last appointed assistant at 5s. per week, in order to afford relief to the postmistress, whose hours of duty were very long.

(6.) I see no necessity for taking a course which would involve an increase of expenditure at this office.

(4.) Convictions under the Game Laws:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Justice,—The number of convictions that have taken place in the Colony, under our game laws, and amount of fines received from the same?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—This information can be given if ordered by the House in the usual way, but unless the return be made to apply to some specified period, say for one year, and the game laws referred to named, some difficulty would be experienced in obtaining the particulars required.

(5.) Savings Banks Depositors:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The number of depositors in our Savings Banks who have more than £200 deposited to their credit without interest, and merely deposited for security, and the total amount of the same?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—In the Government Savings Bank, on 31st December, 1894, there were 714 depositors, having the sum of £99,053 11s. to their credit not bearing interest. In the Savings Bank of New South Wales, on 31st December, 1894, there were 5,630 depositors having the sum of £1,463,442 16s. 10d. at their credit not bearing interest.

(6.) Court-house at West Maitland:—*Mr. Stephen* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many tenders were received for the construction of a new Court-house at West Maitland?

(2.) The names of the tenderers, and the amount of each tender separately?

(3.) The name or names of the successful tenderer or tenderers, and the amount of the tender?

(4.) Has the lowest tender been accepted; if not, what are the reasons for its rejection?

*Mr. Young* answered,—

(1.) Eighteen.

(2.) Fahey and Ross, £11,586; W. and C. Taylor, £11,655; W. Wilson, £11,986 13s. 4d.; B. Smith, £12,345; W. and J. Brown, £12,437; F. Lemm, jun., £12,450; J. M'Donald, £12,490; D. M'Intyre, £12,500; Eaton Bros., £12,649; T. Henley, £12,678; J. H. Threadgill, £12,700; Smith and Pringle, £12,700; Wooden and Frost, £12,862 10s. 9d.; R. D. Sime, £12,864; R. James, £12,873; C. Richards, £12,890; J. Frogley, £13,196 13s. 6d.; D. T. Brown, £14,625.

(3.) Messrs. W. and C. Taylor, £11,655.

(4.) No; the reason being that the lowest tenderers recently caused the Department considerable trouble through throwing up their contract for Greta Court-house, and consequently causing delay and extra cost in its subsequent erection.

(7.) Granting of Leases to mine at Byng:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Austin Chapman*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he yet granted the leases to persons engaged in mining at Byng?

(2.) Is he aware that a large quantity of gold is being obtained?

(3.) Is it not a fact that if the leases were granted the people who are now getting the gold would have to put on a much larger number of men than at present engaged?

(4.) What are the reasons for not granting the leases?

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*Mr. Gould* answered,—

- (1.) No leases have yet been granted, but several applications have been made for special leases by the owners of alienated lands under the Mining on Private Lands Act.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) It is not known how many men are at present engaged.
- (4.) Action on the applications for special leases has been impeded by the difficulties in surveys, investigation of titles, &c.

(8.) Farm Rented or Purchased by State Children's Department:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the State Children's Department rented or purchased a farm near Mittagong?
- (2.) If so, who is the owner, and the terms of the lease or the purchase?
- (3.) Were public tenders called for the lease or purchase of a farm; if not, why not?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—I am informed that the State Children's Relief Board has given up one unsuitable house and rented another more suitable, with a larger area of land attached, for 30s. a week, from *Mr. Joseph Wallis*, after personally inspecting a number of other local sites which were considered unsuitable.(9.) Charges made by Charles Nelson against the Police:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a statement made by Charles Nelson, a wharf labourer, which was contained in the *Herald* of 18th June, in which he charges the police with so brutally ill-using him in the lock-up, where he had gone on business, that his arm was broken, in addition to other injuries?
- (2.) Will he be good enough to cause an inquiry to be made into the matter?
- (3.) Is he aware that similar complaints are frequently made?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that an information is about to be laid against the constable for inflicting the injury referred to.(10.) Sheep Poisoned near Wilcannia:—*Mr. Sleath* asked the Secretary for Mines.—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the large number of sheep that have been poisoned near the town of Wilcannia?
- (2.) Has any report been presented to his Department in reference to this matter?
- (3.) Has his Department made any effort to discover the cause of poisoning?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes; on the 28th May last, and on the 10th June last.
- (3.) With regard to the first lot, it was reported by the Inspector that the sheep died through their being starved, and eating wild tobacco plant. The second lot are said by the Inspector to have died from starvation and cold.

(11.) Rabbit Pest in the Wilcannia District:—*Mr. Sleath* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the large increase of rabbits in the western district?
- (2.) Is he aware that this plague is the means of laying great areas of land waste?
- (3.) Is it his intention to immediately introduce legislation, with a view to deal with this pest?

*Mr. Carruthers* answered,—When a favourable opportunity presents itself legislation on this subject will be introduced.(12.) Appointments to the Legislative Council:—*Mr. O'Reilly* asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many of the Members of the present Legislative Council were appointed during the term of office of *Sir George Dibbs* and *Sir Henry Parkes* respectively?*Mr. Brunker* answered,—A return is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table on Tuesday next.(13.) Licenses Granted under the Licensing Act:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Fegan*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the proceedings of the Licensing Court (Metropolitan), where the magistrates granted licenses to applicants who had been previously convicted for breaches of the Licensing Act; and, if so, will he have an inquiry made into the cases?
- (2.) Has his attention been drawn to the evidence of the Government Analyst concerning the above cases.

*Mr. Gould* answered,—My attention has not been officially drawn to these matters in any way, but upon representations made by the Inspector-General of Police the Crown Solicitor was requested to obtain legal assistance in support of the police objections to the renewal of certain licenses. Such further action as the circumstances may justify will, however, be taken.(14.) Conduct of a Medical Gentleman in Dubbo:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a complaint has been lodged with his Department as to the conduct of a medical gentleman in Dubbo in taking away the heart of a deceased Chinaman upon whom he had made a *post mortem* examination, much to the distress of the wife and family of the deceased?
- (2.) If not, will he cause an inquiry to be made into the matter, and ascertain if the report is true, and, if so, who is responsible for the action?

*Mr. Gould* answered,—

- (1.) Yes; a complaint was received a day or two since on the subject referred to in the Honorable Member's Question.
- (2.) Yes; inquiry will be made into the matter in due course.

(15.) Printing of Return, "General Election, 1894":—*Mr. Watkins*, for *Mr. Hughes*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have the return laid upon the Table of the House on 23rd October, 1894, in reference to the late General Election, printed?*Mr. Brunker* answered,—I will presently lay the return upon the Table and move that it be printed.

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(16.) Order for Attachment of Salary made by Bankruptcy Court:—Mr. Bavister asked the Minister of Justice,—With reference to the answer of the Minister of Justice to Question No. 8, on 11th June, 1895, intimating that in only one instance during the last three years had an order been made on the salary of a bankrupt which did not exceed £200 per annum, and adding “in that case the bankrupt’s total income from all sources had exceeded £200 per annum,” will he obtain a further report from the Registrar in Bankruptcy on the following points:—

(1.) Was the case in question that of Herbert Arnold Fry, in which the order for attachment of salary was obtained by Mr. N. F. Giblin, Official Assignee?

(2.) Was representation made to the Registrar that Mr. Giblin was a paid adviser on the Board of the Real Estate Bank, which was the only proved creditor in Fry’s estate; and was a request made that some other Official Assignee, not in any way interested in the estate, might be appointed?

(3.) Was the order for attachment of future salary based on the amount of total income the bankrupt had previously enjoyed; and is there any record of any previous case in the Bankruptcy Court where a “bankrupt’s total income from all sources” in the past has been considered as a basis on which an order has been made on present or future salary?

Mr. Gould answered,—The Registrar in Bankruptcy informs me as follows:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) No, upon what it was shown he was earning. Section 61 includes all sources of income. Mr. Fry appealed to the Judge in Bankruptcy from the Registrar’s decision, and His Honor upheld such decision.

(17.) Regulation under Land Act of 1895:—Mr. Piddington asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he at once see the advisability of rescinding the regulation under the new Land Act, under which it is necessary for selectors applying for an extension of time to pay a fee of 5s. when making the application for such concession?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The fee charged is less than the actual cost and cannot be reduced.

2. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE WORKS:—Mr. Dick, as Chairman, in accordance with the power granted on 11th June, 1895, brought up the First Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 11th December, 1894; together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Table showing the number of Electors upon the Roll, approximate number of Electors qualified to vote, and the number of votes recorded in each Electorate.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Amended regulations respecting code addresses and reply-paid telegrams.

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

(1.) Parkes to Condobolin Railway Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 69.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Parkes to Condobolin.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 19th June, 1895.*

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

(2.) Cobar to Cockburn Railway Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 70.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 19th June, 1895.*

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

5. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 71.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Act.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 19th June, 1895.*

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



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6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wilcannia, Mr. Sleath, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the treatment meted out by the Department of Justice to George Dent, of Wilcannia." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members.—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Rose,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Schey,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Smailes,  
Mr. Watkins,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Miller.

Tellers,

Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Thomas.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Atleck,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Dr. Hollis,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. McLean,	Tellers,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Wilks.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES PAYMENTS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 72.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to further promote settlement on lands conditionally purchased from the Crown by providing for the reduction of the annual payments in respect thereof, and for the reduction of the rate of interest now payable upon certain conditional purchases under the Repealed Acts from 5 to 4 per centum per annum; and to effect such amendments in such statutes as may be necessary for the aforesaid purposes.

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*Sydney, 20th June, 1895.*

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

8. NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Act.  
Question put and passed.
9. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES PAYMENTS BILL:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to further promote settlement on lands conditionally purchased from the Crown by providing for the reduction of the annual payments in respect thereof, and for the reduction of the rate of interest now payable upon certain conditional purchases under the Repealed Acts from five to four per centum per annum; and to effect such amendments in such statutes as may be necessary for the aforesaid purposes.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
10. CAMPBELLTOWN RESERVOIR ACTS REPEAL BILL:—  
(1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Acts eighteenth Victoria number twenty-three and thirty-ninth Victoria number eleven, and to vest certain lands and chattels in Her Majesty.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to repeal the Acts eighteenth Victoria number twenty-three and thirty-ninth Victoria number eleven, and to vest certain lands and chattels in Her Majesty,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Tramway from Woolwich to the Field of Mars Common*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of tramway from Woolwich to the Field of Mars Common.  
Question put and passed.

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12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Parkes to Condobolin*):—  
Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the proposed line of railway from Parkes to Condobolin, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Cobar to Cockburn*):—  
Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" it is expedient that a line of railway from Cobar to Cockburn, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, with such of the modifications recommended by the said Committee as this House may hereafter determine.  
Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Moore requested Mr. Speaker to rule whether the motion was in order, the matter referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works not being identical with the proposal now submitted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the powers conferred upon the Legislature by the Public Works Act were not infringed, and that the motion was not out of order.

Debate continued.

Mr. Millen moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "in view of the lapse of time since the preparation of the report, and the change of circumstances since occurring, the expediency of constructing the line from Cobar to Cockburn be referred back to the Public Works Committee for further inquiry and report," instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Smailes,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Millard,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Mackay,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Macdonald.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Watkins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Ferguson,	

Noes, 28.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Affleck.
Mr. Rose,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Ellis.
Mr. Millen,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Rigg,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Russell Jones,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Ashton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—That it is expedient that a line of railway from Cobar to Cockburn, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, with such of the modifications recommended by the said Committee as this House may hereafter determine.

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Wilks,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Macdonald.
Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Ferguson.
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Kelly,	

Noes, 27.

Sir George Dibbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. See,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Millen,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Rawlinson,	
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. O'Reilly,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Rigg,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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14. **INCOME TAX BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be “now” read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Levien moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word “now,” and adding the words “this day six months.”

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Riggs,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Russell Jones,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Millen,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Slenth,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Cam,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Dick.
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Griffith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Law,	Mr. O'Reilly.

Noes, 17.

Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. See,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Bavister.

*Tellers,*

Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Gardiner.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

15. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at half-past One o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 21 JUNE, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Wood-blocking at Circular Quay:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to have a portion of the Circular Quay wood-blocked?
- (2.) If so, have the necessary plans and specifications been prepared?
- (3.) Has the work been approved of by him?
- (4.) When is it proposed to make a start with it?
- (5.) Has any officer of his Department reported that the work can be carried out cheaper by day labour than by contract?
- (6.) Will he make inquiry, and see if this is the case?
- (7.) Will he have the work carried out by day labour directly under the supervision of the officers of his Department, and provide that the men should be employed thereon not less than one week in every two?
- (8.) Will he push this work on with the utmost despatch, so that the deserving unemployed may have an opportunity of escape from the condition of poignant poverty in which they are at present plunged, and be able to earn food and shelter for their wives and little children?

Mr. Young answered,—It is the intention of the Government to have the portion of the Circular Quay alluded to wood-blocked, and I have given instructions to the Engineer-in-Chief to have the specifications prepared at once. When these are ready I will take into consideration the question whether it is practicable to carry out the work by day labour.

(2.) Stone Quarried at Glebe Island:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What rent is being paid for the right to quarry stone at Glebe Island?
- (2.) What is the name of the person or firm who is at present quarrying stone at Glebe Island?
- (3.) Was the right to quarry stone publicly tendered for, or was it let privately?
- (4.) Is he in a position to state definitely if it is the intention to start with the cutting down of Glebe Island this year, as also the making of a roadway round the Island?
- (5.) Should it be his intention to make an early start with this work, will he follow out the practice which prevails in his Department, when works outside the Metropolitan District are being carried out, to employ as far as possible only local men?
- (6.) Is he aware that the money recently spent by his Department will be, practically speaking, wasted unless the reclamation of Rozelle Bay is at once proceeded with, as the channels cut and cleared will be filled up again with the force of the flood-waters from White's Creek and the other natural water-courses emptying themselves into this bay?

Mr. Young answered,—Nothing is known in this Department about anything being paid for the right to quarry stone at Glebe Island, but I will make inquiries. With regard to the question of cutting down Glebe Island, I have received a report on the subject, but it has not yet been dealt with. I may mention, however, that it is not of a nature very favourable to the undertaking. With regard to Rozelle Bay, this work will be proceeded with as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made with regard to the owners of the foreshores.

(3.) Appointment of Superintendent of the Reformatory at Brush Farm:—Mr. Smiles, for Mr. Hughes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Why was Captain Murray appointed Superintendent of the Reformatory at Brush Farm?
- (2.) Is it a fact that he retired from the P. & O. Company to avoid compulsory retirement on the score of age?
- (3.) Why was not one of the eight senior officers appointed whose period of service extended over from six to twenty-six years, and whose experience must be greater than Captain Murray's?

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Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) On the ground of special qualifications and tested ability in the Department.
- (2.) No, and he has not been in the P. & O. service for several years.
- (3.) Captain Murray, having acted as manager of the Newington Asylum, was considered by the Government the most suitable officer in the Department for the position. I may add that I am afraid the Honorable Member, in asking this question, is labouring under a wrong impression as to the person now filling the position. The Captain Murray now filling the position is not the Captain Murray appointed by the late Government.

(4.) Contract for removing Effects of Mines Department:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Who is the contractor who is at present removing the furniture and effects of the Mines Department to the Lands Office building?
- (2.) How is the job contracted for, and what amount is the contractor to receive for it?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the men employed by the contractor are working nine hours per day or more for a wage of 5s. per day?
- (4.) If he has no knowledge, will he inquire and see if such is a fact?
- (5.) If so, is there no minimum wage specified in the contract?
- (6.) Will he take steps to enforce a reasonable wage being paid to the men by the contractor?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered—

- (1.) The Whitehead Sydney Parcel Delivery Company.
- (2.) Tenders were invited from a number of carrying firms, and the lowest was accepted. The contract price is £95.
- (3.) The arrangements between the contractor and his men are not known to me.
- (4.) Inquiries into these matters will be made.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) The contract is nearly completed.

(5.) Date of Payment of Civil Servants' Salaries, and Interest on Borrowed Moneys:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Morton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are the salaries for the month of June payable to Civil Servants on the last day of the month or on the first day of the succeeding month?
- (2.) Is the interest on all moneys borrowed by the Government (including Trust Funds) payable quarterly or half-yearly?
- (3.) Is the interest for the quarter or half-year ending 30th June on above moneys payable on the last day of June or the 1st day of July?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Payable on the last day of the month, as is customary at the close of a financial year.
- (2.) The interest on Debentures and Treasury Bills, and on Stock inscribed in England, and locally under the Funded Stock Act of 1892, and on uninvested Trust Funds, is payable half-yearly. The interest on the Funded Stock of 1873 is payable quarterly.
- (3.) The half-year's accrued interest to 30th June on the portion of the moneys referred to, and the quarter's interest to 30th June on the Loan under Funded Stock Act of 1873, is payable on the first day of July following.

(6.) Sale of Deleterious Liquors:—Mr. Martin asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the evidence produced by the Crown in the Licensing Court during the present week of the injurious liquors that have been sold in some city hotels?
- (2.) Will he take whatever steps are necessary to amend the law, so as to make it impossible for deleterious liquors to go into consumption?

Mr. Gould answered,—My attention has not been officially called to the evidence given in the cases referred to, but the question of amending the law with regard to the sale of injurious and adulterated liquors has for some time been under consideration, with the view to the introduction of a Bill dealing with the subject.

(7.) Report on Motions for Parliamentary Returns:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Morton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to move for the appointment of a Parliamentary Committee to report on motions for Parliamentary returns, as recommended by the Civil Service Inquiry Commission?

Mr. Reid answered,—This is a matter in which I intend to move at an early date.

(8.) Manning of Intercolonial and Coastal Steamers:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that intercolonial and coastal steamers are now being undermanned, both as regards officers and crew?
- (2.) Has his attention been called to the current report that on a recent voyage of an intercolonial vessel an officer was discovered asleep on watch, this state being induced by the fact that after working in port twelve hours he was compelled to take a six-hour watch?
- (3.) Is it a fact that many steamers are now carrying only two deck officers in place of three, formerly employed, thus necessitating six-hour watches in place of four-hour watches as formerly?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) There is no law regulating the number of officers and crew that coastal and intercolonial steamers should carry.
- (2.) Nothing is known in the Mercantile Marine offices about this case.
- (3.) Nothing is known in the said offices about the number of deck officers being lately reduced from three to two.

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- (9.) Supply of Uniforms to Railway Employees at Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Griffith*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that no uniform has been supplied to the railway employees at Darling Harbour for the last two years?
  - (2.) Will he see that steps are taken to have this oversight or injustice rectified?
- Mr. Reid* answered,—I am informed that uniforms are supplied to the Darling Harbour staff where the circumstances of their employment require it. The employees at Darling Harbour generally are supplied with caps and badges.
- (10.) Village Settlement at Bega:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Rawlinson*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What amount of money has been expended by the Government in connection with the Village Settlement at Bega up to the present date?
  - (2.) What has been done for the settlers since the Board was disbanded?
  - (3.) How many families are now on the settlement?
  - (4.) Will he grant the same concessions to the unemployed in the Bega district as have been given to those sent from Sydney?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—
- (1.) The sum of £1,200 has been advanced to the Board of Control.
  - (2.) The land having been subdivided, the present Board has allotted separate blocks to each of the settlers, and has also submitted regulations for the good government of the settlement, which have been approved and have appeared in to-day's *Government Gazette*.
  - (3.) Fourteen.
  - (4.) I am not aware of the concessions to which the Honorable Member refers; but it is not proposed at present to increase the aggregate number of settlers on the Labour Settlements.
- (11.) Appointment of Warden at Temora:—*Mr. Watson* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the extremely large increase in mining in and around Temora?
  - (2.) In view of the general inconvenience resulting from there being no resident Warden, will he take immediate steps to appoint one?
- Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The matter of readjusting the boundaries of the Wardens' divisions in that part of the Colony is under consideration.
2. PAPERS:—*Mr. Gould* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return of prisoners liberated upon License under section 409 of the "Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883," 46 Vic. No. 17, since the initiation of the system in September, 1891, to 31st May, 1895.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Return of particulars of Inquests and Magisterial Inquiries for the year 1894.
3. EIGHT HOURS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of *Mr. Schey*, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Schey* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare Eight Hours to be a Legal Day's Labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects.*"
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare Eight Hours to be a Legal Day's Labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st June, 1895.*
4. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McGowen* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return giving the names of the present Honorable Members of the Legislative Council who have held seats in the Legislative Assembly.
- Question put and passed.
5. ASSEMBLY BILLS NOT PASSED BY COUNCIL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McGowen* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return giving the names of all Bills that have passed the Legislative Assembly during the 14th, 15th, and 16th Parliaments, and have been rejected or otherwise disposed of, but not passed by the Legislative Council.
- Question put and passed.
6. BRIDGE TO NORTH SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. E. M. Clark* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a safer, more rapid, and efficient means of transit should be provided to connect North Sydney and its surrounding suburbs with the city.
  - (2.) That, as the force of public opinion and engineering authorities have always been in favour of a high-level bridge, it should be referred to the Public Works Committee to report upon the matter without further delay.
- Question put and passed.

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7. COOTAMUNDRA RACECOURSE BILL:—Mr. Barnes moved, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill be discharged.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
8. INTEREST ON CONDITIONAL PURCHASES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Rose moved, That the report be now adopted.  
Debate ensued.  
*Point of Order*:—Mr. Cameron submitted that the Bill was improperly before the House, inasmuch as it had not been introduced in Committee of the Whole, as required by Standing Order No. 134.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Speaker said that if the House desired his decision then he would give it, but if the matter were adjourned he would further consider the point raised.  
Mr. Edden moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 5th July.
9. EARLY CLOSING BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Smailes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the supervision and regulation of shops, and for the limitation of the hours of trading and working therein, and for other purposes.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the supervision and regulation of shops, and for the limitation of the hours of trading and working therein, and for other purposes.  
On motion of Mr. Smailes, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Smailes then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for the supervision and regulation of shops, and for the limitation of the hours of trading and working therein, and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 5th July.
10. NEPEAN COTTAGE HOSPITAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lees moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Lees, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Lees, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
11. PORT HACKING NET-FISHING ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stephen moved, That this Bill be “*now*” read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Sleath moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word “*now*,” and adding the words “*this day six months*.”  
Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
Question put,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. James Morgan,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Sehey,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Millen,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McGowen.
Mr. William Morgan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Rigg,	Dr. Hollis.
Mr. Whiddon,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Rawlinson,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Edden.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Thomas.

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

Mr.



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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
Mr. Stephen then moved, That the report be now adopted.  
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Travers Jones,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. F. Clarke,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Lyne.
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Sleath,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hogue.	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. McGowen,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Price,	
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Millen,	Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Waddell.	Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Cook,		Mr. Stevenson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

12. EMU GRAVEL AND ROAD-METAL COMPANY'S TRAMWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James Morgan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

*Interruption.*

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Sessional Order, adopted on 3rd April, 1895, put the Question, That this House do now adjourn.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Waddell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Russell Jones,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. James Morgan,	Mr. Joseph Abbott.
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Millen,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. F. Clarke,	Mr. Price,	
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Stevenson.	Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. McLean,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Mackay,	
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Moore.	Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Reid,		Mr. Rawlinson.	
Mr. McGowen,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before Six o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE, 1895.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Reid, referring to the action of the Legislative Council in relation to the Land and Income Tax Assessment Bill, and the consequent destruction of the scheme of financial reform proposed by the Government, stated that he had advised His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve Parliament, after the passing of a few necessary measures, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give his unconditional assent to that advice. Sir George Dibbs also addressed the House.

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

- (1.) Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act Amendment Bill:—

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

*Message No. 73.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and to repeal the Act Fifty-eight Victoria Number One.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 25th June, 1895.*

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

- (2.) Loan Estimate for 1895-6:—

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

*Message No. 74.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales, on account of Public Works and other Services, for the year 1895-6, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 25th June, 1895.*

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

- (3.) Vote of Credit:—

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

*Message No. 75.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of July, August, and September, or following month of the year 1895-6, at the rates sanctioned for the six months ending on the 30th June, 1895, subject to the rate of any reduction made in the Estimates laid on the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the 9th May, 1895, or any further reduction hereafter to be made,—together with provision for an advance to the Colonial Treasurer.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 25th June, 1895.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

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## 3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Appointments made at the Kenmore Asylum:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) How many new appointments have been made at Kenmore Asylum since the opening of that establishment?

(2.) The date of the last appointment?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of the Insane:—

(1.) Eight attendants and other employees have been appointed, exclusive of those transferred from other hospitals for the insane.

(2.) 23rd June, 1895.

- (2.) Tram Service to Woollahra:—Mr. Knox asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Railway Commissioners have stopped the steam tramway service to Woollahra?

(2.) Under what section of the Railway Act are the Railway Commissioners empowered to close existing tramway or railway lines?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have been informed that the Railway Commissioners have, for a time, suspended the running of trams on the branch line at Woollahra, that course being adopted in consequence of the daily receipts not equalling half the daily working expenses. It does not appear that there is any special provision in the Railway Act bearing upon the point.

- (3.) Buildings erected on insecure Foundations:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the many buildings that have been and are being erected on very insecure foundations, these buildings being erected for sale on the cheapest possible scale?

(2.) Will he this Session, or early next Session, introduce a Bill whereby builders in the city and suburbs, as well as the Colony at large, will be compelled, under proper supervision, to have stable and sound foundations, and not surface foundations, to all buildings hereafter erected?

Mr. Young answered,—No doubt the Honorable Member has referred to an evil which does exist, but I am afraid the remedy he proposes means the creation of another Government Department, the expense of maintaining which can hardly be justified at the present time.

- (4.) Centennial Park Relief Works:—Mr. Schey asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a single man is only permitted to earn six meal-tickets per week at the Centennial Park?

(2.) Will he make such arrangements as will permit of every man earning at least two meals per day?

(3.) If so, when will he bring such arrangement into force?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) The regulations in connection with the Centennial Park relief works provide that single men may, by working three hours per week, receive the following ration, viz., 4 lb. bread, 3 lb. meat, 2 lb. sugar, 4 oz. tea, and 1 tin milk. When requested by the men six orders for meals at a restaurant are given in lieu of the ration.

(2 and 3.) This matter will receive consideration.

- (5.) Uniforms required by the Military and Volunteer Forces:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some of the uniforms required by the Military and Volunteer Forces are being imported?

(2.) Will he consider the desirability of having these made in New South Wales?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) I am not aware, but the uniforms of the Military Forces are supplied by contract with private firms in Sydney.

(2.) Having in view the reduction in the Military Estimates, it is not advisable to interfere with the existing system.

- (6.) Uniforms required by Railway and Tramway Employees:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some of the uniforms required by the railway and tramway employees are being imported?

(2.) Will he consider the desirability of having these uniforms made in New South Wales?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that the uniforms supplied are made in the Colony.

- (7.) Uniforms required for Post Office Employees:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some of the uniforms required for Post Office employees are imported?

(2.) Will he consider the desirability of having these uniforms made in New South Wales?

Mr. Cook answered,—The scarlet cloth of which the letter-carriers' uniform coats are made, and the serge of which their trousers are made, are not manufactured in the Colony, and this material is imported. The clothing, however, is made up in the Colony. With regard to the helmets, it has been found that these articles cannot be manufactured in the Colony except at a considerably higher rate than that paid for the imported articles.

- (8.) Uniforms required by the Police:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some of the uniforms required by the police are being imported?

(2.) Will he consider the desirability of having these uniforms made in New South Wales?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes; helmets, gloves, chevrons, &c., are necessarily imported.

(2.) The cloth required is manufactured and made up in the Colony. The material for overcoat and Bedford cord pants imported from England cannot be manufactured locally.

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- (9.) Payment to Witnesses in the "Rodney" case:—Mr. Chanter asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Were the witnesses who gave evidence in favour of certain men charged at Broken Hill Court with having wilfully set fire to the steamer "Rodney," at Morrara Station, on the river Darling, paid by the Crown at the rate of £12 each?
  - (2.) Were all witnesses paid alike?
  - (3.) Was and is it the usual practice to pay witnesses in similar cases?
  - (4.) If not, why was the usual practice departed from?

Mr. Gould answered,—My honorable colleague, the Attorney-General, within whose province this matter comes, has furnished me with the following replies:—

- (1 and 2.) No. They were paid at various rates, according to the scale of allowances certified by the Crown Solicitor. The highest amount was £10 16s.; the lowest, £3 16s.
- (3.) It is not the usual practice to pay witnesses for the defence, unless they have been called at the Police Court and bound over to give evidence at the trial.
- (4.) The usual practice was departed from because the then Attorney-General was satisfied that if an adjournment had been granted the witnesses would have been called before the magistrate and bound over in the usual way to attend the trial.

- (10.) Dean Royal Commission of Inquiry:—Mr. Chanter asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Was Sir Julian Salomons retained by the Government to represent the Crown at the inquiry being held by the Dean Royal Commission?
  - (2.) Is it true that his brief was marked at fifty guineas per day?
  - (3.) What amount has been paid Sir Julian Salomons to date?
  - (4.) What amount is still due to the same gentleman?
  - (5.) Was there any valid reason why the Crown should be represented by counsel at the inquiry?
  - (6.) If so, what is the reason the Crown was not represented by the Attorney-General?
  - (7.) As the Commission was appointed in the interest of justice, on public demand, will the Crown also defray the defending counsel's (Mr. Pilcher's) costs?

Mr. Gould answered,—As this Commission has not yet reported, it is not considered advisable to furnish the whole of the information the Honorable Member requires at the present time; but, with reference to his second question, as to whether it is true that the brief of Sir Julian Salomons was marked 50 guineas a day, I may inform the Honorable Member that that is not correct.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 21st June, 1895,—“Members of the Legislative Council.”
  - (2.) Return respecting appointments to the Legislative Council during the terms of office of Sir Henry Parkes and Sir George Dibbs.
  - (3.) Return to an Order made on 21st June, 1895,—“Assembly Bills not passed by Council.”
- Ordered to be printed.

5. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Brunker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and to repeal the Amending Act 58 Victoria No. 1.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Brunker then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and to repeal the Act 58 Victoria No. 1,*”—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

6. NEPEAN COTTAGE HOSPITAL BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Lees, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lees then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to vest in the trustees of the Nepean Cottage Hospital certain lands of the Penrith District Hospital, and to enable the said trustees to deal with the said lands for the purposes of the said Nepean Cottage Hospital.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to vest in the trustees of the Nepean Cottage Hospital certain lands of the Penrith District Hospital, and to enable the said trustees to deal with the said lands for the purposes of the said Nepean Cottage Hospital,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th June, 1895.*

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed:—

- (1.) Port Hacking Net-fishing Enabling Bill; third reading;—until Thursday next.
- (2.) Attorneys Admission Bill; second reading;—until Thursday next.
- (3.) Church of England Property Act of 1889 Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.

8. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Jerilderie to Berrigan Railway Bill:—

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

*Message No. 76.*

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway;*”

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railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; to provide that such work shall not be commenced unless the private lands required for the construction of the line be contracted by instrument in writing, to be conveyed by deed of gift, transfer, or exchange from the owners to the Crown, save and except in the case of town allotments; and for other purposes,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(2.) Cottage Creek Sewerage Works Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 77.

A Bill intituled, "An Act to sanction the construction of Sewerage Works at Cottage Creek, within the Municipalities of Newcastle and Wickham, in the County of Northumberland,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Armidale, Mr. Copeland, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The Ministerial Statement just delivered by the Premier."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Copeland moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
10. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle, and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
11. PARKES TO CONDOBOLIN RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Parkes to Condobolin.  
Question put and passed.
12. COBAR TO COCKBURN RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Cockburn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
(139.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,740,225, being £1,690,225 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of July, August, and September, or following month, of the financial year 1895-6; and £50,000 to enable the Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 30th June, 1897.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
14. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
(10.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1895-6, the sum of £1,740,225 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.  
On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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## 15. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2) :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 10), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1895-6.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1895-6,*"—which was read a first time.

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

## 16. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eleven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Market for Red-gum Sleepers in London:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Mines,—Referring to Mr. Chanter's letter of the 20th instant, on the subject of opening up a market for red-gum sleepers in London—will he, seeing the efforts now being made by the Government of Victoria to obtain this trade, take such steps as may be necessary to conserve the timber in this Colony, so that employment may be given to our people in properly developing this new and valuable industry?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The letter to which the Honorable Member refers has not yet reached me.

- (2.) Charge for Delivery of Telegrams:—Mr. Edden asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it the practice in his Department that, when a person receives a telegram from any town in the Colony, the telegram being paid for when sent to the amount of 1s. for ten words, to charge another 1s. for delivery, the person receiving the telegram being within 1 mile from the telegraph office?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No. The regulations provide for free delivery of telegrams within 1 mile of the office.

- (3.) Schedule to the Estimates:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the schedule in connection with the Road Vote, on this year's Estimates, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Young answered,—In the present stage of public business I cannot say, but the promise will be kept which has been made to the effect that they shall be placed upon the Table in sufficient time to permit of their being thoroughly examined before the Estimates, to which they refer, come on for consideration.

- (4.) Blindness amongst Horses in the Western District:—Mr. Ashton asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has his attention been directed to the disease inducing blindness amongst horses in the western part of the Colony, and are any steps being taken to ascertain and remove the cause of such disease?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I am aware of the existence of disease to which the Honorable Member refers, and the question of its treatment is now under consideration.

- (5.) Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Has the lease entered into between the Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company and the Crown expired?  
 (2.) If so, has any renewal of lease been granted; if so, for what term?  
 (3.) Is it contemplated to enter into negotiations with the said company for the purchase of their property, to connect them with the State railways; if so, when?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1 and 2.) No. The lease of certain portions of land granted to the Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company will expire on 31st December next.

(3.) No such proposal has come before me.

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(6.) Booabula Pastoral Holding, Land District of Deniliquin:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has any application been made to him for an exchange of land under the law in Booabula pastoral holding, Land District of Deniliquin?
- (2.) If so, by whom has the application been made?
- (3.) Will he give particulars of land proposed for surrender and exchange?
- (4.) Will he give sufficient particulars to the local press as will enable the public to identify the said land some reasonable time prior to the matter being inquired into by the Local Land Board?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Two applications have been received, one of which has been completed.
- (2.) John Hutchison Blackwood and James M'Mockan.
- (3.) Particulars will be given in the form of a return if moved for in the usual manner.
- (4.) Both cases have been finally dealt with by the Land Board, and the usual publicity was given before such inquiries were held.

(7.) Students of Technical Education:—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

How many individual students of technical education for each of the years 1893 and 1894 were—  
(a) under salaried teachers; (b) under teachers remunerated by students' fees only?

Mr. Garrard answered,—(a) 1893, 4,272; 1894, 4,111. (b) 1893, 1,390; 1894, 817. It must be pointed out that some students attend both kinds of classes, but are only included as individual students with class (b).

(8.) Mr. Symonds, Resident Engineer for the Parramatta District:—Mr. O'Reilly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Symonds, resident engineer for the Parramatta district, been retrenched?
- (2.) If so, have any complaints been made against him?
- (3.) Is it the case that Mr. Boys has been appointed to that district in room of Mr. Symonds?
- (4.) In what department was Mr. Boys previously?
- (5.) What salary is Mr. Boys to receive?
- (6.) What saving is this to the State?
- (7.) Is it a fact that Mr. Milner has been appointed to superintend the Parramatta Sewerage Works?
- (8.) If so, what other works requiring engineering skill are to be carried out in the district?
- (9.) Is it a fact that one man will be expected to superintend the roads from the Glebe, Sydney, to Springwood, on the one hand; from Windsor to Liverpool, on the other, a distance of 65 by 80 miles, and at the same time superintend special engineering operations?
- (10.) Did Mr. Smith's appointment as successor to Mr. Symonds on the North Shore, in 1890, cost the Government £500 a year more in salaries, viz., £160 to Mr. Smith in excess of what Mr. Symonds received, and £340 for two assistants whom Mr. Symonds did not require?
- (11.) Did Mr. Symonds give valuable information to the Government which enabled it to acquire 8 acres of land on the North Shore for £160, which is now a practically inexhaustible whinstone quarry?
- (12.) Is it the case that Mr. Symonds constructed the road from Sydney to Little Bay in 1881-2, without engineering assistance, and at the same time superintended his own district on the North Shore?
- (13.) Is it a fact that the Municipal Councils from Camperdown to Penrith and Liverpool have petitioned for the retention of Mr. Symonds in his present post?

Mr. Young answered,—I think it will be convenient if I inform the Honorable Member, and the House generally, how the changes made in my Department came about: On the amalgamation of the staffs it was found that we could dispense with, at any rate, somewhere between forty and fifty professional officers. That being so, I called on the persons highest in the Department—those who knew the capacity of the various officers—to advise me as to which of these gentlemen could be dispensed with with the least disadvantage to the country, and in accordance with their recommendation I made the alterations. The gentleman mentioned in the Honorable Member's question was one of the unfortunate ones who had to suffer by that reorganisation, but it was done in the interests of the country, and I believe could have been done in no better way, having the interests of the country at heart.

(9.) Contracts let on Butty-gang System:—Mr. O'Reilly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to road superintendents throughout the Colony that the contracts for road-making, repairing, &c., shall, as far as possible, be let on the butty-gang system?

Mr. Young answered,—Whenever this course of procedure is shown to be desirable and necessary I will approve of it, but as a rule experience has shown that letting work in small task contracts is attended with the best results.

2. STOCK DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Thomas Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) The total cost of working the Stock Department for the year 1894.
- (2.) The number of hands employed in said Department, the nature of such employment, and the remuneration received by each employee.
- (3.) The amount of allowance, if any, made to the Chief Inspector of Stock on the occasion of his recent visit to America and Europe, and the fund from which such allowance was paid.

Question put and passed.

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3. THE GORE, ARTARMON, AND NICHOLS ESTATES, NORTH SHORE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The names of applicants and the dates of applications to place certain lands, known as the Gore, Artarmon, and Nichols Estates, North Shore, under the Real Property Act.
  - (2.) The various areas applied for and the present position of each application.
  - (3.) The areas of any portions resumed or reserved for public use, and for what purpose.
  - (4.) The areas of any portions forming part of public reserves or Crown lands.
- Question put and passed.
4. PAPERS:—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Rules of the Land Appeal Court.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Regulations for the Labour Settlement at Bega, under the Labour Settlements Act.
  - (3.) Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
  - (4.) Abstract of Crown lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
  - (5.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
  - (6.) Copies of *Gazette* notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.
  - (7.) Return to an Order made on 3rd May, 1895,—“Homestead Lease, Land District of Bre-warrina.”
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., “the present unsatisfactory position of the Church and School Lands tenants.”  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Price moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—
- (1.) Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the following Bills, viz.:—A Bill, intituled a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle, and for other purposes; a Bill, intituled a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Parkes to Condobolin; “a Bill, intituled a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Cockburn”—through all their stages in one day.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words “a Bill, intituled a Bill “to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Cockburn.”  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Wise,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Knox.
Mr. Hughes,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Copeland,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Kidd,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Travers Jones,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Thomson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Schey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Original Question put,—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the following Bills, viz. :—A Bill, intituled a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle, and for other purposes; a Bill, intituled a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Parkes to Condobolin; a Bill, intituled a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Cockburn—through all their stages in one day.

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Smailes,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Frank Farnoll,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. O'Reilly,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Watkins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Parkes.

Noes, 26.

Dr. Ross,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. F. Clarke,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Wise,	
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Lync,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Travers Jones,	
Mr. Pycrs,	
Mr. McFarlane.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of,—(1) a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1895-6; "and (2) a Bill to authorise "the raising of a loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes,"—through all their stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bills are proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Knox moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "and (2) a Bill to "authorise the raising of a loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes."

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

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put and passed.

7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

- (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Brunker, passed.

Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1895-6."

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1895-6,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th June, 1895, a.m.*

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seventeen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 27 JUNE, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Site for Reservoir at North Shore:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) Has a site been chosen by the Water Supply and Sewerage Board for the Reservoir for the water supply of the North Shore Railway Settlements?

(2.) If so, is the altitude of the site equal to the supply of water to Pearce's Corner, Wahroonga, and Turramurra?

Mr. Young answered,—I have been furnished with the following replies by the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(2.) Salaries paid to Police Magistrates out of Mining Warden's Vote:—Mr. Atleck asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the return respecting the salaries paid to Police Magistrates out of the Mining Warden's Vote be laid upon the Table, as ordered by this House on the 29th May, 1895?

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

(3.) Expenses of the Chief Railway Commissioner:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount up to date has Mr. Eddy drawn from the Railway Vote for expenses?

(2.) Is there any limit to the extent that he may draw on the said vote?

(3.) If yes, what is the limit?

Mr. Rose answered,—I am sorry to say I cannot to-day give the Honorable Member the information he requires. I have not been to London.

(4.) Site for Water Supply for Gosford:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has his Department received the communication sent to it several months back *re* the reservation of a site for a water supply for the town of Gosford; and, if so, has any action been taken or proposed to be taken therein?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The communication referred to by the Honorable Member is at present under reference to the District Surveyor, whose attention has been invited thereto.

(5.) Reports from Technical Education Branch:—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it not usual to call upon all lecturers under the Technical Education Branch of the Public Instruction Department to furnish annual reports of all classes under their control?

(2.) Were any such reports called for in 1894; and, if so, were they furnished?

(3.) If any were furnished, why are they not appended to the Report of the Minister for Public Instruction for 1894, according to the practice followed in former years?

(4.) Will he lay the reports referred to upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1. and 2.) The Department only calls for a report from the Superintendent. He furnishes an Annual Report showing the enrolment, average attendance, the results, &c., as taken from the records kept at the Technical College. This Report was furnished for the year 1894, and was published in the Annual Report of the Department.

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(3.) The Superintendent, for his own information, can call for reports and returns from the teachers and officers working under him, but, in order to save expense, and to keep down the size of the Annual Report, it was not considered necessary to publish such details. It is not the practice of the Department to publish the returns and reports of individual teachers in other schools.

(4.) If moved for in the usual way, there would be no objection, except that, as all the information contained in them is embodied in the Superintendent's report, the production of the papers would be a waste of public money.

(6.) Land for Selection in the Land District of Deniliquin:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, seeing the great necessity of opening suitable lands for selection in the Land District of Deniliquin, give the necessary notices to the pastoral leaseholders to resume one-half of each pastoral leasehold?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The steps necessary to throw open any land suitable for selection will be taken so soon as certain proposed exchanges have been dealt with.

(7.) Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to again submit a proposal to the Public Works Committee for the construction of a line of railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin?

(2.) Have any steps been taken to purchase the private line of railway belonging to the Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company?

(3.) If not, will he ascertain upon what terms the said property can be purchased?

*Mr. Reid* answered,—

(1.) The question will be considered when further railway proposals are dealt with by the Cabinet

(2.) No.

(3.) This will be dependent upon the decision arrived at by the Cabinet when the whole question is being determined.

## 2. PAPERS:—

*Mr. Garrard* laid upon the Table,—Report of Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Young* laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Great Marlow, county of Clarence, for wharfage accommodation at Alamy Creek.

*Mr. Sydney Smith* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 29th May, 1895,—“Police Magistrates acting as Mining Wardens.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Port Hacking Net-fishing Enabling Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

4. CHINESE RESTRICTION AND REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Crick* moved, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill be discharged.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wellington, *Mr. Haynes*, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—“For the speedy improvement of the grades and curves on the railways to facilitate the cheaper transport of produce.”

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

*Mr. Haynes* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

*Point of Order*:—*Mr. Cann* drew *Mr. Speaker's* attention to the fact that this subject had already been fully discussed during the present Session.

*Mr. Speaker* ruled that the motion was out of order, and could not be proceeded with.

6. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—*Mr. Sydney Smith* moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Reid* moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put, and voices given,—*Mr. Speaker* stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for, and *Mr. Speaker* having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the affirmative, as there were only three Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—*Mr. Crick*, *Sir George Dibbs*, and *Mr. Chanter*.

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

*Mr. Reid* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “An Act to amend the ‘Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,’ and to repeal the Act 58 Victoria No. 1.”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,’ and to repeal the Act 58 Victoria No. 1,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th June, 1895.



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## 7. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle, and for other purposes.

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

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

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle, and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle, and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the day.

## 8. PARKES TO CONDOBOLIN RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Young, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Parkes to Condobolin.

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

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

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Parkes to Condobolin, and to provide that the Constructing Authority shall not be required or compelled to make or maintain any fence along the said line.

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

(2.) Mr. Young then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Parkes to Condobolin, and to provide that the Constructing Authority shall not be required or compelled to make or maintain any fence along the said line*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the day.

## 9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1895-6*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 27th June, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

## 10. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

## 11. PARKES TO CONDOBOLIN RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Young, *passed*.

Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Parkes to Condobolin; and to provide that the Constructing Authority shall not be required or compelled to make or maintain any fence along the said line*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Parkes to Condobolin; and to provide that the Constructing Authority shall not be required or compelled to make or maintain any fence along the said line*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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12. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported a Point of Order from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the Point of Order had been decided by the House.

*Point of Order*:—The Chairman stated that a vote of £75,000 having been proposed in Committee, a Point of Order was taken that the vote contained an item for a work involving an expenditure exceeding £20,000 in amount, which it was alleged had not been submitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in terms of the Act 51 Vic. No. 37, on which the Chairman ruled that the Estimates having been referred to the Committee by the House, and the resolution having been proposed from the Chair, the Committee must deal with that resolution, and he had no power to entertain the Point of Order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the Chairman's ruling was right, and in strict accordance with the practice of the House of Commons, and the provisions of the Public Works Act.

On motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows —

#### LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1895-6.

#### Permanent and Reproductive Works and Repayment of Loans.

##### III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £75,000 for Miscellaneous Services: being £70,000 to provide accommodation for the Infirm and Destitute at present located at Liverpool, Parramatta, and other institutions; and £5,000 for Newington Asylum—Hospital additions, &c.

##### IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

##### IV.—RAILWAYS.

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £180,000 for Railways: being £80,000 for Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, and Buildings; for Rolling Stock and for other purposes, including Safety Appliances—further sum; and £100,000 towards Improvement of Grades and Curves between Wellington and Dubbo, Locksley and Brewongle, and other places.

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £10,000 for Tramways being for Additions to Workshops and Buildings, and for other purposes.

##### VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(143.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £100,000, to promote settlement under the Crown Lands Act of 1895—towards meeting the Cost of Clearing and otherwise Improving of Lands for Settlement Purposes, and Expenses incidental thereto.

##### VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £317,325 for Railway Construction Branch: being £30,000 for Railway Trial Surveys—further sum; £50,000 for Construction of tramways generally; £43,000 for Berrigan to Jerilderie Railway; £130,200 for Parkes to Condobolin Railway; £25,000 for Land Resumptions for authorised Railways; £6,700 for further Extension of Railway into Cemetery at Rookwood; £5,425 for Land Claims on old Railway Lines; and £27,000 for Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway—further sum.

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £329,000 for Harbours and Rivers Branch: being £4,000 for Rushentter's Bay—Northern Extension of Reclamation, east side, and for Formation of Beach Road; £50,000 for Richmond River Improvements—further sum; £5,000 for Nambucca River Improvements; £5,000 for Bellinger River Improvements; £172,000 towards Harbour Works and Improved Shipping Facilities, Port of Newcastle; £76,000 for Reclamation and Dredging, including cost of resumption of land, &c., Cook's River; £12,000 for Trial Bay Harbour Improvements; and £5,000 towards Improving Entrance to Camden Haven.

(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £79,000 for Government Architect: being £3,000 for Supreme Court, Sydney—additions; £12,000 for Art Gallery—additions, &c.; £2,000 for Public Works and Chief Secretary's Office—additions, &c.—further sum; £30,000 for Kenmore Hospital for Insane—further sum; £13,500 for Treasury Buildings—additions—further sum; and £18,500 for Mines Department—erection of offices.

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(147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £3,520 for Roads and Bridges and Sewerage—Additional cost of Bridges erected jointly by the Governments of Victoria and New South Wales over the Murray River at Wahgunyah, Tintaldra, Jingellic, and Mulwala.

(148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £35,500 for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board: being £34,500 for Duplicate Rising Main—Walka to Buttai; and £1,000 for Store Advance Account—to provide for purchase of Stores, the value thereof to be replaced as the cost of specific consumption is ascertained.

(149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £65,000 for Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage: being £25,000 for Country Towns Water Supply generally; £25,000 for Country Towns Sewerage; £6,000 for Mosman's Bay Stormwater Channel; and £9,000 towards straightening Course of Styx and Throsby Creeks, to facilitate the Discharge of Flood-waters.

## X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £10,000, for Department of Mines—Metallurgical Works and Appliances and expenditure incidental thereto.

(151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £15,000, for Agricultural Branch—Agricultural College and Experimental Farms and Stations.

(152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £105,000, for Water Conservation and Irrigation—Artesian Boring and Public Watering Places—being £100,000 for construction of Works in connection with Water Conservation, Distribution, Drainage, for Artesian Boring on Stock Routes and Crown Land, for the construction of Public Watering Places and Appliances, and expenditure incidental thereto; and £5,000 for Water Supplies for Mining Townships.

## XI.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

(153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for Miscellaneous Services—Extension of Pitt-street Tunnel for Telegraph and Telephone Wires.

## REPAYMENTS OF LOANS.

(154.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £977,400 for Repayments of Loans: being to meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due in 1896, viz:—£219,400 in January—Railways and Public Works, 29 Victoria No. 9; and £758,000 in July—Railways and Public Works, 29 Victoria No. 23.

## II.—Other Works.

*To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years, by means of an Annual Sinking Fund.*

## VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £24,000, for Harbours and Rivers Branch: being £1,500 for New Lighter for Newcastle Harbour; £1,000 for Improvements to Entrance, Cape Hawke; £1,500 for Dock at the Richmond River; £12,000 towards conversion of Grab Dredges into Sand-Pump Dredges; £5,000 for Straightening Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, and erection of Shed, &c., thereon; and £3,000 for New Wharf at Manly Beach.

(156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £41,700 for Government Architect: being £600 for Post Office—additions—Mount Victoria; £4,500 for Post Offices—erection—Five Dock, Petersham, and Stockton; £6,000 for Post Offices, minor towns—erection; £3,000 for Post Offices—Purchase of Sites; £2,000 for Court-houses—erection—Peak Hill and Bowral; £600 for Court-house, &c.—additions—Bellingen; £7,700 for Lockups—erection and sites—Dubbo, Burwood, Junee, Wee Waa, and Surry Hills; £3,000 for Police Stations—erection—Wyalong, Ford's Bridge, and Pallamallawa; £1,000 for Hospital for Insane, Callan Park—Further Accommodation; £3,500 for Hospital for Insane, Rydalmere—Additional Accommodation; £3,300 for Benevolent Asylum, Rookwood—Two (2) additional Pavilions; £3,000 for Coast Hospital, Little Bay—Accommodation for Infectious Diseases; £3,000 for Gaols—Additions, &c.—Young and Tamworth; and £500 for Justice Department Offices, Sydney—additions—further sum.

(157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £104,055 for Roads and Bridges: being £45,200 for Bridges (3) Warrambools on Road Walgett towards Brewarrina, &c., Fall's Creek, Ellenborough River, Marra Creek near Butterbone, Gobarralong, Murrumbidgee River, Fish River at O'Connell, Bogan River at Monkey, Namoi River at Walgett, Giant's Creek, Murray River at Albury (Moiety), Turon River at Wallaby Rocks, Cuttaburra Creek (3), Road Bourke to Wanaaring, Molonglo River at Foxlow, Adelong Creek at Moore's Crossing, Colombo Creek, Nunnook Creek, Tantawangle River, Cooradigbee Creek, Tenterfield Creek Tenterfield, Narran River at Angledool or Yerambah, Page's River near Blandford Station, Marra Creek at Hermitage, Bogan River at Buddabadah; £2,220 for Windsor Bridge—Raising and Repairs—further sum; £2,000 for North Bourke Bridge—Approaches; £18,500 for Gundagai Bridge—Reconstruction, &c.; £2,500 for Denison Bridge, Bathurst—Protection of Macquarie River Bank at; £1,150 for Road—Fitzroy Falls, *via* Belmore Falls, to Robertson—Deviations; £2,610 for Road—Main Western—Wood-blocking portion between City Boundary and Glebe Road; £1,500 for Road through Grand Arch—Jenolan Caves;

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Caves; £5,000 for Enmore Road—Contributions towards cost of wood-blocking; £3,800 for New Steam Ferry Punt for George's River; £6,600 for Bridge at Morpeth—Hunter River; £1,225 for Bridge at Melville Ford—Hunter River; £1,750 for Bridge at Blaxland's Crossing, over Nepean River; £7,500 for Bridge—Cobram—Murray River (moiety); £1,500 for Bridge—Nepean River—at Harvey's Crossing; and £1,000 for Road—Granville to Southern Road (Woodville Road).

## X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1895-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £25,000 for Forest Branch, for thinning out and otherwise improving forest reserves.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the resolutions were read a second time and agreed to.

13. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(11). *Resolved*.—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £2,516,500 be raised by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services of the Colony, and for other purposes.

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

14. LOAN BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 11), to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Reid then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

15. NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Young moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Young then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle, and for other purposes*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle, and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 28th June, 1895, a.m.*

16. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eighteen minutes before Seven o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

J. P. ABBOTT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 2 JULY, 1895.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Darling Island:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What amount of money did the Government pay altogether for the resumption of Darling Island?
  - (2.) What amount of money has been expended on and in connection with it from the date of its resumption until the present time?
  - (3.) What is the annual charge for interest on money sunk therein?
  - (4.) What use is the Government making of the island at the present time?
  - (5.) What revenue has the Government received from it up to date, and for what use?
  - (6.) What use is it proposed to put the island to?
  - (7.) What is the reason of the delay in so utilising it?
  - (8.) Does the contemplated use of this island necessitate any further resumption of land?
  - (9.) If so, whose, and what is the estimated cost?
  - (10.) In view of the terrible distress, is it not possible to find work for the deserving unemployed in connection with this island?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) £141,930 13s. 8d.
- (2.) £521 5s. 11d.
- (3.) The Treasury have furnished me with the following:—"As to question 3, the cost of resumption was paid from vote of £500,000 under Loan Act, 45 Vic. No. 22, under which a loan was floated at 3½ per cent. The annual interest at 3½ per cent. on the amounts spent, as shown in replies 1 and 2, is £4,985 16s. 4d."
- (4.) Portions of the island are used as follows:—For cement store, timber yard, store for Mines Department, wharf and landing stage for use of tugs and dredges and men employed at Fitzroy Dock.
- (5.) Revenue up to date:—Rent of store, £100; wharfage, £177 11s. 11d.; total, £277 11s. 11d.
- (6 to 10.) As I have already informed the Honorable Member, a Board has been appointed to inquire into the utilisation of Darling Island. Their report shows that the first step to be taken is the extension of the railway to the island, and this, I am advised, cannot be done without a special Act of Parliament; the necessary action, however, has been taken to prepare the Bill, and had not the proposed dissolution of Parliament intervened it would already have been before the House. As soon, however, as the new Parliament meets, if I have the honor to occupy my present position, I can promise that the Bill will be introduced and proceeded with without delay. At the present moment I do not think I can give the Honorable Member any further information on the subject.

- (2.) Hindoos in the Ballina District:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a large influx of Hindoos has taken place into the Ballina district?
  - (2.) If the Hindoos have settled down, is the object of their settlement the growing of sugar-cane?
  - (3.) Have the Hindoos purchased a sugar-mill on the Richmond River?
  - (4.) What is the estimated number of Hindoos in the Ballina district, and are the white settlers approving of the presence of the Hindoos in their midst?

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Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1.) Not in the Ballina District, but nearly 200 have settled in the Lismore District, and 100 more expected to arrive in a few weeks.
- (2.) The Hindoos in the Ballina District are employed cane-stripping. About twenty of those at Lismore have rented farms for sugar-growing; the others find employment cane-stripping, &c.
- (3.) No; but it is reported that their chief will erect one.
- (4.) About twelve in the Ballina District. White residents disapprove of the presence of Hindoos in the District.

(3.) Tobacco Plant in the Western Districts:—*Mr. Millen*, for *Mr. Ashton*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the rapid spread of the tobacco plant in the western parts of the Colony is threatening to render useless large tracts of country for any class of occupation?
- (2.) Will he take steps to cope with the trouble?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that a species of tobacco is spreading to a serious extent in the western districts.
- (2.) Steps will be taken to cope with this as well as other noxious weeds.

(4.) Manufacture of Steel Rails in the Colony:—*Mr. Watkins* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he have our iron ores fully tested at an early date, with a view of ascertaining whether or not steel rails can be made here equal in quality to those now imported?

Mr. Reid answered,—This is a very important and practical question, and I will see whether what the Honorable Member suggests can be carried out.

(5.) Market for Red-gum Sleepers in London:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Referring to *Mr. Chanter's* letter of the 20th instant, on the subject of opening up a market for red-gum sleepers in London,—will he, seeing the efforts now being made by the Government of Victoria to obtain this trade, take such steps as may be necessary to conserve the timber in this Colony, so that employment may be given to our people in properly developing this new and valuable industry?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The principal red gum forests of New South Wales are upon reserved areas in the vicinity of the Murray River, and stringent precautions are taken to prevent raiding upon or cutting from these areas without payment of necessary fees and a fair royalty.

(6.) Chinese and Asiatics in the Yass Electorate:—*Mr. Perry* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of Chinese and other Asiatics are located in the Yass electorate?
- (2.) If so what businesses have they entered into?
- (3.) Have any of them purchased storekeeping businesses?
- (4.) What is the estimated number of Chinese and other Asiatics in the Yass electorate, and are the white residents approving of the presence of the Chinese and other Asiatics in their midst?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1.) No. There are nineteen Chinese; no other Asiatics.
- (2.) They are engaged in vegetable growing. A few other Asiatics pass through occasionally, hawking soft goods for sale.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) Nineteen. No complaints have been made as to their presence by the white residents.

(7.) Drain at the Township of Lake Bathurst:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Austin Chapman*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Superintendent of Roads at Goulburn, at the public expense, sent men to dig a drain at the township of Lake Bathurst, at the request of a private individual holding land there, and entrusted the said workmen to the instructions of the said private individual?
- (2.) Was the Superintendent informed that the person, at whose request the long open drain is being made, had the object in view of selling the bed of the original drain, which original drain was dug more than a quarter of a century ago at the public cost?
- (3.) Have entrances to houses and premises been cut off by the digging of the said deep drain?
- (4.) Has he received a protest from one of the farmers whose main entrance has been cut off, and whose paddock is threatened to be flooded?
- (5.) Has compensation been claimed from the Government?
- (6.) Has the incumbent of the parish (*Rev. P. M. Flinn*), representing the public, sent a protest to the Minister of Works against the proposal, and condemning the expenditure of public money to suit the interests of a private individual?
- (7.) Will he now direct that what has been dug of the new drain be filled in, and the original drain restored?
- (8.) Has the action of the Superintendent of Roads in Goulburn received, and does it now receive, the approbation of the Department?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) A drain has been cut along the side of the main road at Lake Bathurst village to carry off water, the instructions being personally given by the Resident Engineer.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) The drain is nowhere more than 18 inches in depth, and at the two or three gates referred to owners will be permitted to put entrances in the usual way.
- (4 and 5.) A protest and ridiculous claim for compensation have been received from one land-owner, but his paddock is not threatened to be flooded.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) This is not considered necessary.
- (8.) The Resident Engineer does not appear to have exceeded his duty, but further inquiry will be made into the matter.

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(8.) Case of John Nicholson Harle:—Mr. Fegan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a person named John Nicholson Harle was dragged from the steamer "Victoria," while in Melbourne on or about the 15th of May this year, on a charge of criminal libel which the prosecutor failed to prove—the said Harle being on his way to England with his wife and family?

(2.) Is it further a fact that the prosecutor had elected a civil remedy, which was in his solicitor's and also Harle's solicitor's hands, and pending at the time, on the same matter as the charge on which he was arrested subsequently?

(3.) Is it a fact that the prosecutor (Webb) tried to get a *ca re* on the statement of a constable that Harle was clearing out of the country with £2,000 in gold?

(4.) Is it not a fact that the said constable (Parkinson) swore this in the criminal case, and was distinctly perjured by the defence?

(5.) What will the Department of Justice do in the matter if it is found that the constable has gone outside his duty in volunteering evidence to a firm of solicitors in this case, and also in the matter of the perjury, if proved?

(6.) Will he ascertain what redress a citizen has got in such matters, and whether the law is faulty in this matter of issuing warrants with insufficient *bona-fides* on part of prosecution?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Harle was arrested on warrant by Victorian police.

(2.) I have no information on this point.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.) I am informed that Sergeant Parkinson did not swear to any particular amount, but in reply to Harle's counsel said it was over £200.

(5 and 6.) The Inspector-General of Police says the sergeant was subpoenaed for the defence, and does not appear to have exceeded his duty.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Amended By-laws of St. John's College, University of Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Royal Commission to inquire into the case of George Dean.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Bombala.

(3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Concord.

(4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Inverell.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Duval and Dumarscq, county of Sandon, for the Armidale Water Supply Works.

3. COAL CONTRACTS FOR THE RAILWAY SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return of the coal contracts for the Railway Service for the years 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1894, showing (a) the name of tenderer and price per ton in each separate contract; (b) the kind of coal specified for in each case, and the total weight of each supplied; (c) the dates and amounts of payments made for such coal. Question put and passed.

4. ADVANCES MADE TO MR. FORESTER MANTON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, telegrams, minutes, and other documents relating to advances made to Mr. Forester Manton, and the payment of the men who were employed on the various jobs of forest-thinning in the Murray District. Question put and passed.

5. CONTRACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR CERTAIN IRON GOODS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) All contracts or orders given by the Department of Public Works, without public tender, to the Lithgow Ironworks, for bolts, nuts, rivets, spikes, or other similar iron goods, from 1st January, 1887, to the present time.

(2.) Similar information as to orders given to Messrs. Brown and Brown, of the City Ironworks, Pymont.

(3.) Similar information as to orders given to F. G. King, of Redfern.

Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Truck Bill postponed until Friday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The attitude of the Government in opposing the introduction of legislation to exclude aliens from this Colony."

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

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

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Reid submitted that the conduct of any Honorable Member in exercising his right to object to formal business was not open to discussion upon a motion for adjournment such as this.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was in order.

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Mr. Crick then proceeded to discuss the motion for adjournment.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Carroll,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. F. Clarke,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. See,	
Sir George Dibbs.	

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Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. William Morgan,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Sleath.
Mr. Newman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Macdonald,	

And so it passed in the negative.

NEPEAN COTTAGE HOSPITAL BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest in the trustees of the Nepean Cottage Hospital certain lands of the Penrith District Hospital, and to enable the said trustees to deal with the said lands for the purposes of the said Nepean Cottage Hospital,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 2nd July, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
 President.

9. LOAN BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. William Morgan,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. O'Reilly,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Shipway,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Burnes,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Caan,	Mr. Griffith.
Mr. Hawthorne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Hughes,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. See,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Affleck.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Wood,
Mr. F. Clarke.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

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(2). Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Brunker, *passed*.

Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd July, 1895, a.m.*

10. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 78.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1895-6*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 1st July, 1895.*

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fourteen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

J. P. ABBOTT,

*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 110.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land owned by the Government at Glebe Island:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Does the Government own any land, irrespective of the Abattoirs, at or near Glebe Island?
- (2.) If so, when was it resumed, and at what cost?
- (3.) What is the annual interest charge on money sunk therein?
- (4.) What proposals have been made in regard to Glebe Island, as a whole?
- (5.) What is the present stage of matters in connection therewith?
- (6.) Is it probable that the proposals as made, or in any modified form, will be approved of and carried out by him?
- (7.) In view of the terrible distress existing, will he endeavour to have this work done at once, so that the deserving unemployed may have an opportunity of earning food and shelter for their families?
- (8.) In carrying it out will he arrange to have the work done directly under the supervision of his own officers, and see that the men are employed on it not less than one week in every two?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes; that portion of Glebe Island situated outside the Abattoirs, and the land recently reclaimed at White Bay.

(2 and 3.) No resumptions have been made.

(4 to 8.) A Board has been appointed to inquire into the matter of the further utilisation of Glebe Island, in view of the proposal which has been made to level it and erect wharfs around the same. A modified proposal has also been made to cut a road through the island. The report of the Board on the subject is to the effect that, in view of the extensive shipping facilities already in existence, and which fully meet the requirements of trade, there is but little justification for undertaking this work at present. I intend, however, to further consider the matter.

- (2.) Witnesses Expenses in Case, *Pearson v. Lewis*:—*Mr. Watkins*, for *Mr. Hughes*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Who has to pay witnesses subpoenaed to the District Court?
- (2.) Is he aware that the witnesses in the case, *Pearson v. Lewis*, tried in the District Court before Judge Backhouse in March last, have not yet been paid expenses?
- (3.) Will he take steps to compel the payment of expenses to these witnesses?

Mr. Gould answered,—District Court witnesses are paid by the persons who subpoena them; the Court has nothing to do with the payment of witnesses.

- (3.) Working of the Dredge Service and Fitzroy Dock:—*Mr. Wilks* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a Commission has been appointed to inquire into the working of the Dredge Service and Fitzroy Dock?
- (2.) If so, when is this Commission to commence its labours?
- (3.) Is it with a view to obtain a reduction of the present salaries and rate of wages?
- (4.) If so, will he, previous to his decision, permit all interested parties to supply evidence on their own behalf?

Mr. Young answered,—No Commission has been appointed to inquire into this matter; but I have instructed the officer-in-charge of these works to investigate and report on the working of that branch, as I have done in connection with other branches of my Department. The object of such inquiry is to suggest improvements which will bring about more economical management in the carrying

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carrying out of the works ; but there is no idea of reducing wages, unless it is shown that higher rates of pay are in existence than are current in similar establishments elsewhere. All parties interested will have an opportunity of putting their views forward, and I shall not come to any conclusion in the matter until I have myself personally and carefully looked into the whole subject.

(4.) Establishment of Technical Class for Model Drawing, &c. :—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he received a requisition from a large number of residents of Balmain petitioning for the establishment of a technical class for model drawing, &c. ?

(2.) If so, considering that several other suburbs have similar classes, will he take immediate steps to grant their request ?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Classes established in other suburbs have been in existence for some time, but some have been closed, and in view of the necessity for retrenchment applications for similar classes have been declined in other districts besides Balmain.

(5.) Sleeping Cars on the Western Line :—Mr. Fegan, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the travelling public complain bitterly of the old cramped sleeping-cars now running on the Western line, and will he see that steps are taken to have them removed for the Pullman cars, which are more comfortable and more suitable for the travelling public ?

(2.) Are there any Pullman cars now lying idle and unused at Redfern Station ; if so, how many, and for what reason are they not being used ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The Commissioners are not aware of such complaints, and point out that the sleeping-cars in use on the Western Mail trains are of the standard type that are in use generally with satisfactory results, and are now running on the Southern and Northern Mail trains as well as in the Western service. The traffic on the latter line would not warrant the running of the larger Pullman cars.

(6.) Lands affected by Test Case, *Edols v. Tearle* :—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) With respect to lands affected by the test case, *Edols v. Tearle*, being forfeited conditional purchase lands situated within the external boundaries of leasehold areas,—

(a.) Has the proclamation, dated 26th March last, made in connection with the Reserves Declaratory Act reserving such lands "from sale and lease generally," been withdrawn ?

(b.) Is it a fact that certain of these reservations have recently been revoked, and if so, do the lands revert to and become part of the leasehold areas within which such lands are situated ?

(c.) Has he determined upon any action with respect to these lands ?

(2.) With respect to forfeited conditional purchases affected by test case, *Edols v. Tearle*, situated partially within external boundaries of leasehold areas,—

(a.) Is the reservation of such lands being revoked, and the lands added to the leasehold areas ?

(b.) What general action, if any, does he propose taking with respect to these lands ?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The reservations referred to in both these questions have been revoked in order that the lands may be dealt with under the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts, but if the Honorable Member will communicate with my Honorable colleague as regards any specific cases he will be glad to cause full information to be supplied to him.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 13th June, 1895—  
"Prison Diet."

Ordered to be printed.

3. PUBLIC WORKS CARRIED OUT BY DAY LABOUR :—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from D. M'Intyre, Chairman of a Meeting held at the Builders' Exchange, Pitt-street, Sydney, stating that the course now pursued in changing the established custom of carrying out public works, by contract through tender, to that of day labour will largely increase the cost of such works, and indefinitely extend and perpetuate political patronage; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, and grant such relief as to the House may seem fit.  
Petition received.

4. PICTURESQUE ATLAS COMPANY :—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from the Picturesque Atlas Defence Association and sympathisers, representing that in 1893 a Select Committee was appointed to take evidence upon sundry matters connected with the transactions of the Picturesque Atlas Company; that the Committee held numerous meetings, and took much evidence; that the dissolution of Parliament closed the labours of the Committee without any result; and praying the House either to reappoint a Committee, so as to complete the labours commenced, or otherwise publish the evidence received.  
Petition received.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Temora to Wyalong*) :—Mr. Ewing, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table Second Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, relating to the proposed railway from Temora to Wyalong.

Ordered to be printed.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eighteen minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 111.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 4 JULY, 1895.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Land Resumed at Woolloomooloo Bay:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) For what purpose did the Government resume land some time ago along the east side of Woolloomooloo Bay?

(2.) What was the total cost of the resumptions?

(3.) What amount of money has been paid since for or on account of such lands?

(4.) What is the annual interest charge on the moneys sunk in these lands?

(5.) What use is it proposed to make of such lands?

(6.) What is the cause of the delay in utilising them?

(7.) Does the proposed purpose require any further resumptions of land?

(8.) If so, whose; and what is the estimated cost?

(9.) Is it not possible to commence the proposed work at once, so that the deserving unemployed may have an opportunity of relief from their present condition of dire distress, and a chance to earn food and shelter for their wives and children?

(10.) In carrying out these works, will he have them done directly under the supervision of his own officers, and provide that the men shall be employed thereon not less than one week out of every two?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

(1.) For wharfage accommodation.

(2 and 3.) The total amount paid to date is £220,780 15s. 4d. Claims outstanding are estimated at £5,650, giving a total of £226,430 15s. 4d.

(4.) The annual interest on this sum, at 3½ per cent., amounts to £7,925 1s. 6d.

(5.) For approaches to wharfs and storage accommodation.

(6 to 10.) I am not aware that there is any intention of resuming more land, and at the present moment I am advised that the shipping requirements do not demand further extension of wharfage accommodation. In the meantime, however, rent is being received for the use of land and wharfs, and a scheme is being prepared for future extension.

(2.) Victoria Barracks:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Storey*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the land at Paddington, with the improvements erected thereon, known as the Victoria Barracks, vested in the Crown?

(2.) What is the estimated value of the land?

(3.) What is the estimated value of the buildings erected thereon?

*Mr. Brunker* answered,—

(1.) The whole of the Military Reserves in the Colony, of which the land at Paddington known as Victoria Barracks forms part, were handed over to New South Wales by the Imperial Government, in consideration of the Colony giving up Garden Island and erecting suitable buildings thereon for a Naval Depot. The matter is fully explained in the papers laid upon the table in April and June, 1883.

(2 and 3.) It would be difficult to obtain a valuation of the land and buildings, but if the Honorable Member will move for a return I will endeavour to furnish the information.

(3.) Warders at Darlinghurst Gaol:—*Mr. Shipway* asked the Minister of Justice,—What are the hours of employment for the warders in Darlinghurst Gaol?*Mr. Brunker* answered,—The hours of duty vary, but they average 10½ hours daily.

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## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Eusdale, county of Roxburgh, for ballast-quarry at Tarana.

(2.) Application from William Hicks for refund of duty on artificial leg.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Typhoid Fever in Sydney and suburbs from 1876 to 1894, and certain particulars respecting other infectious diseases.

(2.) Report on administration of the Dairies Supervision Act for the year 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

## 3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Argyle, Mr. Rose, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz:—"The action of the Attorney-General in demanding a prohibitive security in respect to an action sought to be preferred against Tooth &amp; Co. (Limited), for an alleged breach of the Beer Duties Act."

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

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

Question put and negatived.

## 4. DROPPED ORDERS:—

The following Orders of the Day, viz:—

(1.) Newcastle Pasturage Acts Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act and the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act Amendment Act.

(2.) Conditional Purchases Payments Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to further promote settlement on lands conditionally purchased from the Crown by providing for the reduction of the annual payments in respect thereof, and for the reduction of the rate of interest now payable upon certain conditional purchases under the Repealed Acts from five to four per centum per annum; and to effect such amendments in such statutes as may be necessary for the aforesaid purposes.

(3.) Income Tax Bill; third reading.

were read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and, no motion being made in relation to them, they dropped.

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

## (1.) Parkes to Condobolin Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Parkes to Condobolin; and to provide that the Constructing Authority shall not be required or compelled to make or maintain any fence along the said line,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd July, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## (2.) Newcastle Harbour Improvements Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of certain works of harbour improvements at Newcastle; and for other purposes,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd July, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## NEWCASTLE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 3rd July, 1895.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 10. Omit "seventy-one" insert "thirty-nine."

Page 2, Schedule, lines 24 to 26. Omit "2. The construction of an extension of the above described northern breakwater in a north-easterly direction a further distance of seven hundred and fifty feet, and marked 'northern breakwater, second section,' on plan."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker pointed out that the Council's amendments in this Bill were of such a character as would never be allowed by the House of Commons if made by the House of Lords. He also quoted precedents from the Imperial Parliament in support of his statement.

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Bill be laid aside.

Debate ensued.

Question put, and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the affirmative.

(3.)

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4th July, 1895.

## (3.) Loan Bill (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th July, 1895.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

## LOAN BILL (No. 2.)

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 4th July, 1895.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,  
for the Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1, lines 5 to 7. Omit "To provide accommodation for the Infirm and Destitute at present located at Liverpool, Parramatta, and other institutions, £70,000."

Page 2, clause 1, lines 21 to 24. Omit "To promote Settlement under the Crown Lands Act of 1895—Towards meeting the cost of clearing and otherwise improving of lands for Settlement Purposes, and expenses incidental thereto, £100,000."

Page 2, clause 1, line 45. Omit "£172,000," insert "£140,000."

Page 4, clause 1, lines 69 and 70. Omit "Forest Branch, for thinning out and otherwise improving Forest Reserves, £25,000."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,  
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker stated that on the 5th May, 1870, a Bill to raise a Loan for Public Works was returned from the Legislative Council with a Message showing amendments made by that House—Mr. Speaker Arnold then said :—"Although he believed that Honorable Members had not been unobservant of the extraordinary character of the proceeding in the Legislative Council—of which this House is informed by the Message he had just read—he felt it to be his duty thus formally to direct attention to so unprecedented and unconstitutional an interference with the right—the sole and absolute right—of the representatives of the people to determine all matters of Taxation or Supply." He could only repeat Mr. Speaker Arnold's words in reference to this Bill.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

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Mr. Reid then moved, That the Bill be laid aside.  
Question put and passed.

6. PAPER :—Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Resolutions for the reform of the Constitution which the Government propose to submit at the next General Election for the approval of the Electors of New South Wales.

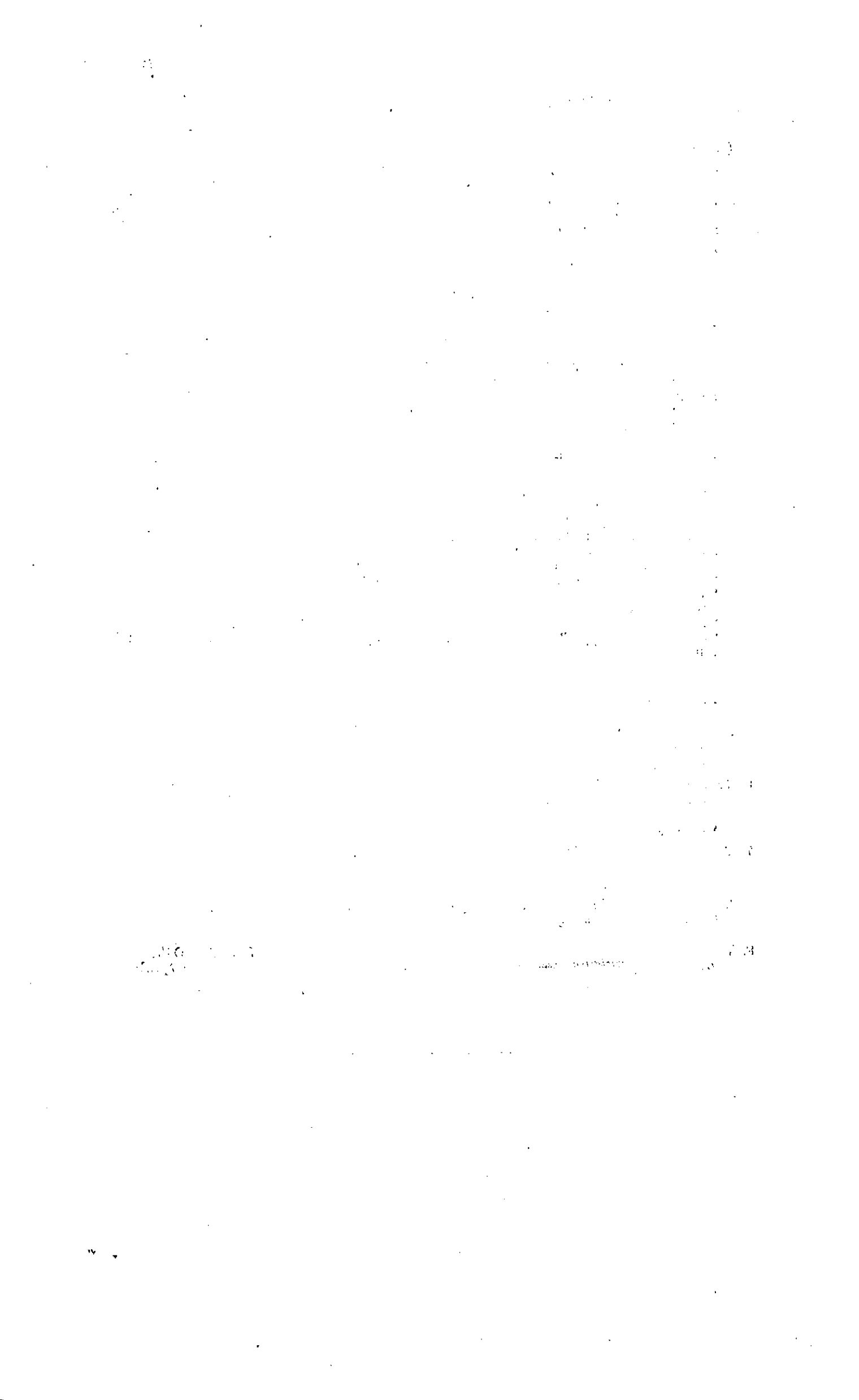
Ordered to be printed.

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until half-past One o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,  
Speaker.







PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency The Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW  
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(L.S.) } its Dependencies.  
FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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, Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, the Lieutenant-Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Saturday, the twentieth day of July instant, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and in the fifty-ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,  
JAMES N. BRUNKER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!





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Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and in the fifty-ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,  
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1894-5.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, 5 JULY, 1895.)

QUESTIONS:—

1. MR. WILKS *to ask* THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—

(1.) Referring to Mr. Wilks's Question No. 5, section 3, of 27th June, 1895, is it not a fact that in the annual reports of the Department of Public Instruction for 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1893, the reports of lecturers or teachers in charge of classes at the Technical College and its branches were published for the information of Parliament?

(2.) Referring to the answer given to the same question and section, is he prepared to say whether the reason given is the only one for departing from the established practice of previous years?

(3.) Will he explain why, if the superintendent's report for 1894 is as comprehensive as alleged in the answer of 27th June, the important detail referred to in Question No. 7, of 26th June, was omitted?

(4.) Is it a fact that in 1894 the expenditure on technical education amounted to £16,325, and on technological museums to £8,624?

(5.) Is it a fact that in the Department's annual report for 1894 the Superintendent of Technical Education's report covers only 16½ inches, while the report of the Curator of the Technological Museum is extended to 12½ inches of column space?

(6.) With reference to section 2 of Question No. 5, 27th June, will he say whether any of the lecturers in charge of classes or departments of the Technical College furnished reports on such classes or departments for the year 1894 to the Superintendent of Technical Education, as in previous years?

(7.) Referring to section 3 of the answer to the same question, will he say whether the words "individual teachers in other schools" are intended to convey the meaning that professional gentlemen engaged at the Technical College are regarded by the Department as being on the same footing as ordinary Public School teachers?

2. MR. WILKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

(1.) Referring to Mr. Wilks' Question No. 3, on 3rd July, 1895, *re* Dredge Service and Fitzroy Dock, is it not a fact that a Commission or Committee, consisting of Messrs. Carleton, Walsh and A. B. Portus, has been appointed to inquire into those two services?

(2.) Is he aware that in a similar establishment, including the Mercantile Marine, many of the employees are now paid at what is known as sweating rates?

(3.) Does he intend to adopt these as a standard of comparison when dealing with those paid in the Dredge Service and Fitzroy Dock?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Imported Stock Acts Further Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendment.
2. Medical Practitioners' Bill (*Council Bill*); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's Message of 5th June in reference to the amendments in this Bill.
3. Coal Mines Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's Message of 13th June in reference to the amendments in this Bill.
4. Campbelltown Reservoir Acts Repeal Bill; second reading.
5. Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the opening, closing, and survey of roads; to make provision for the disposal of unnecessary roads and of lands resumed or withdrawn but not required for roads, and of certain other lands; for the prevention of the obstruction and injury of roads; for the alignment and the alteration of the alignment of streets in municipalities; for granting leave to place public gates in certain cases; and for other matters of the like nature; and for that purpose to amend the Act 4 Wm. IV No. 11; the Public Gates Act of 1875; and the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889.

6. Pymont Bridge Bill; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency or bringing in a Bill to sanction the removal of the present Pymont Bridge, and the construction of a new bridge in lieu thereof.
7. Hunter District Water Supply (Partial Duplication) Bill; second reading
8. Width of Tires Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the width of the tire of stage carriages and vehicles constructed to carry loads, and the weight of the loads to be carried on the said vehicles; to provide for painting on the said vehicles the names and residences or places of business of the owners, and the weight of the vehicles; and for purposes incidental thereto.
9. Randwick Cemetery Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendment.
10. Bankruptcy Acts Amendment Bill (No. 2) (*Council Bill*); second reading.
11. Supreme Court Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
12. Bread Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
13. Fruit Protection Bill; second reading.
14. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
15. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
16. Cobar to Cockburn Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

**GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—**

1. Mr. SCHEY to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House,—

(1.) In view of the widespread distress and destitution at present prevailing, it is not only expedient, but urgently necessary, that the Government should immediately take steps to mitigate the same.

(2.) The usual methods of indiscriminate and intermittent charity offer only a degrading kind of relief to the poor who suffer from enforced idleness. They give the necessaries of life instead of the means of earning them, and take away the self-reliance of those whom they try to help.

(3.) It is desirable that such methods of relief be amended, so that work shall be offered—agricultural and manufacturing—to all who are in need and are able to work, that they may provide themselves with the necessaries of life.

(4.) In order to carry out the foregoing resolutions the Government should at once establish a system of labour stations, farms, or homes, somewhat akin to the establishments of the Salvation Army in East London, those of the Common Council of Paris, and the labour colonies of Germany, such institutions being permanent as regards the state, but temporary as to the relief afforded to the individual.

(5.) In addition to furnishing temporary lodging, food, &c., such institutions should be so regulated as to train and educate such of those coming within their influence as may desire it, for the purpose of taking up land, and becoming permanent settlers under any of the various forms of permanent village settlement.

(2.) That the foregoing resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

2 Mr. SCHEY to move,—

(1.) That, in view of the terrible poverty and bitter distress at present and for some time past existing through the compulsory idleness of a large portion of our fellow citizens, the Government should appoint a Royal Commission to sit during the forthcoming recess of Parliament, for the purpose of making inquiry into and reporting upon the various methods in vogue among different nations of dealing with the unemployed, pauper, and tramp classes of their several communities, and thereafter to make recommendations to the Government as to the most suitable means in their opinion of alleviating the present deplorable distress among the industrial classes, and preventing its future recurrence.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

3. Mr. SCHEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence which passed between the Police Department and the pastoralists who applied for police protection in connection with the shearing disturbances between 1st July, 1894, and 30th November, 1894.

4. Mr. SCHEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once make arrangements for the issue of a daily *Hansard*.

5. Mr. SCHEY to move, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing or Sessional Order for the purpose of enabling the House to give leave for the printing in *Hansard* of the written statement of a Member who may desire not to address the House orally, securing to him the right of speech if such leave is refused, and providing for the elimination of any matter from a written statement that is inadmissible in debate in the opinion of the Speaker.

6. Mr. FEGAN to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the charges made against, and the dismissal of, Constable Easterbrook.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunner, Mr. Levien, Mr. Travers Jones, Mr. Russell Jones, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Barnes, and the Mover.

7. **MR. FEGAN** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale of land by A. A. Dangar, Esq., at Wickham, fronting Throsby Creek and Cottage Creek.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Sleath, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Edden, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Dick, Mr. Affleck, and the Mover.
8. **MR. FEGAN** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the depression existing in the coal-mining industry.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dick, Mr. Cook, Mr. Edden, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Cann, Mr. Sleath, and the Mover.
9. **MR. SLEATH** to move, That an Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the trial and imprisonment of two lads, Saunders and Bassett, at Broken Hill; and all papers, petitions, letters, &c., since received by the Justice Department, on behalf of those lads.
10. **MR. JAMES MORGAN** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, correspondence, and minutes, in reference to the refusal of Mr. Wotton, Police Magistrate at Mudgee, to hear a libel action brought by Mr. H. A. Patrick, of Cobbora, against Malichi Donohue.
11. **MR. CHANTER** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim made by Permewan, Wright, & Co. (Ltd.), against the Government, for compensation for the destruction by fire of their steamer "Rodney," at Moorara Station, on the River Darling, on the 26th day of August, 1894.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. See, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Cann, Mr. Carroll, and the Mover.
12. **MR. CHANTER** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon Senior-sergeant Vaughan's reduction and removal from Narrandera in June, 1888.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Travers Jones, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bavister, and the Mover.
13. **MR. CHANTER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Deniliquin and Moama Railway should be purchased by the Government to form part of the State Railways.
14. **MR. WALL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it should be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Muswellbrook to Cassilis, *via* Merriwa, so that such line shall form a section of the proposed connection between the Northern and Western Lines.
15. **MR. McCOURT** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the application of Mr. J. F. Connelly to mine in the parish of Currajong.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. James Morgan, Mr. Lee, Mr. Wall, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Return to Order, "Application of Mr. J. F. Connelly to mine in the parish of Currajong," laid upon the Table of this House during the Session 1887-8; the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee upon "Application of Mr. J. F. Connelly to mine in the parish of Currajong," Session of 1893; and the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, and Report of the Select Committee upon "Application of Mr. J. F. Connelly to mine in the parish of Currajong," first Session of 1894—be referred to such Committee.
16. **MR. GRIFFITH** to move, That an Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers (including the Judges' notes) in connection with the trial of Thomas Suffield, now undergoing a sentence of ten years' imprisonment for alleged rape at Lambton in 1891.
17. **MR. CRICK** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The following particulars as to every prisoner now in any gaol of the Colony serving a sentence of five years and upwards:—The name; the sentence or sentences; the date of sentence or sentences; the judge who imposed the sentence; the offence or offences; the age of the prisoner.  
 (2.) The name of every person confined in any prison for nonpayment of money; the prison where confined; the amount for which the person is imprisoned; and how long he has been in prison.  
 (3.) Also the name of every prisoner who has been flogged during the last seven years under the gaol regulations, the number of lashes, and at what gaol inflicted; and in each case the names of the justices who ordered the flogging.
18. **MR. CRICK** to move, That an Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all the papers relating to the recent case of Captain Close, the return to include all letters, recommendations, orders, minutes, or other documents relating to the case; also the evidence taken at the first investigation by Major-General Hutton, at the first Court of Inquiry, which was quashed at the preliminary inquiry, and at the Court Martial, together with all letters, minutes, recommendations, &c., consequent on these proceedings.
19. **MR. CRICK** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should not proceed with the proposed experimental farm at Bathurst until the opinion of this House is obtained on the necessary expenditure, more especially as the outlay takes place in the electorate of the Minister at the head of the Department.
20. **MR. CRICK** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Public Instruction Act of 1880," so as to render instruction in the Public Schools free.

21. **MR. E. M. CLARK** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the appointment and retention of Mrs. Hambly (now Mrs. Ford) as postmistress at Willoughby.
22. **DR. ROSS** to move,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The amount of money that has been expended in each separate electorate from the 1st August, 1894, to the present date, specifying the nature of such public works and the cost of the same; also, the nature and cost of such works as are now in course of construction or erection.  
 (2.) The amount of revenue that has been derived from all sources from each separate electorate during the same period.
23. **MR. E. M. CLARK** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Thomas Buckley, dismissed from the Public Works Department.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Willis, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Wilks, Mr. McGowen, and the Mover.
24. **MR. COPELAND** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Civil Service Act of 1884."
25. **MR. PEERS** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon a claim of John Brennan with the Roads Department, on contracts 21u and 57v, Casino district.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Harris, Mr. Davis, Mr. F. Clarke, Mr. Watson, Mr. Anderson, and the Mover.
26. **MR. FRANK FARNELL** to move,—  
 (1.) That the Co-operative Colliery Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fegan, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Edden, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Griffith, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Watkins, and the Mover.
27. **MR. PEERS** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon charges made by Messrs. John Lyne, James Burke, George S. Archer, and other residents of Riley's Hill, Richmond River, against the officials in charge of the Government works at that place.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Perry, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Watson, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Harris, Mr. Anderson, and the Mover.
28. **MR. HAWTHORNE** to move, In reference to the petition of Mounted Police Sergeant William Stafford, presented to this House on Tuesday, the 18th June, 1895, this House is of opinion that the Government should cause immediate effect to be given to the findings and recommendation of the Select Committee, adopted by Parliament on the 3rd October, 1893, in his case, as follows:—  
 (1.) That Police Sergeant William Stafford be superannuated, and paid out of the Police Superannuation Fund in accordance with his length of service (eighteen years), and from the date of his wrongful suspension, as provided for by sections 19, 20, and 21 of the "Police Regulation Act of 1862."  
 (2.) That the effective and meritorious services with which Stafford is accredited by the magistracy and three police inspectors, with his claims to money withheld from him, and reasonably shown to be due to him, are matters for the special consideration of the Government, apart from his claim upon the Police Superannuation Fund. (See Stafford's claims in evidence under page 36.)
29. **MR. MOORE** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, to inquire into and report upon the granting to Owen M'Cosker of annual leases Nos. 12,238 and 12,244.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. James Morgan, Mr. Rawlinson, and the Mover.
30. **MR. WALL** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the letting of contracts and the prices paid for clearing out timber forests on the river Murray, and also into the appointments made in connection with the same.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Perry, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Edden, Mr. Sleath, and the Mover.
31. **MR. WATSON** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the application made for registration of an abandoned gold-mine in the District of Temora by A. T. Dembicki and party.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Newman, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. Haynes, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Travers Jones, Mr. Rose, Mr. Wall, Mr. James Morgan, and the Mover.
32. **MR. JAMES MORGAN** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Resumption of Land "Woolloomooloo Bay," brought up on the 27th February, 1895, be now adopted.
33. **MR. MCFARLANE** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is imperative in the interest of this Colony that an impost (in addition to whatever dues are payable under the tariff) be levied upon all imports upon which a bounty has been paid by the country from which such imports come, equivalent to the amount of such bounty.  
 (2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.
34. **MR. WADDELL** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, additional assistance to that now given should be afforded the miners of the Colony to work auriferous lodes and reefs for their own benefit.  
 (2.) With a view to such, no leases should be granted on new gold-fields, but the block claim system only allowed.



- (3.) The Government, on being satisfied that a new gold-field has been proven to be permanent, should immediately take steps (if an adequate supply of water does not naturally exist) to have sufficient water conserved for the requirements of the field.
- (4.) The Government should also, in such cases, erect locally suitable machinery for the treatment of the auriferous deposits, and make a charge for the extraction of the gold sufficient to pay working expenses, wear and tear on machinery, and provide a sinking fund to ultimately pay cost of erecting such plants.
35. **MR. WADDELL** to move,—
- (1.) That, in view of the fact that a large number of conditional purchases and additional conditional purchases which have been made at 20s. per acre are not now and were not at the respective dates of selection worth the price named, this House is of opinion that legislation should be passed empowering the Minister for Lands to have careful valuations made in all such cases, and, where it is found that land so conditionally purchased is not worth the price set upon it, to reduce such price to the appraised value, and to make a corresponding reduction in the annual payment of interest on such land in each instance where further instalments will have to be paid before the appraised value has been reached, providing that when the appraised value of any conditional purchase is less than the amount of principal actually paid no refund will be made, but the conditional purchaser shall be entitled to a deed in fee simple of the land.
- (2.) That such legislation should provide that no person shall be entitled to a reduction on a larger area than the maximum area allowed for conditional purchase in the division within which he had selected.
36. **MR. GRIFFITH** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, any attempt on the part of a Minister of the Crown to intimidate, coerce, or control an Honorable Member in regard to his public utterances, or to withdraw from him on account thereof any facilities for the transaction of public business, is an action deserving of the gravest censure.
37. **MR. CAMERON** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the enormous amount of gambling in connection with the sport of horse-racing is prejudicially influencing the welfare of the community.
- (2.) That, with a view of minimising the evil alluded to, the Government should, at as early a date as possible, introduce a Bill dealing with the subject, such Bill to contain amongst others the following provisions :—
- (a) That all racing clubs or associations shall pay to the Government an annual license fee.
- (b) That only a given number of race meetings be allowed in any district during any year, and only after permission obtained from the Government, and publication of the dates of the same in the *Government Gazette*.
- (c) That all owners of horses kept for racing purposes shall pay an annual registration fee for the same.
- (d) That the machine known as the totalisator shall be placed on each racecourse, in the charge of Government officials, the proceeds of the said totalisator, after paying all fair expenses, to be devoted to the support of the charities of the Colony.
- (e) That any person conducting any betting business, or otherwise evading the law as so embodied in such proposed Bill, be liable to a term of imprisonment without the option of a fine, if such offence be committed a second time.
- (3.) That the foregoing resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.
38. **MR. JAMES MORGAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of sending large numbers of unemployed men into country districts to compete with the locally unemployed ought to be at once discontinued.
39. **MR. WADDELL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the "Government Railways Act of 1888" should be so amended as to provide for the appointment of one Railway Commissioner only, at a salary not exceeding £2,000 per annum, such change to take effect at the expiration of the term for which the present Railway Commissioners are engaged.
40. **MR. PIDDINGTON** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a fixed time limit should be put upon the speeches of Honorable Members.
- (2.) That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to prepare a Standing Order for the purpose of carrying out the above resolution.
41. **MR. AFFLECK** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce and determine the salaries of Ministers of the Crown and other officers of the Executive Government; to amend schedule (1) to the Act 18 and 19 Victoria, c. 54; to repeal the Act 20 Victoria No. 18; and for other purposes in connection therewith.
42. **MR. AFFLECK** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The approximate value of the land (without improvements) that will be exempted from taxation by the Land and Income Tax Bill if carried into law—the value to be arrived at to be on the same basis as that by which the Treasurer reckons to get his £400,000 revenue.
- (2.) The amount of revenue which will be lost by these exemptions at the rate of 1d. on the unimproved value.
43. **MR. HAYNES** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and papers in connection with the recent disturbances in Bathurst gaol.
44. **MR. WRIGHT** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of A. J. C. Single, late Roads Superintendent at Cowra, who retired from the service in consequence of loss of sight.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Bavister, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Sleath, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Perry, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.

45. **MR. PERRY** to move, That the report from the Select Committee on "Shoaling at the Mouth of North Creek, near Ballina," brought up on the 12th March, 1895, be now adopted.
46. **MR. FRANK FARNELL** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the action of the Picturesque Atlas Company (Limited) in regard to the sale of a publication registered and known as the "Picturesque Atlas of Australasia," and their subsequent action in respect to their clients in the Law Courts of the Colony.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bavister, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Schey, Mr. Watson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. William Morgan, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Davis, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee of Session 1892-93, be referred to such Committee.
47. **MR. WADDELL** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—  
 (1.) The area of unoccupied land (not including reserves) that there is in the Western, Central and Eastern Divisions respectively.  
 (2.) The area which has been abandoned by Crown tenants during the last ten years in each of the said Divisions.
48. **MR. WILLIS** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working and the financial position and general stability of the various life and fire insurance companies doing business in Sydney.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. Crick, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Haynes, Mr. James Morgan, Mr. Cann, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Perry, Mr. Ashton, and the Mover.
49. **MR. O'REILLY** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) How many railway passes have, since the establishment of the Government Labour Bureau, been issued by the Principal Under Secretary to persons other than Civil Servants.  
 (2.) The name of the person on whose recommendation each such pass was granted.  
 (3.) The name of the person entitled to use each such pass.  
 (4.) The grounds upon which each such pass was granted.  
 (5.) The amount of money (if any) paid at any time in respect of each such pass.
50. **MR. TONKIN** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the enforced retirement of Mr. Benjamin Lee, Stipendiary Magistrate.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McCourt, Mr. Cann, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Fegan, and the Mover.
51. **MR. TONKIN** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. Travers Jones to dig and search for gold on selected lands on the Adelong Creek proclaimed gold-field, and the cause of operations being suspended on his alluvial mine, Adelong Creek.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Cameron, and the Mover.
52. **MR. MOORE** to move, That this House urges the Government to adopt more vigorous measures to promote the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, with a view to opening up new and profitable avenues of employment, and bringing into circulation some of the country's latent wealth to meet its present necessities.
53. **DR. ROSS** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The amount of money that has been expended by the present Railway Commissioners (since they took office) out of Loan Votes or otherwise for railway purposes, specifying the nature of such work, and the amount expended in each case respectively.  
 (2.) The amount of money that has been expended for law expenses, inquiries, and commissions.  
 (3.) The amount of money that has been paid away in the shape of bonuses or as compensation for accidents that have occurred on our railways and tram-lines during the same period; and also the amount of money involved in all cases now pending settlement.
54. **MR. DAVIS** to move, That prior to anyone being appointed to succeed our late Governor, the Government shall take the necessary steps towards reducing the salary from £7,000 to £5,000 per annum, and household allowances as at present.
55. **MR. ROSE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a return showing:—  
 (1.) The names of the contract draftsmen employed by the Survey Department, and where they are employed.  
 (2.) The class of work on which they are employed.  
 (3.) The monthly earnings of each during the past six months.
56. **MR. CARROLL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the proposal to construct a line of railway from Wyalong to Hillston should be at once referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for approval and report.
57. **MR. WATSON** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient, in order that the wishes of the people may not be contravened, that the principle of the referendum be embodied in our laws at the earliest possible date.
58. **MR. LEVIEN** to move,—  
 (1.) That no leases except residential leases should be granted on any gold-fields until after a period of three years from discovery.  
 (2.) That all lands within proclaimed gold-fields should be under the absolute control of the Mines Department.
59. **MR. EWING** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend so much of the "Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893" as regulates the procedure in respect to disputed elections under that Act, and to make other provision in lieu thereof.

60. **MR. HAYNES** to move, That this House having approved the principle of political or franchise equality for the sexes, now affirms the justice of legal equality for the same; and, therefore, urges the abolition of the right of the woman to sue for maintenance in cases of desertion; the abolition of the right to the woman to sue for alimony in matrimonial suits, and for the support of children whether legitimate or illegitimate; and urges further, with respect to the criminal law, the abolition of all distinctions in respect of sex.
61. **MR. MOLESWORTH** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the extension of the railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay is a matter of public importance, and should be constructed without further delay.  
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.
62. **MR. LYNE** to move, That in the opinion of this House, a line of railway from Culcairn to Germanton is urgently needed, and should be constructed without delay.
63. **MR. HAYNES** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make the Land Boards elective to the extent of two of their number.
64. **MR. ROSE** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the sale of Crown Lands by public auction.
65. **MR. BLACK** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the last Parliament embodied the system of electoral rights in the new Electoral Act, in order that every man, being a voter of the Colony, should in case of his removal retain his qualification to vote in the constituency where he formerly resided until his voting qualification for his new residence became valid.
66. **MR. DAVIS** to move, That in future all public works recommended by the Public Works Committee and sanctioned by Parliament, shall, before deviating from the proposed and accepted plans, or exceeding the estimated expenditure, be resubmitted to Parliament before such alteration in plans or increase in expenditure is incurred.
67. **MR. BLACK** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, some alteration in the constitution of the other branch of the Legislature is imperative.  
 (2.) That it is advisable to deprive the second Chamber of the power to thwart the will of the people, as expressed in the vote of their representatives, by taking from them the power to veto for the second time within three years any measure sent up to them for their consideration, or by any alteration of the general principles thereof.  
 (3.) That it is also advisable that future appointments to the Council should not be nominated for a period exceeding three years.
68. **MR. CHANTER** to move, That this House directs the Government to enter into negotiations with the Governments of the Australian Colonies with the view of assimilating the various tariffs and forming a Customs Union to levy duties only on goods imported from outside Australia, and not the products of Australia.
69. **MR. CHANTER** to move, That this House directs the Government to enter into negotiations with the Government of Victoria for a Customs Union between the two colonies, whereby the products of either may be admitted duty free.
70. **MR. AFFLECK** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of certain selections in the county of King, parish of Winduella, Land District of Gunning, made originally by Martin Tully.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. F. Clarke, Mr. Ashton, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Millen, Mr. Rose, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Travers Jones, Mr. Chanter, and the Mover.
71. **MR. AFFLECK** to move, That this House is of opinion that no more branch lines of railways should be constructed unless on the guarantee of one or more persons that they will pay all working expenses, as well as interest, on the cost of construction, or, in the absence of such, that all land required to be resumed will be conveyed to the Government or Commissioners free of charge.
72. **MR. EDDEN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when provision should be made by the Government for the payment of witnesses called to give evidence at coroners' inquests.
73. **MR. WADDELL** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the rates charged by the Railway Commissioners for the carriage of crude ores, copper, matte, regulus, and coal and coke, when used for the treatment of native ores, are excessive, and seriously handicap the great mining industry of the Colony.  
 (2.) That, with a view to encourage the mining industry, the rates charged for the carriage of the aforesaid materials (either on the up or down journey) should not exceed the "special" rates charged on the up journey to Sydney for agricultural products, such as grain and potatoes.
74. **MR. GRIFFITH** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, Government contracts should in future be let only to firms who pay their workmen full union wages.
75. **MR. GRIFFITH** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is absolutely necessary, in the interest of public safety, that a Public Defender to act in capital cases be immediately appointed, with all the legal and police machinery at his command that is possessed by the Crown Prosecutor for the prosecution.
76. **MR. WILLIS** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in the best interests of the Colony, that the Government should at once construct a line of railway from Nevertire, *via* Warren and Coonamble, to Walgett.
77. **MR. WILLIS** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once, in the best interests of the country, construct a line of railway from Byrock to Brewarrina.

78. MR. WADDELL to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all steel rails used in the construction of new railway lines, or in the repair of existing lines, should be manufactured in the Colony from the product of iron ores obtained in the Colony.
  - (2.) That this House approves of the Government paying 10 per cent. more for steel rails made in the Colony than the cost of importing such, with a view to giving employment to our own people.
  - (3.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.
79. MR. TRAVERS JONES to move, That the report from the Select Committee on "Conditional Purchase made by George Vincent, in the district of Gundagai," brought up on 30th May, 1895, be now adopted.
80. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon a certain claim made by Mr. James Fitzgerald against the Department of Public Works.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Bavister, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Wood, Mr. Edden, and the Mover.
81. MR. HOGUE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return, showing:—
- (1.) The tenders and prices received in the year 1888 for the collection and delivery of wool and other goods in connection with the Government railways.
  - (2.) Whether the contract entered into that year for such delivery was for the period of one year only.
  - (3.) Whether the successful tenderer had his or their tender extended for a period of twelve months at the same price after the contract expired in 1891.
  - (4.) The name and address of the successful tenderer.
  - (5.) The number of bales of wool carted by the contractor for the Railway Department, and the amount paid for during the contract, 1888 to 1892.
  - (6.) The like information in regard to the number of butts and bags of wool respectively.
  - (7.) The number of consignments of goods over 1 cwt. and up to 5 cwt. carted by the contractor with the Railway Department, and the amount paid for during the currency of the contract, 1888 to 1892.
  - (8.) The like information in regard to goods over 5 cwt. and up to 10 cwt.
  - (9.) The like information in regard to goods over 10 cwt. and up to 15 cwt.
  - (10.) The like information in regard to goods over 15 cwt. and up to 20 cwt.
  - (11.) The like information in regard to the contract for 1892 to 1895.
  - (12.) The tenders and prices received in 1892 for the delivery of wool and other goods in connection with the Railway Department.
  - (13.) Whether the contract was for a period of three years.
  - (14.) The name and address of the successful tenderer.
  - (15.) The number of bales of wool carted by the contractor, and the amount paid for during the term of the contract 1892 to 1895.
  - (16.) The like information in regard to butts and bales of wool respectively.
  - (17.) The number of consignment of goods up to 5 cwt. carted by the contractor with the Railway Department, and the amount paid for during the currency of the contract 1892 to 1895.
  - (18.) The like information in regard to goods over 5 cwt. and up to 10 cwt.
  - (19.) The like information in regard to goods over 10 cwt. and up to 15 cwt.
  - (20.) The like information in regard to goods over 15 cwt. and up to 20 cwt.
  - (21.) Whether the contractors for the delivery of wool and other goods from Darling Harbour during the term of their contract, 1892 to 1895, receive remuneration, and the amount paid for either stripping, folding, carting, loosing ropes, and loading up ropes and tarpaulins covering trucks of wool arriving at Darling Harbour.
  - (22.) The amount paid to the contractor for loading wool from the trucks on to their own vehicles, 1892 to 1895.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Port Hacking Net-fishing Enabling Bill; third reading.
2. Interest on Conditional Purchases Bill, reported; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Rose, "That the report be now adopted."
3. Usury Limitation Bill; second reading.
4. Commons Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Railway to Botany; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stephen,—
 

"(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the construction of the railway to the vicinity of the fortifications on Bare Island, at La Perouse, near the entrance to Botany Bay, should 'be proceeded with without any unnecessary delay,' for the following reasons:—

  - "(a) To make better provision for the defence of Sydney, and to secure it from attack by way of Botany Bay.
  - "(b) To make better provision for the large amount of traffic and the carrying of produce and material to and from manufactories and industries in Botany.
  - "(c) To make better provision for the sanitary condition of the people, and for other purposes.

"(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor."

Upon which Mr. Joseph Abbott had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "be proceeded with without any unnecessary delay," and inserting the words "be taken into the early consideration of the Government" instead thereof.
6. Licensing Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Early Closing Bill; second reading.

8. Truck Bill ; second reading.
9. Attorneys Admission Bill ; second reading.
10. Church of England Property Act of 1889 Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
11. Liens on Wool and Stock Mortgages Bill ; second reading.
12. Coroners' Court Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
13. Disorderly Conduct Suppression Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
14. Parliamentary Elections (Candidates' Deposit) Bill ; second reading.
15. Electoral Majority Vote Bill ; second reading.
16. Gas and other Illuminating Powers Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate and control the supply of gas and other illuminating powers, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
17. Miners' Rights and Mineral Licenses Bill ; second reading.
18. Franchise Extension Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
19. Claims of Mr. Thomas Rowe, Architect—Sydney Hospital Buildings ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Parkes,—
  - " (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Thomas Rowe, Esquire, architect, in connection with the Sydney Hospital buildings.
  - " (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hayes, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Rose, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Robert Jones, and the Mover."
20. Monetary Conference ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, " That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary that New South Wales should be represented at the forthcoming Monetary Conference by a competent authority on the questions likely to be at issue there."
21. Bega Cattle Sale-yards Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
22. Holt's Wingello Estate Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Bavister, " That this Bill be now read a second time."
23. Special Trams and Trains for the use of Parliament ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hogue,—
  - " (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of providing special trams and trains for the convenience of Honorable Members after the ordinary service has ceased for the day should be discontinued.
  - " (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor."
24. Postage Acts Amendment Act, 1893, Partial Repeal Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal section 19 of the " Postage Acts Amendment Act," 56 Vic. No. 31.
25. Public Works Acts Further Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
26. Co-operative Credit Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a central and local organisation of industry and finance, and to provide farmers and others engaged in certain industries connected closely with land with a means of obtaining advances of money at low rates of interest by co-operation in the use of credit, and for other purposes.
27. Legal Profession Amalgamation Bill ; second reading.
28. Carriages Regulation Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
29. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
30. Workmen's Combination Laws Declaration Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Black, " That this Bill be now read a second time."
31. Distress for Rent Abolition Bill ; second reading.
32. Emu Gravel and Road-metal Company's Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*) ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. James Morgan, " That this Bill be now read a second time."
33. Homestead Protection Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
34. Law of Libel Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
35. Attorneys Costs Act of 1847 Amendment Bill ; second reading.
36. Railway from Cobar to Wilcannia, thence to Broken Hill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sleath,—
  - " (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable, in the best interests of the country, that the construction of the railway from Cobar to Wilcannia, thence to Broken Hill, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on 30th April, 1891, be immediately proceeded with.
  - " (2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor."
37. Native Flora Protection Bill ; second reading.
38. Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
39. Masters and Servants Bill ; second reading.
40. Totalisator Bill ; second reading.



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1894-5.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, Joseph, Esq. ....	59	107	.....	166
Abbott, The Hon. Sir Joseph Palmer, K.C.M.G. ( <i>Speaker</i> ) .....	.....	1	.....	1
Afleck, William, Esq. ....	87	237	.....	324
Anderson, George, Esq. ....	81	241	.....	322
Ashton, James, Esq. ....	63	187	.....	250
Barnes, John Frederick, Esq. ....	64	143	.....	207
Bavister, Thomas, Esq. ....	76	198	.....	274
Black, George, Esq. ....	68	138	.....	206
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq. ....	16	43	.....	59
Brown, Thomas, Esq. ....	87	206	1	294
Brunker, The Hon. James Nixon, Esq. ....	103	268	1	372
Cameron, Angus, Esq. ( <i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i> ). From				
4 October, 1894... ..	83	183	1	267
Campbell, Alexander, Esq. ....	61	192	.....	253
Campbell, Archibald, Esq. ....	42	124	.....	166
Cann, John Henry, Esq. ....	87	235	.....	322
Carroll, James George, Esq. ....	90	253	.....	343
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector, Esq. ....	67	194	.....	261
Chanter, John Moore, Esq. ....	39	134	.....	173
Chapman, Austin, Esq. ....	39	114	.....	153
Chapman, Henry, Esq. ....	65	184	.....	249
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq. From 4 December, 1894 .....	25	83	.....	108
Clarke, Francis, Esq. ....	78	169	.....	247
Collins, Charles, Esq. ....	40	85	.....	125
Cook, The Hon. Joseph, Esq. ....	99	259	1	359
Copeland, Henry, Esq. ....	38	73	.....	111
Crick, William Patrick, Esq. ....	43	97	.....	140
Cruickshank, George Alexander, Esq. ....	17	77	.....	94
Cullen, Joseph Francis, Esq. Resigned 20 November, 1894 .....	10	16	.....	26
Davis, Thomas Martin, Esq. ....	24	75	.....	99
Dibbs, Sir George Richard, K.C.M.G. ....	70	89	.....	159
Dick, William Thomas, Esq. ....	73	176	.....	249
Donnelly, Denis Cornelius Joseph, Esq. ....	27	59	.....	86
Edden, Alfred, Esq. ....	94	232	.....	326
Ellis, James Cole, Esq. ....	30	79	.....	109
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq. ( <i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i> ). To 4 October, 1894 .....	38	77	.....	115
Farnell, Frank, Esq. ( <i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i> ) .....	105	239	1	345
Fegan, John Lionel, Esq. ....	96	196	1	293
Ferguson, William John, Esq. ....	80	206	.....	286
FitzGerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq. ....	25	17	.....	42
Fitzpatrick, Thomas, Esq. ....	61	134	.....	195
Fowler, Robert, Esq. ....	43	194	.....	237
Gardiner, Albert, Esq. ....	87	209	1	297
Garrard, The Hon. Jacob, Esq. ....	92	248	.....	340
Gillies, John, Esq. ....	43	107	1	151
Gormly, James, Esq. ....	76	188	.....	264
Gould, The Hon. Albert John, Esq. ....	89	251	1	341
Graham, James, Esq., M.D. ....	57	95	.....	152
Greene, George Henry, Esq. Unseated by Elections and Qualifications Committee, 25 October, 1894 .....	9	10	.....	19
Griffith, Arthur Hill, Esq. ....	62	158	.....	220
Harris, Matthew, Esq. ....	77	144	.....	221
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq. ....	32	116	.....	148
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq. ....	73	195	1	269
Hayes, James, Esq. ....	38	93	.....	131
Haynes, John, Esq. ....	49	92	.....	141
Hogan, Patrick, Esq. ....	31	95	.....	126
Hogue, James Alexander, Esq. ....	87	189	.....	276
Hollis, Leslie Thomas, Esq., M.B., Ch.M. ....	50	142	.....	192
Hughes, William Morris, Esq. ....	72	218	.....	290

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Jones, Robert, Esq. ... ..	61	191	.....	252
Jones, Llewellyn Charles Russell, Esq. ... ..	55	125	.....	180
Jones, Travers, Esq. ... ..	85	238	.....	323
Keily, Joseph Bede, Esq. From 13 December, 1894 ... ..	52	131	.....	183
Kidd, John, Esq. ... ..	62	115	.....	177
Kirkpatrick, John, Esq. ... ..	15	53	.....	68
Knox, Adrian, Esq. ... ..	47	117	.....	164
Law, Sydney James, Esq. ... ..	85	235	.....	320
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq. (Temporary Chairman of Committees) ... ..	58	161	.....	219
Lees, Samuel Edward, Esq. ... ..	44	98	.....	142
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq. ... ..	20	53	.....	73
Loughsane, Michael John, Esq. From 26 October, 1894 ... ..	9	25	.....	34
Lyne, William John, Esq. ... ..	45	87	.....	132
Macdonald, Hugh, Esq. ... ..	79	185	.....	264
Mackay, James Alexander Kenneth, Esq. From 26 February, 1895 ... ..	40	105	.....	145
Mahony, William Henry, Esq. ... ..	92	210	1	303
Martin, James, Esq. ... ..	27	80	.....	107
McCourt, William, Esq. (Chairman of Committees). Resigned, 4 February, 1895; re-elected, 13 February, 1895 ... ..	74	.....	1	75
McFarlane, John, Esq. ... ..	77	147	.....	224
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq. ... ..	85	255	1	341
McLean, Francis Edward, Esq. ... ..	85	224	.....	309
McMillan, William, Esq. ... ..	13	37	.....	50
Millard, William, Esq. ... ..	75	233	.....	308
Millen, Edward Davis, Esq. ... ..	54	177	.....	231
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq. ... ..	68	235	1	304
Molesworth, Edmund William, Esq. (Temporary Chairman of Committees) ... ..	54	104	.....	158
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson, Esq. ... ..	66	198	.....	264
Morgan, James, Esq. ... ..	72	169	.....	241
Morgan, William, Esq. ... ..	81	239	.....	320
Morton, Philip Henry, Esq. ... ..	27	80	.....	107
Newman, Henry William, Esq. ... ..	84	207	.....	291
Nicholson John Barnes, Esq. ... ..	73	188	.....	261
O'Reilly, Dowell Phillip, Esq. ... ..	67	149	.....	216
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq. (Temporary Chairman of Committees) ... ..	92	158	.....	245
Parke, Sir Henry, G.C.M.G. ... ..	40	50	.....	90
Parke, Varney, Esq. Resigned, 4 June, 1895; re-elected, 11 June, 1895 ... ..	39	85	.....	124
Perry, John, Esq. ... ..	85	180	.....	265
Piddington, William Henry Burgess, Esq. ... ..	75	168	.....	243
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq. ... ..	58	153	.....	211
Pyors, Robert, Esq. ... ..	80	196	.....	276
Rawlinson, Thomas, Esq. ... ..	60	154	.....	214
Reid, The Hon. George Houston, Esq. ... ..	99	249	.....	348
Rigg, William, Esq. ... ..	69	147	.....	216
Rose, Thomas, Esq. ... ..	60	109	.....	169
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D. ... ..	56	138	.....	194
Schey, William Francis, Esq. ... ..	97	256	1	354
See, John, Esq. ... ..	47	105	.....	152
Shipway, William Charles, Esq. ... ..	76	232	.....	308
Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq. Resigned, 1 January, 1895 ... ..	10	24	.....	34
Sleath, Richard, Esq. ... ..	97	247	.....	344
Smailes, George Wells, Esq. ... ..	76	179	.....	255
Smith, The Hon. Sydney, Esq. ... ..	89	206	1	296
Stephen, William, Esq. ... ..	79	192	.....	271
Stevenson, Richard, Esq. ... ..	95	262	.....	357
Storey, David, Esq. ... ..	69	193	.....	262
Thomas, Josiah, Esq. ... ..	76	196	.....	272
Thomson, Dugald, Esq. ... ..	43	140	.....	183
Tonkin, James Ebenezer, Esq. ... ..	30	81	.....	120
Waddell, Thomas, Esq. ... ..	50	127	.....	177
Wall, William Chandos, Esq. ... ..	40	115	.....	155
Watkins, David, Esq. ... ..	93	246	.....	339
Watson, John Christian, Esq. ... ..	90	282	.....	372
Whiddon, Samuel Thomas, Esq. ... ..	58	114	.....	172
Wilkinson, John, Esq. ... ..	4	32	.....	36
Wilks, William Henry, Esq. ... ..	97	236	.....	333
Willard, John, Esq. Unseated by Elections and Qualifications Committee, 15 November, 1894 ... ..	18	2	.....	20
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq. ... ..	27	72	1	100
Wise, Bernhard Ringrose, Esq. ... ..	24	42	.....	66
Wood, William Herbert, Esq. ... ..	80	246	.....	326
Wright, Francis Augustus, Esq. ... ..	19	68	.....	87
Young, The Hon. James Henry, Esq. ... ..	109	274	1	384

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1894-5.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
2. Select Committees:—										
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	9					
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	4					
3. Standing Committees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
4. Public Bills:—										4
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	24					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	84					
					108					
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	0					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	6					
					6					114
5. Private Bills:—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	2					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	3					
					5					
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	3					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	2					
					5					10
6. Petitions received:—										
Printed	...	...	...	...	47					
Not Printed	...	...	...	...	10					
					57					
7. Divisions:—										
In the House	...	...	...	...	112					
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	304					
					416					
8. Sittings:—										
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,122 h. 20 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	217 h. 55 m.
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 h. 6 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	0					
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	1					
					1					
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	1,155					
Of Questions answered	...	...	...	...	1,216					
					2,371					
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Entries in Notice Paper—										
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	1,802					
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	6,910					
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	4,369					
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	51					
					13,132					
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	118
10. Contingent Notice Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
14. Papers laid upon the Table:—										
By Message	...	...	...	...	46					
By Command	...	...	...	...	386					
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	...	45					
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	1					
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	...	...	...	...	15					
					493					
Ordered to be Printed	...	...	...	...	361					
Not ordered to be Printed	...	...	...	...	132					
					493					

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