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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1907.

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 seventeenth day of September, 1907, of which a copy was read by Mr. Richard Aldous Arnold, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows :—

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

“ In pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Governor aforesaid, by virtue of
 “ an Act passed in the second year of the reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being
 “ ‘ An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution ’: I do hereby proclaim that a
 “ Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the State of New South Wales,
 “ for the despatch of business, shall commence and be holden on Wednesday, the second day of
 “ October next, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council
 “ Chambers, in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney; and 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 Sydney, this seventeenth day of September, in the year
 “ of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven, and in the seventh year of His
 “ Majesty's Reign.

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

“ GOD SAVE THE KING ! ”

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.

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Arthur, Richard	Middle Harbour.
Ball, Richard Thomas	Crows.
Barton, Charles Hampden	The Macquarie.
Beeby, George Stephenson	Blayney.
Briner, George Stuart	Raleigh.
Broughton, Ernest Clement Vernon	King.
Brown, William	Durham.
Burgess, George Arthur	Burrangong.
Cann, John Henry	Broken Hill.
Carmichael, Ambrose Campbell	Leichhardt.
Carruthers, Joseph Hector	St. George.
Charlton, Matthew, junior	Northumberland.
Clark, Edward Mann	St. Leonards.
Cohen, John Jacob	Petersham.
Collins, Albert Ernest	The Namoi.
Dacey, John Rowland	Alexandria.

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Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Davidson, Robert	Hastings and Macleay.
Donaldson, Robert Thomas	Wynyard.
Dooley, James	Hartley.
Downes, Frederick William Arthur	Camden.
Edden, Alfred	Kahibah.
Estell, John	Waratah.
Fallick, James	Singleton.
Fell, David	Lane Cove.
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas	Orange.
Fleming, William Montgomerie	The Upper Hunter.
Gilbert, Owen	Newcastle.
Gillies, John	Maitland.
Graham, James	Surry Hills.
Grahame, William Calman	Wickham.
Griffith, Arthur Hill	Sturt.
Hall, Brinsley	The Hawkesbury.
Henley, Thomas	Burwood.
Hindmarsh, George Thomas	Rous.
Hogue, James Alexander	The Glebe.
Hollis, Robert	Newtown.
Holman, William Arthur	Cootamundra.
Horne, Henry Edwin	Liverpool Plains.
Hunt, John Charles	Sherbrooke.
James, Augustus George Frederick	Goulburn.
Jones, George Alfred	The Gwydir.
Jones, Robert	Mudgee.
Kelly, Andrew Joseph	The Lachlan.
Latimer, William Fleming	Woollahra.
Lee, Charles Alfred	Tenterfield.
Levien, Robert Henry	Tamworth.
Levy, Daniel	Darlinghurst.
Lonsdale, Edmund	Armidale.
Lynch, John Patrick	Ashburnham.
Macdonell, Donald	Cobar.
Mahony, William Henry	Annandale.
McCourt, William	Wollondilly.
McCoy, Richard Watson Walker	Marrickville.
McFarlane, John	The Clarence.
McGarry, Patrick	The Murrumbidgee.
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor	Redfern.
McLaurin, Gordon Ranald	Albury.
McNeill, John	Pymont.
Meagher, Richard Denis	Phillip.
Mechan, John Charles	The Darling.
Mercer, James Ballantine	Rozelle.
Milliard, William	The Clyde.
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle	Monaro.
Miller, John	Bathurst.
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson	Bingara.
Morton, Mark Fairles	Allowrie.
Moxham, Thomas Robert	Parramatta.
Nicholson, John Barnes	Wollongong.
Nielsen, Nield Rasmus Wilson	Yass.
Nobbs, John	Granville.
Norton, John	Darling Harbour
Oakes, Charles William	Paddington.
Onslow, James William Macarthur	Waverley.
O'Sullivan, Edward William	Belmore.
Page, Frederick Joseph	Botany.
Parke, Varney	Canterbury.
Perry, John	The Richmond
Peters, Henry John Frederick	Deniliquin.
Price, Richard Atkinson	Gloucester.
Robson, William Elliott Veitch	Ashfield.
Ryrie, Granville De Laune	Queanbeyan.
Scobie, Robert	The Murray.
Storey, David	Randwick.
Storey, John	Balmain.
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James	Camperdown.
Thomas, Follet Johns	Gough.
Treffé, John Louis	The Castlereagh
Waddell, Thomas	Belubula.
Wade, Charles Gregory	Gordon.
Wood, William Herbert	Bega.

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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 Public Seal of the State, constituting us Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor in the name and on the part of His Majesty the King, or in the name and on the part of His Excellency the Governor of the State, 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, by direction of the President, read the said Commission, as follows :—

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

"To all to whom these presents shall come,—

"Greeting :

"WHEREAS, by Proclamation made on the seventeenth day of September ultimo, His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in our Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, our Governor of our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor of our said State, by virtue of an Act passed in the second year of the reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being 'An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution,' proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said State of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Wednesday, the second day of October instant : And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session : Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir Francis Bathurst Suttor, Knight, President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable John Hughes, Vice-President of our Executive Council of our said State, and the Honorable William Joseph Trickett, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said State, give and grant, by the tenor of these presents, unto the said Sir Francis Bathurst Suttor, John Hughes, and William Joseph Trickett, so being such President, and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said second day of October 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 State, 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 Francis Bathurst Suttor, John Hughes, and William Joseph Trickett, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

"In testimony whereof, we have caused these, our Letters, to be made patent, and the Public Seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed.

"Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in our Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, our Governor of our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in our said State, this first day of October, in the seventh year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven.

"HARRY H. RAWSON,
 "Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,
 "T. WADDELL."

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 THE 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 State, authorising the Honorable Charles Gregory Wade, Esquire, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, the Honorable Thomas Waddell, Esquire, Colonial Secretary, and the Honorable Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, Secretary for Public Works, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the King, required by law to be taken or made

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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 Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, *Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“ *Greeting:*

“ IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honorable Charles Gregory Wade, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, the Honorable Thomas Waddell, Colonial Secretary, and the Honorable Charles Alfred Lee, Secretary for Public Works, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State of New South Wales, at Sydney, in the State aforesaid, this first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven, and in the seventh year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

“ HARRY H. RAWSON,
“ Governor.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*
“ T. WADDELL.”

5. MEMBERS SWORN:—The Honorable Charles Gregory Wade, Esquire, took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable Thomas Waddell, Esquire, and the Honorable 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.:—

Richard Arthur, Esquire.
Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire.
Charles Hampden Barton, Esquire.
George Stephenson Beeby, Esquire.
George Stuart Briner, Esquire.
Ernest Clement Vernon Broughton, Esquire.
William Brown, Esquire.
George Arthur Burgess, Esquire.
John Henry Cann, Esquire.
Ambrose Campbell Carmichael, Esquire.
Matthew Charlton, junior, Esquire.
Edward Mann Clark, Esquire.
John Jacob Cohen, Esquire.
Albert Ernest Collins, Esquire.
John Rowland Dacey, Esquire.
Robert Davidson, Esquire.
Robert Thomas Donaldson, Esquire.
James Dooley, Esquire.
Frederick William Arthur Downes, Esquire.
Alfred Edden, Esquire.
John Estell, Esquire.
James Fallick, Esquire.
David Fell, Esquire.
William Montgomerie Fleming, Esquire.
Owen Gilbert, Esquire.
John Gillies, Esquire.
Sir James Graham, Kt.
William Colman Grahame, Esquire.
Arthur Hill Griffith, Esquire.
Brinsley Hall, Esquire.
Thomas Henley, Esquire.
George Thomas Hindmarsh, Esquire.
James Alexander Hogue, Esquire.
Robert Hollis, Esquire.
William Arthur Holman, Esquire.
Henry Edwin Horne, Esquire.
John Charles Hunt, Esquire.
Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire.
George Alfred Jones, Esquire.
Robert Jones, Esquire.
Andrew Joseph Kelly, Esquire.
William Fleming Latimer, Esquire.

Robert Henry Levien, Esquire.
Donald Macdonell, Esquire.
William Henry Mahony, Esquire.
William McCourt, Esquire.
Richard Watson Walker McCoy, Esquire.
John McFarlane, Esquire.
Patrick McGarry, Esquire.
James Sinclair Taylor McGowen, Esquire.
Gordon Ranald McLaurin, Esquire.
John McNeill, Esquire.
Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire.
John Charles Meehan, Esquire.
James Ballantine Mercer, Esquire.
William Millard, Esquire.
Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire.
John Miller, Esquire.
Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire.
Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire.
Thomas Robert Moxham, Esquire.
John Barnes Nicholson, Esquire.
Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, Esquire.
John Nobbs, Esquire.
John Norton, Esquire.
Charles William Oakes, Esquire.
Lieutenant-Colonel James William Macarthur Onslow.
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire.
Frederick Joseph Page, Esquire.
Varney Parkes, Esquire.
John Perry, Esquire.
Henry John Frederick Peters, Esquire.
Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire.
William Elliott Veitch Robson, Esquire.
Colonel Granville de Launc Ryrie.
Robert Scobie, Esquire.
David Storey, Esquire.
John Storey, Esquire.
Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire.
Follet Johns Thomas, Esquire.
John Louis Trefé, Esquire.
William Herbert Wood, Esquire.

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6. **ELECTION OF SPEAKER**:—Mr. Latimer, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, William McCourt, Esquire, and moved,—“That William McCourt, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Edden.

Debate ensued.

The House then calling Mr. McCourt 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. Latimer and Mr. Edden, 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. Wade and Mr. McGowen respectively congratulated the Speaker, and Mr. O'Sullivan and Mr. David Storey also offered their congratulations.

Mr. Wade informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Governor would receive their Speaker at State Government House, Colonial Secretary's Buildings, Macquarie-street, on Wednesday next, at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

7. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Wade made a Ministerial Statement regarding the changes which had taken place quite recently, and had led to the reconstruction of Mr. Carruthers' Government, and said that almost within the last forty-eight hours the late Premier, Mr. Carruthers, had been compelled to resign the reins of Office, owing to the pressure of serious illness; he (Mr. Wade) had then been honored with a Commission from His Excellency the Governor to undertake the formation of a Ministry, and he had now the honor to announce to the House that the Ministry had been constituted as follows:—

Premier, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—The Honorable Charles Gregory Wade;
Colonial Treasurer and Collector of Inland Revenue,—The Honorable Thomas Waddell;
Colonial Secretary and Minister for Labour and Industry,—The Honorable William Herbert Wood;

Secretary for Lands,—The Honorable Samuel Wilkinson Moore;

Secretary for Public Works,—The Honorable Charles Alfred Lee;

Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—The Honorable John Perry;

Secretary for Public Instruction,—The Honorable James Alexander Hogue;

Vice-President of the Executive Council,—The Honorable John Hughes;

Members of the Executive Council without portfolio,—The Honorable James Ashton and The Honorable Charles William Oakes.

Mr. Wade then asked the House to grant a short adjournment to enable the new Administration to formulate their policy and arrange as to the future programme of the Government; and moved, That this House do now adjourn until half-past Ten o'clock, a.m., on Wednesday next, when, after the presentation of Mr. Speaker, His Excellency, at noon, would be pleased to declare the reasons for calling Parliament together.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at half-past Two o'clock, p.m., until Wednesday next, at half-past Ten o'clock, a.m.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1907.

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

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—The House proceeded to the State 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 on Wednesday last, 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, particularly to freedom of speech in debate, to free access to His Excellency when occasion should require, and 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.

2. 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 Public Seal of the State, 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 Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“ Greeting :

“ IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise the Honorable William McCourt, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said State, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven, and in the seventh year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

“ HARRY H. RAWSON,
“ Governor.

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

3. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue, and other moneys for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1907, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act, 1902.

Ordered to be printed.

9th October, 1907.

4. MEMBERS SWORN:—The unmentioned 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:—

John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire,—Orange.
Edmund Londale, Esquire,—Armidale.
Daniel Levy, Esquire,—Darlinghurst.

5. 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 having returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Wade, at nineteen minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

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

- (1.) Local Government (Loans) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to authorise certain borrowings by Councils; to validate certain borrowings; to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (2.) Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to amend the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906, and the Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (3.) Newcastle Wharfage Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to sanction the construction at Newcastle of a timber wharf twelve hundred feet in length, and the erection in connection therewith of two sheds; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (4.) Consolidated Revenue Fund and Public Works Fund Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1907–1908, and out of the Public Works Fund; and 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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy :—

“ By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

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

‘ Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire,
‘ Matthew Charlton, junior, Esquire,
‘ Daniel Levy, Esquire,
‘ Robert Davidson, Esquire,
‘ Donald Macdonell, Esquire,

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

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

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

“ WILLIAM McCOURT,
“ Speaker.”

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

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

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

9. PAPERS :—

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. A. N. Barnett as Stipendiary Magistrate, Sydney, and of Mr. J. L. King as City Coroner and Special Magistrate, Children's Court.
 - (2.) Additional Regulations under the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905.
 - (3.) Regulations under the Inebriates Act, 1900.
 - (4.) Amended and Additional Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.
 - (5.) Amendment of Rule under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.
 - (6.) Minute of the Public Service Board with regard to the granting of Special Leave of Absence, on account of ill-health, to Mr. Matthew Boland, Police Magistrate, Hillston.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Proclamation under the Stock Act, 1901, prohibiting the introduction of Stock from Queensland.
 - (2.) Proclamation declaring certain works to be “Mining Purposes” within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
 - (3.) Proclamation declaring Diatomaceous Earth to be a mineral within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
 - (4.) Proclamation declaring Magnesite to be a mineral within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
 - (5.) Proclamation declaring Limestone, Slate, Marble, Mica, Pitch Blende, and Fireclay, to be minerals within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
 - (6.) Mining Appeal Courts Rules, under the Mining Act, 1906.
 - (7.) Regulations under the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901.
 - (8.) Additional Regulations under the Stock Act, 1901.
 - (9.) Amended Regulations under the Mining Act, 1906.
 - (10.) Wardens' Courts Rules, under the Mining Act, 1906.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Lands for the year ended 30th June, 1907.
- (2.) Amended Regulations Nos. 213 and 214 under the Crown Lands Acts; Additional Regulation No. 46a, Amended Regulation No. 331, and Additional Form No. 6a, under the Crown Lands Acts; Amended Regulations Nos. 49, 148, 356, 366, 366a, and 367, under the Crown Lands Acts; Additional Regulation No. 370, Amended Form No. 119, and Additional Forms Nos. 125 and 126, under the Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1905; Amended Form No. 78, under the Crown Lands Acts; Additional Regulation No. 42, under the Closer Settlement Act, 1904; Amended Regulations Nos. 304 and 361, and Additional Forms Nos. 127, 128, and 129, under the Crown Lands Acts, and Amended Form No. 119, under the Crown Lands Amendment Act of 1905.
- (3.) Notice of intention to declare that Settlement Lease No. 1906-2, District of Tamworth, being portions 145, 146, 233, and 244, parish of Werrie, county of Buckland, applied for by William Joseph Anderson, shall cease to be voidable.

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- (4.) Notice of intention to declare that After Auction Purchase of Block A, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, Metropolitan Land District, applied for by Henry Anderson Dickinson, shall cease to be voidable.
 - (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (6.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (7.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (8.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (9.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
 - (10.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, under the Alienation of Crown Lands Act of 1861.
 - (11.) Particulars of Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901, from 10th July to 2nd October, 1907.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

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

1. It affords me much pleasure to call you together for the discharge of your high and important duties.

2. Owing to the late period of the year at which the Elections were held, and the unavoidable delay caused by the unexpected circumstances leading to the reconstruction of the Government, the first Session of this new Parliament must necessarily be short.

You will be asked to make provision for the Public Service, and for such other matters of urgency as it is possible to deal with in the limited time available.

3. I share to the full the feelings of deep regret entertained by my Ministers at the enforced retirement from the Premiership, through ill health, of the Honorable J. H. Carruthers. I feel sure that all classes of the community will join in earnestly wishing Mr. Carruthers a speedy and complete restoration to health.

4. In the opinion of my Advisers, the time has come when the increase of settlement on the lands of the State, and the consequent development of our agricultural resources, call for the creation of a separate Department of Agriculture under the control of a responsible Minister. To give effect to this opinion, it is proposed to rearrange certain of the Public Departments in such a way as to secure more efficient administration.

5. Ministers have kept constantly in view questions arising out of the relations between this State and the Commonwealth. Whilst earnestly desiring to promote the most friendly feelings and cordial co-operation, my Advisers will continue to watch with jealous care the constitutional rights of New South Wales as a member of the Union. The delay which has taken place in determining the important question of the Federal Capital Site is much to be regretted. Early and decisive action on the part of the Federal Authorities, conceding a full recognition, not merely of the letter, but of the spirit of the agreement between the States of the Union, is essential, in order to bring about that cordial co-operation which ought to exist between the several States and the Federal Government.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

6. It is with much satisfaction that I am able to announce the continued buoyancy of the Public Revenue, and the sound position of the State's Finances. The increased returns from our primary industries, and the continued improvement in our railway receipts, afford gratifying proof of the energy of our people and the stability of the country's resources. I trust that a speedy termination of the prevailing period of dry weather will remove all fears of a season of diminished prosperity.

7. The favourable condition of the Public Finances justifies the Government in proposing substantial relief to the people in the form of reduced taxation. Following upon the large reductions recently made in railway rates and fares, proposals for materially reducing the tax on incomes derived from personal exertion, and for removing the stamp duties on various instruments of commerce, will be submitted at an early date.

8. Estimates of Expenditure for the current year, framed with a strict regard to economy and to the needs of the Public Service, will be laid before you.

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

9. My advisers are convinced that the continued advancement of the State depends largely upon the multiplication of settlers on the land, and that the acquisition of private estates by the Crown should proceed more rapidly and on a more comprehensive scale than hitherto. A special measure, which it is believed will effectually promote the object in view, will be introduced without delay.

10. A Bill providing for the conversion of Homestead Selections and Settlement Leases into Conditional Purchases will also be proposed.

11. The Government proposes pursuing a vigorous and prudent Public Works policy, and a number of important Railway and other projects will be placed before Parliament during the Session.

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12. You will be asked to pass a Bill to extend the principle underlying the Old-age Pension scheme by providing pensions for those who may be permanently invalidated by causes other than advanced years, thereby affording assistance to a large number of deserving persons not now reached by the Old-age Pension law.

13. Among other measures, you will be invited to pass a Pure Foods Bill, under which effectual checks will be provided against the adulteration of articles of human consumption. Also, a measure regulating the conditions of employment of young persons in factories and shops.

14. I now leave you to the discharge of your high and honorable duties with the earnest prayer that, under Divine guidance, your deliberations may tend to further promote the welfare and add to the happiness of the people.

Mr. James then moved, and Mr. John Miller seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Thomas, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Ball, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Downes, Mr. John Miller, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

To His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

3. We share the gratification which Your Excellency expresses concerning the satisfactory condition of the Public Finances.

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

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

Mr. McGowen moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand as paragraph 4:—

"We further beg to inform Your Excellency that your present Advisers do not possess the "confidence of this House."

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan 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.

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1907.

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

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—DATE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 4th Section of the Public Works Committee Election Act, 1901, Mr. Speaker appointed Wednesday, the 23rd day of October, 1907, as the date up to and including which nominations of Members of the Legislative Assembly for election and appointment as Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall be received; such nominations, made and signed by at least five Members, to be delivered to the Clerk, together with the written consent of the Member nominated.

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

"To His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

"3. We share the gratification which Your Excellency expresses concerning the satisfactory condition of the Public Finances.

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

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words to stand Paragraph 4:—

"We further beg to inform Your Excellency that your present Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be so inserted be so inserted,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the amendment be amended by adding thereto the words "because, among many other blunders, they have failed to take steps to afford relief to the settlers on the soil, or to the residents in the cities and towns, in view of the possibility of another serious drought."

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

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1907.

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

MEMBER SWORN :—John Patrick Lynch, 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 Ashburnham.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Mr. E. M. Clark desiring to move to disapprove of the Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, which was laid upon the Table on the 9th October instant,—

Mr. Speaker pointed out that section 117 of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act enacted that such a motion might be moved, without notice, within three days of his Warrant being laid upon the Table, but by Standing Order No. 39 no business, beyond what is of a formal character, shall be entered upon before the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech has been adopted; he would, however, look into the matter, and, to-morrow, inform the House what step could be taken.

3. PAPER :—Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Report of the Stock Branch of the Department of Mines and Agriculture for the year 1906.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

"To His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

"3. We share the gratification which Your Excellency expresses concerning the satisfactory condition of the Public Finances.

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

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4 :—

"We further beg to inform Your Excellency that your present Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House."

To which amendment Mr. O'Sullivan moved the addition of the words "because, among many other blunders, they have failed to take steps to afford relief to the settlers on the soil, or to the residents in the cities and towns, in view of the possibility of another serious drought."

And

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15th October, 1907.

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1907.

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

MEMBER SWORN :—The Honorable Joseph Hector Carruthers, 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 St. George.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—

(1.) Mr. Speaker, referring to the question raised yesterday, stated that in order to give Honorable Members an opportunity of moving disapproval of his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, he would withdraw the Warrant laid upon the Table on the 9th October instant, and lay a fresh Warrant upon the Table.

(2.) Mr. Speaker then withdrew his Warrant laid upon the Table on the 9th October, 1907.

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

*"To His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight
Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South
Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia."*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

"3. We share the gratification which Your Excellency expresses concerning the satisfactory condition of the Public Finances.

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

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4 :—

"We further beg to inform Your Excellency that your present Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House."

To which amendment Mr. O'Sullivan moved the addition of the words "because, among many other blunders, they have failed to take steps to afford relief to the settlers on the soil, or to the residents in the cities and towns, in view of the possibility of another serious drought."

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

16th October, 1907.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1907, A.M.

Mr. David Storey moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1907.

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

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

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

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

"To His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

"3. We share the gratification which Your Excellency expresses concerning the satisfactory condition of the Public Finances.

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

Upon

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17th October, 1907.

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4 :—

“ We further beg to inform Your Excellency that your present Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House.”

To which amendment Mr. O’Sullivan moved the addition of the words “ because, among many other blunders, they have failed to take steps to afford relief to the settlers on the soil, or to the residents in the cities and towns, in view of the possibility of another serious drought.”

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1907, A.M.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House to now adjourn until Tuesday next at Four o’clock.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes after Three o’clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o’clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1907.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General, transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of balances from certain Services to supplement the Votes of other Services, viz. :—

	£
Item 113—Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the State	5,000
Item 114—Commission on payments in Sydney by Banking Institutions	600
Item 119—Sewerage and Water Rates on various Public Buildings, &c., Sydney and Country Towns	1,000
Item 122—Interest on Advances by Banks in London	4,900
Item 123—Darling Harbour Resumptions—Interest on Compensation Money	10,000
Item 140—Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint	700
Total	£22,200
To Supplement the following Votes, viz. :—	£
Item 179—Department of Lands—Contingencies	9,700
Item 183—Towards the purchase, acquisition, resumption of sites, maintenance, improvement, or compensation for improvements, fencing, &c., &c., Public Parks, Recreation Reserves, Bathing-places	3,000
Item 198—Roads	3,000
Item 203—Dredge Service	3,000
Item 209—Equipment, travelling, transfer, removal, and other Allowances and Pay for Temporary Services	1,000
Item 214—Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Contingencies	1,700
Item 217—State Children Relief Department—Contingencies	500
Item 237—Stock and Brands Branch—Contingencies	300
Total	£22,200

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy :—

“ By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

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

“ Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire,
“ Matthew Charlton, junior, Esquire,
“ Daniel Levy, Esquire,
“ Robert Davidson, Esquire,
“ Donald Macdonell, Esquire,

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

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

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

“ WILLIAM McCOURT,
“ Speaker.”

22nd October, 1907.

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

*" To His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight
" Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South
" Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

" 3. We share the gratification which Your Excellency expresses concerning the satisfactory condition of the Public Finances.

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

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4 :—

" We further beg to inform Your Excellency that your present Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House."

To which amendment Mr. O'Sullivan moved the addition of the words "because, among many other blunders, they have failed to take steps to afford relief to the settlers on the soil, or to the residents in the cities and towns, in view of the possibility of another serious drought."

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1907, A.M.

Debate continued.

Mr. Moxham moved, That the Honorable Member for The Murray, Mr. Scobie, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

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

Noes, 34.

Mr. Beaby,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Trefle,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Price,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. McNeill.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Arthur Griffith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Henley moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The

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The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

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

Noes, 38.

Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Charlton,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Norton.
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Meagher.
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. McNeill,	

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

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

Noes, 51.

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

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Fleming moved, That the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Norton, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Fell,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Waddell,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Lee,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. James,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Broughton.
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. McCoy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Fleming.
Mr. Fallick,	

Noes, 42.

Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Charlton,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Macdonell,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Page,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Horne,	Mr. David Storey
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Norton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Debate continued.

Mr.

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Mr. Lonsdale moved, That the Honorable Member for Cobar, Mr. Macdonell, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Perry,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. James,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wade,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Thomas,	Colonel Ryrie.
Mr. Robson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Mahony.
Mr. Ball,	

Noes, 39.

Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Treflé,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Horne,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Edden.
Mr. Briner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Charlton.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Fell moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

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

Noes, 40.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Arthur Griffith
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Charlton,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. G. A. Jones.
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Meagher,	

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

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

Noes, 52.

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

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Wood moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put

The

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The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

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

Noes, 34.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Charlton,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Peters.
Mr. Treflé,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Gus. Miller.
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Lynch,	

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

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

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

4. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
5. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.
6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1907.

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

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

And being returned,—

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

State Government House, Sydney.

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

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

I am glad to receive your assurance that earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to you, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

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

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

24th October, 1907.

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

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor,—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1907-1908 ; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 24th October, 1907.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

24th October, 1907.

3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Nominations for Election* :—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received the following nominations of Candidates for election as Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Committee Election Act, 1901, viz. :—

William Fleming Latimer	...	...	Member for Woollahra.
Richard Atkinson Price	...	...	Member for Gloucester.
Robert Davidson	...	...	Member for Hastings and Macleay.
Richard Thomas Ball	...	...	Member for Corowa.
Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller	...	...	Member for Monaro.
George Stuart Briner	...	...	Member for Raleigh.
Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen	...	...	Member for Yass.
John Rowland Dacey	...	...	Member for Alexandria.
Robert Thomas Donaldson	...	...	Member for Wynyard.

(2.) *Ballot for the Election of Members of the Committee* :—Pursuant to the requirement of the 4th section of the Public Works Committee Election Act, 1901, Mr. Speaker appointed Tuesday, the 29th day of October, 1907, as the date upon which a Ballot shall take place for the Election of Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Moore, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor,—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1904, and the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes.

State Government House,

Sydney, 24th October, 1907.

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

5. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) *Coupling of Railway Trucks* :—Mr. Fleming asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the many accidents, fatal or otherwise, which occur in the coupling of railway trucks, will he offer a substantial reward for some safe contrivance qualified to supersede the present method?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This is a matter for the Railway Commissioners, and I will ask them to give it consideration. I am, however, advised that a number of recent accidents, which it was claimed would have been averted by automatic couplings, would not have been prevented by such a device.

(2.) *Shortage of Wool Waggons and Stock Trucks in the Railway Department* :—Mr. Fleming asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there is a serious shortage of wool waggons and stock trucks in the hands of the Railway Commissioners?

(2.) Will he confer with the Railway Commissioners with a view to strengthening the supply of such waggons and trucks, and at the same time, at least temporarily, increasing the staff?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that there has been a shortage in the waggon supply, due to abnormal demands.

(2.) The Chief Commissioner has conferred with me, and I am assured the best is being done to reasonably overcome the difficulties. Extensive orders for additional rolling-stock are already in hand, and, as funds are provided, more will follow.

(3.) *Permissive Leases at Yamba, Grafton District* :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that those holding permissive leases at Yamba, Grafton District, have been given notice to remove all buildings erected on such leases; if so, will he state the reason why this action has been taken?

Mr. Moore answered,—Yes, in view of complaints that the reserve was occupied at nominal rentals to the detriment of purchasers of Crown allotments in the village. This reserve with the beach is a popular summer resort, and the privacy of bathers is much intruded upon by the existence of cottages, whilst their outbuildings are unsightly, and are in a direct line of promenade from the wharf to the beach.

(4.) *Bellinger River Entrance—Erection of Northern Training Wall* :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the entrance to the Bellinger River has been for many months, and still is, in a very bad state?

(2.) Is it a fact that the dredge "Antleon" entered the river some time ago; and, if so, why was no work done?

(3.) Is it a fact that the whole trouble is caused by having left the works in an incomplete condition?

(4.) Is it the opinion of the Departmental Engineers that if the northern training-wall were extended the entrance would be likely to improve to such an extent that the condition of the bar would be permanently benefited?

(5.) What in effect was the report of a recent inspection by an Engineer of the Department?

(6.) To insure the results anticipated from the scheme which Parliament authorised by an Act in 1898, will the Government submit a proposal with a view to carrying it out by completing the northern training wall as early as possible?

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Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The "Antleon" entered the river in August, but after removing about 2,750 tons of sand from the bar had to leave, owing to the heavy seas closing the partially constructed channel and shoaling the bar to such an extent as to prevent further work being done. Dredging has not been possible since.
- (3.) The works authorised by Parliament have been completed, so far as the expenditure authorised by the Harbour Act will admit.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Recent reports on the Bellinger River deal only with minor repairs to the southern wall, and dredging up-river.
- (6.) This will receive consideration.

(5.) Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that under the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act the auctioneer who sells the beast as well as the person for whom he sells is liable to a fine?
- (2.) Is he aware that if a person sell a beast, and disease show itself at any time within six months, the seller is held responsible?
- (3.) Is he aware that a beast might be perfectly healthy, or at least appear so, even to experts, but might contract disease during the fourth, fifth, or six month after sale?
- (4.) To remedy this state of things will he introduce, and endeavour to pass, an Amending Bill providing that the responsibility of the seller shall cease at the end of three months after the date of sale; and will he also provide, in the case of the auctioneer, that the offence must be wilful?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act makes no provision limiting the time within which an information may be laid, consequently action in this direction is governed by the Justices Act, 1902, section 56, which provides:—"An information or complaint may, unless some other time is specially limited by the Act dealing with the matter, be laid or made at any time within six months from the time when the matter of the information or complaint arose."
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) This matter will have early consideration.

(6.) Conduct of a Capital Case by Mr. Justice Pring:—Mr. Briner asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a statement published in the *Lismore Chronicle*, *Raleigh Sun*, and other northern papers, in which Mr. Justice Pring made a certain proposal to a girl who was the chief witness in the case of a capital offence?
- (2.) Is it true that the Judge asked the girl to lie on a form, and illustrate the position she was in while the alleged offence was being committed?
- (3.) If the report be true, will he take steps to prevent any recurrence of this kind of thing?

Mr. Wade answered,—The facts of the case appear to be as follows:—A man was upon his trial for rape at the Lismore Circuit Court before His Honor Mr. Justice Pring. The prosecutrix had stated that he had pushed her on to a bed, face downwards, put a blanket over her head, and then committed the offence. It became very material to ascertain precisely the position she was in at the time of the alleged offence. Inasmuch as in the course of her evidence she had given contradictory accounts of her posture, and the accused was being tried for his life the Judge thought it right, in the interests of justice, to obtain from the witness the exact position she was in at the time. He, therefore, asked her if she could show the jury the exact position she was in by lying on a form; but he expressly stated that her clothes were not to be disarranged. The girl did not agree to the suggestion, and nothing more was done.

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

- (1.) When is it probable that tenders will be invited for the first section of the North Coast Railway?
- (2.) When will the surveyors begin the work of the permanent survey of the second section of the line, and what length will comprise that section?
- (3.) Is it proposed to have the bridges and cuttings constructed as early as possible after completion of survey in order to expedite the construction of the line?
- (4.) Is it a fact that maps or any information regarding the permanent route have been given to any person or persons, thus enabling speculation in land values to be accomplished?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Tenders will be invited about the end of the year for the section Maitland to Dungog.
- (2.) Surveyors are now at work on the section from Taree to Gloucester, a length of 42 miles.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) I am not aware.

(8.) Prickly-pear Pest:—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the rapid spread of the prickly-pear, rendering large areas of Crown lands valueless, will he consider the wisdom of the Government of New South Wales offering a sum of, say, £20,000 as a reward for the discovery of a cheap and efficacious method of eradicating the pest?

Mr. Moore answered,—The Government has the matter under consideration. Experiments are about to be made on an area of pear-infested land near Scone.

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(9.) Prickly-pear Pest :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the emu is a prolific source of spreading the prickly-pear pest ?
- (2.) If so, will he immediately remove the protection under the Birds Protection Act accorded the emu in those particular districts where the prickly-pear is growing, and thus allow settlers to destroy this means of spreading the pest ?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The Honorable Member's attention is invited to the reply to his Question of 4th July last, wherein it was stated, "The Curator of the Australian Museum has advised that the authorities "there are not aware that the emu is a prolific means of spreading the prickly-pear. If the "Honorable Member furnishes me with any evidence on the subject, I shall be pleased to "consider it."

(10.) Southern Breakwater at the Clarence River :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in 1902, recommended a continuation of the Southern Breakwater at the Clarence River entrance ?
- (2.) What was the nature of that recommendation ?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to carry it out ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1 and 2.) The question of completing the Northern and Southern Breakwaters was before the Public Works Committee in 1903, the recommendation being that the Southern Breakwater be extended 1,350 feet, at an estimated cost of £77,440, but that it is not expedient to carry out the Northern Breakwater.

(3.) It is not intended to give effect to the recommendation of the Committee regarding the Southern Breakwater, the construction of a northern wall being considered more important at the present time. The question of again referring the remainder of Sir John Ccode's scheme to the Public Works Committee will be considered by Cabinet.

(11.) Travelling Stock Reserves :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that abuses have arisen, generally, in connection with the leasing of Travelling Stock Reserves, and that injustice is being inflicted upon carriers and other stock-owners who are compelled to travel over these reserves by reason of them being eaten out by the lessees ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that in many portions of the Namoi Electorate, it is absolutely impossible for stock-owners to remove their stock to more favoured districts—in view of the approaching drought—in consequence of the abuses referred to ?
- (3.) Will he take immediate steps to have these reserves withdrawn from lease, and controlled in such a way that will permit of their being used by the travelling public for the purpose for which they were originally set apart ?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; abuses do from time to time occur.
- (2.) I have called for a report.
- (3.) I will consider the question.

(12.) Proposed Railway from Coff's Harbour to Dorrigo :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the total length and the estimated cost of the proposed railway as surveyed from Coff's Harbour to Dorrigo ?
- (2.) Will he submit the proposal to Parliament for reference to the Public Works Committee as early as possible, say during this Session ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) The survey is incomplete, and the estimate is, therefore, not prepared.
- (2.) This will be considered when the Railway policy of the Government is being determined.

(13.) Roads in the Dorrigo Subdivision :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have any steps been taken by his Department, or the Lands Department, to complete the road from Coramba to Dorrigo ?
- (2.) Is he aware that the eight miles of uncompleted road is a handicap to settlers in the central portion of the subdivision ?
- (3.) What has been done with regard to the roads of access in the Dorrigo subdivision, particularly those roads about which representations have been made to the Department ?
- (4.) What has been done with regard to the road from Dorrigo to the Grafton-Armida's Road, which is to develop Western Dorrigo ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes, the road is complete, with the exception of about 8 miles between Cooperbrook and Wild Cattle Creeks.
- (2.) I am not aware.
- (3.) Tenders for construction of some of these roads have been received, and are being dealt with. A grader is employed, locating the most suitable positions, with a view to the early opening of other roads.
- (4.) Instructions are now with the District Officer with regard to the opening of the first portion of the road, extending about 17 miles westerly from Dorrigo.

(14.) Southern Breakwater at Nambucca Heads :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Public Works Committee in 1904 recommended £28,000 for expenditure on the Southern Breakwater at Nambucca Heads to prevent the entrance from being shoaled ?
- (2.) Will he consider the advisability of having the work carried out ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the bad state of this entrance is seriously hampering the district, and discouraging settlement ?

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Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The Public Works Committee, on 15th January, 1904, recommended that the Southern Breakwater be constructed to a length of 2,100 feet at a cost not exceeding £26,000, such amount to be provided by applying the unexpended balance of the amount authorised for the construction of the works recommended by the Public Works Committee in 1898.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No doubt an imperfect entrance hampers the removal of products, but there is no Departmental evidence as to the discouragement of settlement.

(15.) Roads through Gunyerwarildi Holding :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is the occupation license on Gunyerwarildi Holding in force ; if not, when did it expire ?

(2.) Are there any roads or reserved roads on the holding which are enclosed without permission of the Board ; if so, what rent is being paid therefor ?

(3.) Is there a road through the holding in the parish of Cox, 4 chains wide, which is fenced across by Gunyerwarildi proprietors ?

(4.) What amount of rent is being paid for that road, and how long since the station commenced to pay the rent ?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) The occupation license of the resumed area of Gunyerwarildi No. 540, Central Division, terminated on 31st December, 1902, by non-renewal for the year 1903, but the preferential occupation license (No. 540A) of the late leasehold area of Gunyerwarildi Holding is now in force.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes ; part of the reserved road through portion 65, and the road on east of that portion are enclosed by Mackay Brothers with the Land Board's permission, granted 13th June, 1903, 12 feet double gates are prescribed by the Land Board. The Warialda Land Board will hold an inquiry into the matter on 5th November, 1907. Part of the 4-chain road west of portion 40, parish of Cox, is enclosed by James Donaldson with the Board's permission, granted November, 1903.

(4.) The annual rent for the part of the reserved road through portion 65, and the road on east of that portion enclosed by Mackay Brothers, is £1 2s. 6d. ; such rental commenced from 13th June, 1903. The annual rental for the part of the 4-chain road west of portion 40, parish of Cox, enclosed by James Donaldson, is 17s. 6d. ; such rental commenced November, 1903.

(16.) Dog Tax :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in many parts of the State it is impossible to keep rabbits and foxes in check, except with the assistance of dogs, and will he refrain from enforcing the dog-tax on all dogs *bona fide* kept for the purpose of destroying foxes, rabbits, and other noxious animals ?

(2.) Will he exempt from taxation all dogs used in the course of their occupation by farmers, graziers, and drovers ?

(3.) In cases where these taxes have been already paid this year, will he refund the amounts paid ?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1 and 2.) In the past, the Act has not been rigorously enforced in districts where settlers have to keep dogs for their protection against vermin. In towns and adjacent main roads, where dogs are a dangerous nuisance, there has been no relaxation. I have resolved to follow the usual practice. The question of vesting the administration of the Dog and Goat Act in Shire Councils is receiving consideration.

(3.) There is no authority for such a refund in the present state of the law, even if it were desirable.

(17.) Subsidised Schools :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In view of the fact that it is impossible to get provisional schools established where there are ten or twelve children to be educated, will he extend the system of subsidised schools,—(a) To the extent of allowing the subsidy at the rate of £5 for each child educated on all children up to the number required to secure the establishment of a provisional school ; (b) to allow the subsidy in sparsely-settled districts upon any number of children who can be got together where schools cannot be established owing to the fact that a sufficient number cannot be raised within the required radius ; (c) to make the subsidy applicable to one or more families instead of restricting it as at present ?

Mr. Hogue answered,—With a view to increasing the facilities for education in very thinly-settled localities, I have called for reports relative to the extension of subsidised schools. Reports already to hand contain much information of value as bearing on the subject. The whole question is now under consideration, and, as far as practicable, I intend to see that the educational needs of families in remote districts are met.

(18.) Maintenance Men :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the promises made during last Parliament by the Minister will he make provision on the forthcoming Estimates to give ex-maintenance men two weeks' pay for each year of service ?

(2.) Will he allow these men to draw these amounts irrespective of the fact that they have taken work under the Shire Councils ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Provision was made by last Parliament to meet these claims which was subsequently supplemented, and it is not proposed to increase the amount.

(2.) Will have further consideration.

(19.) Fox Pest :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that the fox pest is increasing to an alarming extent in many parts of the State ?

(2.) Does he know that waste Crown lands and reserves are the greatest breeding ground for this and other classes of noxious animals ?

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(3.) Will he bring in a bill to assist the Pastures Protection Boards to cope with this pest, and to provide them with an adequate subsidy to assist them in destroying foxes and other noxious animals on Crown lands?

(4.) Will he make the fencing clauses of the law applicable to Crown as well as private lands?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) It is recognised that foxes are increasing in some parts of the State.

(2.) No doubt these classes of land do constitute breeding grounds for noxious animals.

(3.) The Pastures Protection Boards already have the power to deal with foxes. With regard to pecuniarily assisting Boards to destroy noxious animals on Crown Lands, I may say that the question is one of great difficulty, but will be further considered by me.

(4.) I cannot at present see my way clear to do this.

(20.) Rabbit Pest :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that many farmers are being eaten out by rabbits and other noxious animals bred on adjoining Crown lands?

(2.) In view of this fact, will he bring in a Bill to provide that the same rights and liabilities shall attach to such Crown lands under the Pastures Protection Act as attach to private lands?

(3.) Will he also make the Pastures Protection Act applicable to railway lands and other lands held by Government institutions?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Complaints to this effect have been received.

(2 and 3.) I am afraid that it is not practicable to give effect to these suggestions.

(21.) Shelter-sheds for Tramway Pointsmen :—Mr. McGarry, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause inquiries to be made with a view to have shelter-sheds erected for the men attending the tramway points throughout the City?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I will be glad to refer the matter to the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, who has the control of such matters.

(22.) Shelter for Tram Drivers :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the long-promised protection from the weather be carried into effect for tramway drivers?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that it was decided to equip, in the first instance, the all-night trams, and this service is in hand at the workshops at Randwick.

(23.) Eye-sight and Hearing Tests—Railway and Tramway Service :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the vision and hearing tests in use on railways and tramways been passed as Regulations in the manner provided by the Government Railways Act, 1901?

(2.) If not, will he see that they are at once withdrawn, and the old tests restored?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners have not in the past considered it necessary to make a By-law to provide for details affecting the efficiency of the Railway Staff, and the Chief Commissioner is not altering the practice.

(24.) Tocumwal Railway Extension :—Mr. Peters asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is the Government prepared to include among the railway projects to be placed before Parliament the completion of the line between Finley and Tocumwal, where a link of only 13 miles is necessary in order to give residents at Tocumwal the benefit of the New South Wales railway system?

Mr. Lee answered,—Not at present.

(25.) Shire Councils—Power to let unused Minor Roads :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that a large number of Shire Councils are desirous of having the power to let upon lease unused minor roads?

(2.) Has he any objection to giving the Shires such power; if not, will he take the necessary steps to comply with the desire of the Shires?

Mr. Lee answered,—The only "roads" which are let upon lease are lands which are "reserved for roads" in Crown grants, and I understand Shire Councils desire to have control of these in order that they may obtain the revenue from leasing them. The lands referred to are really not "roads" at all, but Crown lands, and, as such, are under the control of the Minister for Lands.

(26.) Wire-netting :—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Lands,—The price which the Government is charging per ton for wire-netting?

Mr. Moore answered,—Netting is not sold at per ton, but per mile. The prices the Government is now charging are—for 42 x 1¼ x 18, £26, plus ¼ duty (5 per cent.), equals 6s. 8d.; for 36 x 1¼ x 18, £22 10s., plus ¼ duty (5 per cent.), equals 5s. 9d. The amount charged as duty is being placed to a separate account pending final adjustment.

(27.) Free Railway Passes to Country Press and Co-operative Association, Limited :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government is providing passes to Sydney to enable shareholders in the New South Wales Country Press and Co-operative Association, Limited, to attend the annual meeting of that Company?

(2.) If such is the case, will he see that such passes are offered to all proprietors of country newspapers, whether members of the said Company or not, to visit the metropolis to transact business?

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Mr. Wade answered,—The Government know nothing of any annual meeting of shareholders of the New South Wales Country Press and Co-operative Association, Limited, but in accordance with the course followed last year, free railway passes were issued to *bond fide* delegates to the Eighth Annual Conference of the New South Wales Country Press Association, which was opened in Sydney on the 16th instant. The names of the delegates to the Conference were supplied by the Secretary of the Association.

- (28.) Oyster Channel Bridge near Yamba :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the position with regard to the Oyster Channel Bridge near Yamba?
 - (2.) Will he endeavour to have the work carried out as early as possible to meet the heavy traffic requirements of the summer and autumn?
 - (3.) Will the Department carry out the work if the Contractors fail to do so?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) The work is now in hand.
- (2.) Every effort is being made to ensure speedy completion.
- (3.) If Contractors fail other arrangements will be made for carrying out the work with the least avoidable delay.

- (29.) Macleay Swamp Drainage :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many surveyors are now engaged in Macleay Swamp Drainage Work?
- (2.) Will he endeavour to obtain the services of more surveyors so that the work may be expedited and completed before the wet season's return?
- (3.) Have any trusts been gazetted; and, if not, when is it proposed to gazette any?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) One Surveyor is at present engaged.
- (2.) The Surveyors of the Department are engaged on equally important duties, and in other parts of the State, and it is not proposed to send other Surveyors to carry out this survey.
- (3.) No trusts have as yet been gazetted, but it is expected that trust proposals for the Coorobongatti and Frogmore Swamps will be gazetted in a few weeks.

- (30.) Subdivision of Western Dorrigo :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many surveyors are now engaged in laying out the Western Dorrigo—that is an area of 32,500 acres—for settlement?
- (2.) How long is it expected that the work of subdivision will take; and when is the land likely to be available?
- (3.) Is it a fact that if this land were available there would be several applicants for every block?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Three surveyors.
- (2.) Plans of twenty-five blocks are expected next month, and the balance early next year. The twenty-five blocks referred to will probably be available about the end of the year.
- (3.) A good demand is expected for these blocks.

- (31.) Schools in Raleigh Electorate :—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that in the Raleigh Electorate there are many schools which have been closed—in some cases for many months—the reason being given that teachers are not available?
- (2.) Is it a fact that in many parts of the Electorate where settlement has rapidly taken place, several applications for the establishment of schools have been made, but as yet none have been established?
- (3.) Is it a fact that many of the existing school buildings are in a dilapidated condition, some of them being almost insanitary, and others unfit for the purpose altogether?
- (4.) Will he arrange an extra sum of at least £100,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the purpose of establishing new schools, and putting old schools and teachers' residences into a decent condition throughout the State?
- (5.) Will he take prompt steps to see that teachers are provided for country schools, so that the parents and children may not be penalised by going out into the bush to develop the country?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Six schools in the Electorate are vacant, and the Department intends to meet all demands, as far as possible, from the fresh supply of teachers for small schools which will be available next month.
- (2.) Four applications for schools have been received; two of which have been granted; the other two are under consideration.
- (3.) Generally speaking, the schools are, I am advised, in a fair condition. It is true that in the past, owing to want of funds, works have not always been carried out as soon as required. In the case of twelve schools in this Electorate, however, new buildings, additions, and repairs have been completed at a cost of £1,053; while, in sixteen other cases, works are authorised or in progress at the present time, the estimated cost of which is £2,000.
- (4.) All necessary provision that is practicable will be made.
- (5.) Yes. Steps have already been taken which will, it is believed, amply meet all requirements.

- (32.) Working of Punts under control of Shire Councils :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he state what system he proposes to adopt respecting the working of the punts, now under the control of the Shire Councils, when the tolls are abolished?
- (2.) Will the punts continue to be controlled by the Shire Councils; if so, upon what basis will the Shires be remunerated for the outlay incurred in working, maintenance, and renewals?
- (3.) Does he intend to let the working of the national punts by contract?

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Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Councils to advertise and let by contract the working of each ferry, without receipt of tolls except at night, between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., when service can be charged for at a scale to be fixed by each Council and approved by the Governor. Ferries to be run, where possible, to a timetable.

(2.) The Government will repay to the Councils all loss caused by the abolition of tolls, the recoupment to include payment of any rent at present received by Councils for ferries; also the whole cost of working as let by contract, less subsidy (if any) paid by the Council under the old conditions, which gave the whole of the tolls to the collector or contractor. The Councils will be responsible, as heretofore, for the maintenance and renewal of punts and ferry appliances, as the altered conditions with respect to tolls are fully met by the recoupment of loss by the Government.

(3.) This Question has not yet been determined.

(33.) Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—What was the gross amount in fees, &c., paid to Messrs. Hanbury Davies, J. W. H. Houston, and Howard Speight, in regard to the several forms of inquiry into the administration of the Lands Department before the Lands Commission, and in connection with the Improvement Leases Board?

Mr. Wade answered,—The amount of fees, &c., paid to Mr. Hanbury Davies for work done in connection with the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the administration of the Lands Department was £598 10s.; and for work done in connection with the Improvement Leases Cancellation Board, £435 15s.; in addition to which he was paid travelling expenses amounting to £43 15s. Mr. J. W. H. Houston's ordinary salary is £270 per annum. He has been paid at the rate of £500 per annum during the period of his work with the Royal Commission and the Improvement Leases Cancellation Board. Mr. Howard Speight was paid £39 8s. 9d. for expenses as a witness before the Royal Commission.

(34.) Amendment of the Mining Act:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he, this Session, bring in a Bill amending the Mining Act in the direction of facilitating the operations of miners who desire to enter upon Crown grants and other private properties, to prospect and mine for copper?

Mr. Perry answered,—It is not proposed to bring in such a Bill this Session.

(35.) Contracts for Wire-netting:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What were the respective prices per mile for wire-netting charged by the Government to clients prior to the Federal duty of 30 per cent. being imposed?

(2.) What price per mile is now charged, as the result of this duty?

(3.) Will all contracts, entered into between the Government and clients prior to the levying of the duties be carried out according to the original terms and rates?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) For 42-inch netting, £26 per mile; for 36-inch netting, £22 10s. per mile.

(2.) The prices now charged are for 42 inch, £26 per mile, plus $\frac{1}{4}$ duty (5 per cent.), equals 6s. 8d.; and for 36 inch, £22 10s. per mile, plus $\frac{1}{4}$ duty (5 per cent.), equals 5s. 9d. The amount charged as duty is being placed to a separate account pending final adjustments.

(3.) Yes.

(36.) Sittings of Improvement Leases Board at Coonamble:—Mr. Norton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Board appointed to inquire into the various improvement lease matters, consisting of Sir William Owen, Mr. Colin McMaster, and Mr. Brandis, lately took evidence at Coonamble hostile to the existing lessees, and refused to take rebuttal evidence on the ground?

(2.) Is it further a fact that the Board refused to visit and inspect the several improvement leases in the district, although invited to do so by the lessees?

(3.) If so, what is the basis on which the Board finds its recommendation?

(4.) Are any persons giving evidence for the Crown in the pay of the Government; if so, will he please name them?

(5.) Is Howard Speight one of the Crown witnesses; if so, is he the same Howard Speight who is an uncertificated insolvent?

Mr. Moore answered,—The President of the Improvement Leases Board has furnished the following replies, viz:—

(1.) The Board took all evidence tendered at Coonamble, and did not refuse to take any evidence.

(2.) No.

(4.) Yes, Surveyors Chesterman and Maitland and Conditional Purchase Inspector Garland.

(5.) Howard Speight has given evidence in several cases. It is not known whether he is an uncertificated insolvent.

(37.) Special Leases adjoining Narrabri Common:—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to an advertisement appearing in the Press at Narrabri announcing the sale by the Narrabri Municipal Council, for five years, of two Special Leases adjoining the Narrabri Common, containing approximately, 400 and 700 acres respectively?

(2.) Has any report been obtained as to the suitability of these areas for selection?

(3.) If so, does such report recommend these areas for selection?

(4.) If no report has been obtained will he have one made?

(5.) Is he aware that these leases are at present held by large landholders in the vicinity?

Mr. Moore answered,—My attention has been drawn to the matter, and I am having immediate inquiry made into it.

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(38.) Leases for Timber Lands at Coff's Harbour and Kendall:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have leases for timber lands, or exclusive timber rights, or concessions over timber lands, or reserves been applied for in the North Coast Districts?
- (2.) Is it his intention to grant such leases, and, if so, in what areas, upon what terms; will he state the rentals, conditions, and other particulars included in such leases?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) An application on behalf of the British Australian Timber Company has been received for exemption of about 1,000 acres from the operation of timber licenses, in the parish Woolgoolga, county of Fitzroy.
- (2.) The case will be dealt with on its merits.

(39.) Assault of William O'Hara, at Pyrmont, by a Constable:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a respectable citizen, William O'Hara, was assaulted by a constable in March last?
- (2.) Is it a fact that his arm was so injured that he was unable to follow his occupation as driver for James Elliott & Co., Ltd., by whom he had been employed for nine years?
- (3.) Is it a fact this assault was heard at the Police Court when O'Hara had legal assistance, and produced medical testimony as to his injuries?
- (4.) Was the constable committed for trial, and tried and convicted before Judge Backhouse, and sentenced to a term of imprisonment in Goulburn Gaol?
- (5.) Has O'Hara applied to the Government for compensation for loss of time, legal charges, medical fees, &c.; and has the Crown Solicitor reported that he has no legal claim?
- (6.) Will the Government, apart from legal technicalities, in view of this interference while on duty by a servant of the Crown with an inoffensive citizen, give him reasonable compensation for the pain and injury caused by the aforesaid assault—or, at any rate, pay the bare expenses to which he has been put—in loss of wages, legal assistance, and medical fees?

Mr. Wood answered,—In this case, although O'Hara has no legal claim upon the Government, the question of compensation is being considered.

(40.) Time allowed to Railway Employees to record Votes:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that many of the railway men got very little time off to enable them to record their votes?
- (2.) Is it a fact that many were disfranchised by reason that sufficient time was not allowed, and that, in many cases, owing to the same cause, their wives and families were also disfranchised through the men not having sufficient time to take them to the polling-places?
- (3.) Will he see that in future a full half-day is given so as to enable this important and numerous section of the community to have the citizen rights that the laws allow?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that up to half a day was allowed employees in the Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts. Directions were also given, generally, that employees having votes were to be allowed sufficient time off to record them—up to two hours—and that the best arrangements should be made for providing relief to permit of the staff voting.
- (2.) The Commissioners are not aware.
- (3.) The Government advised the Commissioners, in connection with late Election, that they desired the best possible arrangements made so as to enable Railway employees to record their votes, and this will be done on future occasions.

(41.) New South Wales Intelligence Department:—Mr. Holman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the cost of the New South Wales Intelligence Department (exclusive of the Tourist Bureau) last year?
- (2.) How many officers were employed in connection with its operations?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Director, Intelligence Department, has furnished me with the following information:—

- (1.) £1,912 17s. 5d. This amount includes the salaries of officers whose duties partly relate to the work of the Tourist Bureau. Only the salaries of officers employed solely on that work are omitted.
- (2.) Ten permanent and one temporary.

(42.) Assisted Passages granted to Immigrants:—Mr. Holman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the total cost during the last three years of assisted passages granted to (a) immigrants from Great Britain; (b) to people coming from other parts of Europe?
- (2.) What was the total amount of refunds to persons of both classes who had paid their own passages?
- (3.) The total number of people to whom refunds and assisted passages had been granted?
- (4.) Of the total number, what number had previously followed (a) the occupations of agriculture; (b) other occupations?
- (5.) Has assistance been granted to new arrivals in the shape of reduced railway fares; if so, what is the total amount expended under this head during the last three years?

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

(43.) Literature printed in Foreign Languages pointing out Advantages of New South Wales:—Mr. Holman asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that literature pointing out the advantages of New South Wales as a field for settlement has recently been printed at the expense of the State in foreign languages?

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- (2.) If so, what sum of money has been spent on this purpose ?
 (3.) What were the languages used ?
 (4.) Is it a fact that a certain quantity of this literature was printed in Russian ?
 (5.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House any cables which have recently passed on the question of immigration between the Government and the Agent-General ?
 (6.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of correspondence which has passed between the Government and persons, whether residents of New South Wales or not, who have been desirous of promoting the entry of aliens to the State ?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1 and 3.) No literature has been printed or published in New South Wales in foreign languages, but it is understood that the Agent General has recently issued a small pamphlet in regard to this State in Swedish.

(2.) As this has been printed by the Agent-General, no information is yet available as to the cost of printing.

(4.) No.

(5 and 6.) This information should be moved for in the form of a return.

(44.) Shaftesbury Reformatory :—Lieutenant-Colonel Onslow asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Shaftesbury Reformatory at Vaucluse is to be transferred to the Board of Health ?

(2.) Is it proposed to utilise the building of that reformatory as a Lock Hospital for women ?

Mr. Wood answered,—No decisions have been arrived at. The question of utilising Shaftesbury Reformatory for purposes other than its present occupation is under consideration.

(45.) Parliamentary Reporting Staff :—Mr. Dacey asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is the Parliamentary Reporting Staff under his Department ?

(2.) Is the Principal Shorthand-writer explicitly directed to, in all cases, abstain from supplying Honorable Members with proofs of their speeches, except in the case of the Financial Statement, and then only for verification of the figures; if so, by what authority has this rule been set aside ?

(3.) If the Staff can correctly report the extempore utterances of speakers, how is it that they cannot trust themselves to correctly take down quotations and figures without verification ?

(4.) Has the Principal Shorthand-writer power to discriminate by allowing some Honorable Members to correct errors, and disallowing others ?

(5.) Does the Principal Shorthand-writer furnish newspapers with proof slips of speeches, and by what authority ?

(6.) Is he aware that Members of the Commonwealth Parliament are allowed to revise the proofs of their speeches ?

(7.) In view of the present practice holding Honorable Members responsible for reporters' errors, will he give instructions for the introduction of the practice of the Commonwealth Parliament ?

(8.) What instructions have been issued for the guidance of the Reporting Staff, and by whom issued ?

Mr. Wade answered,—I will presently lay answers to these Questions upon the Table.

(46.) Repair of Harrington-street, within Gipps Municipal Ward :—Mr. Norton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he see that the thorough repair of Harrington-street within the Rocks or Resumed Area of the Gipps Municipal Ward of the City is undertaken in order that its control may be vested in and taken over by the Sydney Municipal Council ?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Council have agreed to take over the care of this street, and the necessary legal action to vest the control in the Council will be proceeded with.

(47.) Arrears due for Rent within the Rocks Resumed Area :—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a return, giving the amounts of arrears due for rent within the Rocks or Resumed Area, both within the jurisdiction of the Rocks Resumption Board and of the Harbour Trust, showing,—(1) The names and occupations of all such persons in arrears; (2) the length of time the tenements have been occupied by them, and the rent paid for such tenements, both before and since the resumption; (3) the names, addresses, and occupations of persons within the Resumed Area who have been sued for arrears against whom judgment has been obtained, and who have been evicted or sold off for non-satisfaction of such judgments; and (4) the names, addresses, and occupations of persons who, being in arrears for rent within the Resumed Area, have been given time beyond one month in order to pay, or who have had such arrears remitted or wiped out, in whole or in part. Also, (1) The number, names, status, salaries, wages, and allowances to, of whatsoever kind, of all employees within the Resumed Area; (2) the total number of tenants within the Resumed Area, together with the aggregate estimated rental payable by them; and (3) what steps the Government have taken to supply the working classes with readily accessible sanitary dwellings at reasonable rents within the Resumed Area in lieu of those vacated by them owing to their compulsory removal in consequence of the resumption operations ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Government would not be justified in giving the information sought in sections 1 to 4 of the first part of this Question, as it would mean disclosing the private affairs of a large number of its tenants, which should, unless good reasons to the contrary can be shown, be treated as confidential. I may add that to obtain this information would involve considerable expenditure of time and money. With regard to the information asked for in sections 1 to 3 of the second part, I will have the information prepared, and will supply it to the Honorable Member at a later date.

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(48.) Funds under the Miners' Accident Relief Act:—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) What is the amount of funds held at present for distribution under the Miners' Accident Relief Act?

(2.) Is it a fact that if a man is so injured as to prevent him carrying out his ordinary avocation as a miner, he is debarred from accepting light duties while receiving his 15s. per week?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) £188,120.

(2.) No; when a man by reason of accident is unable to return to ordinary duties, but can undertake lighter and less remunerative employment, the question whether he shall be paid the whole or a portion of the allowance is determined in view of the wages payable for the work undertaken.

(49.) Mudgee-Dunedoo Railway:—Mr. Horne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he consider the advisability of calling for tenders for the second section of the Mudgee-Dunedoo Line, with a view of having both sections carried out simultaneously and the line completed at the earliest possible moment?

Mr. Lee answered,—It is proposed to call for tenders for the second section when the first is approaching completion. Both sections could not be commenced simultaneously, without adding greatly to the cost, as the material has to be carried over the first section, for the second.

(50.) Income-tax and Cost of Department:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total collected during last financial year in income-tax from personal exertion?

(2.) The amount from property?

(3.) The actual cost of the Income-tax Department, including all expenses incidental to collecting income-tax?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 2.) The collections for Income-tax for the last financial year totalled £292,523, estimated by the Department of Taxation to have been derived from the following sources in the proportions stated hereunder:—Personal exertion, £154,383; companies, £115,640; investments exclusive of companies, £22,500; total, £292,523.

(3.) The actual cost of the Income-tax Branch of the Department of Taxation, including all expenses incidental to collecting Income-tax for the last financial year, was £10,134 4s. 3d.

(51.) Dam between Deniliquin and Wangonella:—Mr. Peters asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have a dam excavated between Deniliquin and Wangonella, for the use of the travelling public and stock—no provision being made at present?

Mr. Lee answered,—The construction of a Public Watering Place is a matter for the Shire of Windoura to deal with.

(52.) Federal and State License Fee paid by Brewers:—Mr. Peters asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that brewers are compelled to pay a Federal as well as a State license fee?

(2.) Is he prepared, in view of the flourishing state of the finances, to relieve at least the country brewers from the State fee, provided the Federal one continues to be charged?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Under the Liquor Act of 1898, brewers are required to pay a license fee for the right of selling beer within the State, and I understand the Commonwealth Government also collect brewers' license fees.

(2.) The matter will be considered.

(53.) Imprisonment of Michael Gilshenen for non-payment of Maintenance Order:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a man named Michael Gilshenen was recently released from gaol while serving a sentence for neglecting to comply with an order for the payment of maintenance for his child in an institution when it was known he had no means?

(2.) Is it usual to send men to prison because they cannot pay the charges imposed upon them for the reason stated?

(3.) Is he aware that there are four other men still in gaol for the same offence?

(4.) Will he release these men?

(5.) Will he endeavour to make an alteration in the law to prevent such punishments?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) The fact of this man's imprisonment was not known to the Minister for Justice, or myself, until a few days ago, but immediately on its being brought under my notice, I recommended his release, and the recommendation was carried out.

(3 and 4.) I am having inquiries made, and if the circumstances of any particular case warrant it a release will be recommended.

(2 and 5.) The question of amending the law will be considered. I may add that I have already directed that all future cases shall be reported to me before an order for imprisonment for default in payment is approved of.

(54.) Award of Arbitration Court—Wages paid to Bricklayers:—Mr. Estell asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has an award been given in the Arbitration Court in reference to wages paid to bricklayers?

(2.) If so, was the common rule applied, and why are the Railway Commissioners exempt by paying a lower wage than private firms?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Registrar, Industrial Arbitration Act, informs me that no such award has been given.

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(55.) Central Board of Old-age Pensions :—Mr. Estell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and instructions sent by the Central Board of Old-age Pensions to the various District Boards for their guidance in dealing with all applications for Old-age Pensions coming under section 10 of the Act?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I will lay upon the Table this afternoon forms containing the only general instructions issued on the subject. The words “additional regulations” referred to in form “A” had reference to contemplated amending legislation.

(56.) Crown Lands on Upper Clarence suitable for Closer Settlement :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he received any report from local or other of his officers respecting the area of Crown lands on the Upper Clarence and adjacent localities suitable for closer settlement purposes; if not, will he have the work expedited?

Mr. Moore answered,—Yes, and the Honorable Member was communicated with on the subject on the 22nd instant.

(57.) Introduction of Forestry Bill :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he intend to introduce a Bill dealing with forestry?

Mr. Moore answered,—Upon receipt of the Report of the Royal Commission on Forestry, the subject will be considered.

(58.) Dog and Goat Act administered by Shire Councils :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take the necessary steps to have the Dog and Goat Act administered by the Shire Councils?

Mr. Lee answered,—This will have early consideration.

(59.) School Buildings at Alumny Creek, near Grafton :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of new school buildings at Alumny Creek, near Grafton?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Tenders for this work were invited in the *Government Gazette* yesterday, and are due at the Public Works Department on the 12th proximo.

(60.) Railway Bridge over the Clarence River, at Grafton :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, this Session, take the necessary action to have referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works the question of constructing a Railway Bridge over the Clarence River, at Grafton?

Mr. Lee answered,—I can make no promise at present, as a number of references are under consideration.

6. ELECTION PETITION (*Hartley*):—Mr. Wood, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor from John Hurley, of 4, Portland Villa, Penkivil-street, Bondi, mining speculator, alleging that a General Election was held on the 10th September, 1907, for the return of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, and James Dooley, of Lithgow, and your Petitioner, John Hurley, of 4, Portland Villa, Penkivil-street, Bondi, were each nominated as candidates for election as Members of the Assembly for the Electoral District of Hartley; that your Petitioner is now and was before and at the time of such nomination and election a person duly qualified by law to be a Candidate for Election at such Election and to be elected a Member of the Assembly; that on 12th September, 1907, the Returning Officer declared the number of votes respectively polled for each of the candidates abovenamed to be—for the said James Dooley, two thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven; for the said John Hurley, two thousand nine hundred and forty-seven; and the Returning Officer then declared that two hundred and twenty-six informal votes had been recorded at such election, and further declared James Dooley to have been elected a Member of the Assembly for the District, and afterwards endorsed on the Writ the name of James Dooley as the person so elected, and duly returned the Writ; that the votes polled in and for the District were incorrectly counted, and that some votes were counted for James Dooley which should have been rejected as informal, and other votes were rejected as informal which should have been counted for your Petitioner; that for the Electoral District of Hartley, Leura was duly appointed a polling-place, but no booth or room was provided for taking the Poll there until some time after noon of the 10th September, and your Petitioner was thereby prejudiced at the election; that certain votes were polled at a place outside the District, namely, at a place in the Hawkesbury Electoral District, which had not been duly appointed to be a polling-place for the Electoral District of Hartley, and that such votes were counted for the purpose of determining who was elected; that certain electors voted more than once; that certain electors were not allowed to vote who were entitled to vote; that at one of the polling places appointed, to wit, at Lithgow, the Deputy Returning Officer did not, immediately after ascertaining the total number of votes recorded at such polling-place, make up in a second separate parcel the ballot-papers which had remained unused thereat, or otherwise comply with the provisions of section 95 of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act; that your Petitioner has deposited in the Head Office of the Bank of New South Wales, at George-street, Sydney, to the credit of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in relation to this Petition, the sum of fifty pounds sterling, and that annexed to this Petition is a Bank deposit receipt showing that the said sum has been so deposited; and your Petitioner humbly prays,—that this Petition may be dealt with according to law; that an inquiry may be made as to the various allegations contained in this Petition; that a search and scrutiny of all ballot-papers, formal and informal, used and unused, in connection with the election may be made by the Committee

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of Elections and Qualifications of the said Assembly; that a recount of the ballot-papers and of the votes recorded thereby may be made by the Committee; that it may be declared that James Dooley was not duly elected as a Member of the said Assembly for the said District; that it may be declared and determined that your Petitioner was duly elected as a Member of the Assembly for the District of Hartley, or that in the alternative it may be declared that the election was wholly void; and that such further or other relief in the premises may be granted as may be deemed just and necessary.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1900, for improving the Railway Traffic at Emu Plains.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1900, for improving the Railway Traffic at Darling Harbour.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the Electric Tramway, Centennial Park.
- (4.) Notification of resumption and appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Railway Traffic between Clyde and Auburn.
- (5.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Railway Traffic at Darling Harbour.
- (6.) Twenty-fourth Annual Report on Inscribed Stock, with Appendices, under the Inscribed Stock Act, 1902.
- (7.) Statement of the transactions of the State Debt Commissioners for the year 1906-7.
- (8.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th September, 1907.
- (9.) Additional and Amended Regulations under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.
- (10.) Additional Regulations under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.
- (11.) Regulations Nos. 223 and 224, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (12.) Regulation No. 225, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (13.) Amended Regulations under the Audit Act, 1902.
- (14.) Statement of Trust Moneys Deposit Account from 1st April, 1906, to 31st March, 1907.
- (15.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 30th June, 1907.
- (16.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1907.
- (17.) Statement of Public Companies Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1907.
- (18.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1907.
- (19.) Statement of Accounts of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1907.
- (20.) Twenty-fifth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
- (21.) Forms containing instructions sent by the Central Board for Old-Age Pensions to the various District Boards, for their guidance in dealing with applications for Old-Age Pensions under section 10 of the Old-Age Pensions Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1906.
- (2.) Report of the Fire Brigades Board, Sydney, for the year 1906.
- (3.) Report of the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for the year 1906.
- (4.) Report of the Aborigines Protection Board for the year 1906.
- (5.) Report of the Director of the Botanic Gardens and Domains for the year 1906.
- (6.) Additional Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906.
- (7.) Additional Regulations under the Dentists Act, 1900.
- (8.) Amended Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.
- (9.) Amended Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1902.
- (10.) Report of the Board of Fisheries for New South Wales for the year 1906.
- (11.) Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1906; together with Tables, &c.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Information respecting the Parliamentary Reporting Staff.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School Purposes, at Birrego, Five-mile Tree, Dorrroughby Grass.
- (3.) Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1906; together with Appendices.
- (4.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year ended 30th June, 1907.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Bugillone Bore.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction and establishment of a Ground for Public Recreation at Newington.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Talmoi Bore.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Murrumbidgee Northern Irrigation Scheme.

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- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Stanmore Road Stormwater Channel.
 - (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Rookwood Stormwater Channel.
 - (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Weetaliba Bore.
 - (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Murrumbidgee Northern Irrigation Scheme.
 - (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Tyreel Bore.
 - (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Narrabri, Walgett, and Collarendabri Railway.
 - (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Stanmore Road Stormwater Channel.
 - (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Boronga Bore.
 - (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Barren Jack Dam.
 - (14.) Minute of the Public Service Board, in connection with the grading of the Officers of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.
 - (15.) Minute of the Public Service Board, regarding Salaries of Messrs. H. H. Newell and O. J. Moore, Assistant District Works Officers, and Mr. E. E. McGowan, Engineering Assistant, Public Works Department.
 - (16.) By-laws of the Trustees of Mercadool Bore Water Trust, under Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
 - (17.) By-laws of the Municipal Districts of Corowa and Warren, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
 - (18.) Amended Regulations Nos. 23 and 28, under the Wentworth Irrigation Act.
 - (19.) Report of the completion of the Sewerage Works for Newcastle and Suburbs.
 - (20.) By-laws under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts.
 - (21.) Report of the completion of the Western Suburbs Low Level Sewerage, Lower Long Cove Pumping Station No. 21, and Rising Main Sewerage, Contracts Nos. 438 and 632; Rockdale Sewerage, Bray's Drain Pipe Line, Sewerage Contract No. 348; Low Level Drainage, Homebush Creek Branch Extension, Contract No. 182A; Burwood Low Level Sewerage 1st Division Main Sewer, Burwood Low Level Sewerage 2nd Division Main Sewer, and Concord Low Level Sewerage Main Sewer, Sewerage Contracts Nos. 362, 364 and 383; Western Suburbs Low Level Sewerage, Pumping Station No. 22, and Rising Main, Contract No. 637.
 - (22.) Additional Regulation No. 78A, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
 - (23.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Cobar, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notice of intention to declare that After Auction Purchase of allotment 2, of section 13, Village of Burruga, Land District of Carcoar, applied for by Grace Victoria Bruce, shall cease to be voidable.
 - (2.) Additional Regulation No. 4A, under the Closer Settlement Acts.
 - (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Cook's River.
 - (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (5.) Abstract of Alterations or Cancellations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (6.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (7.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
 - (8.) Return of Leases granted under the provisions of Section 18, Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.
 - (9.) Amended Regulations Nos. 324 and 367, and Amended Timber and Quarry Regulations Nos. 3, 18, 26, and 33, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) Poor Prisoners Defence Bill:—

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor,—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for the defence of poor prisoners; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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(2.) Department of Agriculture Bill:—

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor,—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 8.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to create the Office of Minister for Agriculture; to establish a Department of Agriculture; and for other purposes.

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

9. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Disapproval of Warrant*:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That this House disapproves of Mr. Speaker's Warrant, laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 22nd October, 1907, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Peters,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cann.

Tellers,

Mr. Estell,
Mr. Carmichael.

Noes, 49.

Mr. Lynch,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Page,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Fallick,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Oakes,

Mr. James,
Mr. Wood,
Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Waddell,
Sir James Graham,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Briner.

Tellers,

Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Mahony.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Mahony moved, pursuant to Notice, That John Jacob Cohen, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Norton, proceeding to move that the motion be amended by leaving out the words "John Jacob Cohen," and inserting the words "John Henry Cann,"—instead thereof,—

Mr. Speaker pointed out that the practice was that the name of each Candidate should be submitted as a substantive motion, and not as an amendment; moreover, on this occasion it would not be in order to move an amendment which would anticipate a Notice of Motion on the Business Paper.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. James,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Robert Jones,
Colonel Rytic,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Latimer,
Sir James Graham,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Robson,

Mr. Brown,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Barton,
Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Donaldson,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Ball.

Tellers,

Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Morton.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Mechan,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Peters,

Mr. Kelly,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Norton.

Tellers,

Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Nielsen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Cohen made his acknowledgements to the House.

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11. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at "Four o'clock p.m." on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week.

Debate ensued.

Mr. G. A. Jones moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "Four o'clock p.m.," and inserting the words "Ten o'clock a.m.,"—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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Nicholson.
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Charlton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wade,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Robson,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. Meehan.
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Henley,	Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. James,	Sir James Graham,	Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Downes,	Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Moxham.	Mr. Cann,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Robert Jones,		Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Norton.	Mr. Lynch,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put and passed.

12. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
 - (2.) That General Notices of Motions and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Cann, Mr. Cohen, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Levy, Mr. Holman, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council, and that Mr. Speaker be empowered to convene meetings of the Committee.
Question put and passed.
14. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Collins, Mr. Norton, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
Question put and passed.
15. PRINTING COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Robson, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Morton, Mr. Henley, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Estell, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Charlton, Mr. McLaurin, and the Mover, to whom are hereby referred all papers (except such as the Standing Orders or the House direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means), which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time, which of the papers referred to them, ought in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for press by the clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such papers or abstracts shall be printed, unless the House otherwise order.
 - (2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee.
 - (3.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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16. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Page, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Edden, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Colonel Ryrie, Mr. Levien, 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.
17. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1904, and the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
18. NECROPOLIS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Necropolis Act, 1901; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
19. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1907.

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

DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Public Seal of the State, dated 26th day of October, 1907, and signed by the Lieutenant-Governor by Deputation from His Excellency the Governor, empowering John Jacob Cohen, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law,—which Commission, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“ By His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight
“ Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South
“ Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“ Greeting :

“ IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise JOHN JACOB COHEN, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said State, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven, and in the seventh year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

“ By Deputation from His Excellency,
“ FREDK. M. DARLEY,
“ Lieutenant-Governor.
“ By His Excellency's Command,
“ W. H. WOOD.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Public School Teachers—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is there a regulation debarring certain teachers from ever reaching a higher classification than 3A; if so, will he see that such a regulation is cancelled, and that the highest positions in the Service shall be open to all teachers in the Service?

(2.) Will he see that a more generous system of remuneration is adopted in the case of teachers entering the Service or in charge of small schools, in order to encourage desirable applicants to the Service, and to induce applicants with good qualifications to offer their services to the Department?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) The new regulations about to be issued will provide that teachers may obtain promotion to any grade according to their efficiency and attainments.

(2.) Under those regulations provision will be made for increased rates of salary for teachers in charge of small schools.

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(2.) Areas for Settlement in Raleigh Electorate:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did the Forestry Board appointed last year recommend certain areas for settlement in the Raleigh Electorate?
- (2.) Have any steps been taken to make these lands available?
- (3.) If not, when is it proposed to make them available?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) Yes, 488 acres have been made for original, and 256 acres for additional holdings. 9,195 acres are being subdivided for conditional purchase lease. A feature survey of 3,000 acres is authorised with a view to determination of the area suitable for settlement, and instructions have been issued to the District Surveyor for report as to the tenure under which 2,150 acres should be disposed of. Action in regard to 5,400 acres is suspended pending receipt of Report of the Royal Commission on Forestry. The report on 21,300 acres is now being dealt with.

(3.) Offices for the Intelligence Department:—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) For what term has the Government secured offices for the Intelligence Department, in Martin-place?
- (2.) The date the tenancy commences, and the rent per annum?
- (3.) What is it proposed to do with the rooms now occupied by the Intelligence Department?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Thirty-one years.

(2.) On the completion of the building. The two floors to be used by the Intelligence Department will form part of the whole section leased by the Government on behalf of the Railway Commissioner and others. Net share of rent will depend on arrangements made with regard to the other part of accommodation leased by the Government.

(3.) They will probably still be used for Immigration work and some of the general work that does not need such a central position as Martin-place.

(4.) Shortage of Rolling Stock in Railway Department:—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are any steps being taken to increase the rolling stock, in order to meet the requirements of country producers?
- (2.) Is he aware that farmers and producers at Millthorpe are suffering heavy losses through want of proper storage accommodation for produce, and their difficulty in obtaining supply of trucks for carriage of perishable goods?
- (3.) Will efforts be made to grant increased storage and a better supply of trucks?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Steps are being taken; the Railway Commissioners having at present extensive contracts in hand for additional rolling stock, comprising 125 engines, and 510 goods waggons, 200 coal waggons, and 10 refrigerating vans; and for replacements 250 goods waggons and 21 timber waggons. Large orders are also in hand for passenger rolling stock.

(2 and 3.) The Commissioners are aware that owing to abnormal demands there has been a shortage of trucks and the best is being done to meet the difficulty. With reference to storage accommodation it is suggested that the Railway Commissioners be communicated with by those interested, pointing out the reason for the accommodation and the amount required.

(5.) Gobbagombalin and Marrar Estates:—Mr. Beeby asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What portions of Gobbagombalin and Marrar Estates are still in the hands of the State?
- (2.) Have any offers been made for outstanding portions; if so, at what price?
- (3.) Have any of the settlers on these two estates applied for extension of time for payment due by them; if so, to what extent?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1 and 2.) No portions are available, but two farms are held under lease under rights acquired prior to acquisition of the estates. The leases will expire in February, 1908, when the farms will be made available.

(3.) No applications have been received, but I have promised to receive a Deputation of the settlers on the matter.

(6.) Myall Creek Estate:—Mr. Beeby asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What portion of Myall Creek Estate is still in the hands of the State?
- (2.) Have any offers been made by selectors to take up those portions of the estate?
- (3.) Have any of the selectors on Myall Creek applied for extension of time to meet their payments, or are any of them in arrears; if so, to what extent?
- (4.) What area of the Myall Creek Estate has been leased by the Government to private holders, and what are the gross rentals for the same?
- (5.) What is the total loss to the State to date in connection with the Myall Creek resumption?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1 and 2.) 139 farms were made available. They have all been allotted.

(3.) Applications for extension of time to meet payments have been received and granted. Total amount of arrears to date is £1,992 7s.

(4.) 12,697½ acres were leased to different persons, the majority of whom were holders of settlement purchases on the estate. These leases expired automatically as the farms were allotted to applicants. The gross rent received was £345 1s. 7d. This included rent for small areas of adjoining Crown lands that were embraced in the leases.

(5.) I will furnish in the form of a return a statement showing the present financial position of the Myall Creek resumption.

(7.)

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(7.) Leases cancelled by Improvement Leases Cancellation Board :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What action does he propose taking in regard to the leases which have been cancelled by the Improvement Leases Board?
- (2.) When is it proposed to make these lands available for settlement?

Mr. Moore answered,—The district surveyors have been instructed to expedite reports as to disposal, with a view to making the lands available for settlement at the earliest possible date.

(8.) Mr. William Snowdon, late Night Watchman, Legislative Assembly :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that when Mr. William Snowdon, formerly night-watchman for twenty-seven years in the Legislative Assembly died, his widow was only granted £82?
- (2.) Is it a fact that messengers of long service have previously received £300?
- (3.) Is it a fact also that the President of the Legislative Council and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly had sanctioned a grant of £400 to Mr. Snowdon before his death?
- (4.) Will he provide a sum on the Estimates to make up the difference between £82 and the £400 promised by the President and the Speaker?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) The sum granted was £82 15s. 5d.
- (2.) I understand that, in the case of messengers on the Parliamentary Staff, the practice in the past has been to grant gratuities equal to one month's pay for each year of service.
- (3.) A gratuity of that amount was recommended; but the late Premier asked the Public Service Board to advise him what amount would be payable, if Snowdon came within the provisions of the Public Service Act, and was informed that the amount payable under such circumstances would be £82 15s. 5d. Before the matter could be decided, Snowdon died, and, as an act of grace, a gratuity of that amount was paid to his widow.
- (4.) The matter will be considered, with a view to determining whether, in the public interest, any further sum can fairly be granted.

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

- (1.) How many camps of surveyors are engaged on the North Coast Railway between The Manning and Gloucester, and Gloucester and Dungog?
- (2.) Will he be good enough to secure the services of extra surveyors?
- (3.) What tenders have been called for bridges or other work on the North Coast Line?
- (4.) Will he be good enough to have the borings for the various bridges between The Manning and Maitland, and plans of the proposed bridges prepared, and tenders called for the work, as early as possible?
- (5.) When will tenders be called for the permanent way, cuttings, filling-in, and construction of the sections upon which the surveys have been completed between The Manning and Maitland?
- (6.) Will he have the necessary provision made for wharfage accommodation for the landing of railway material on the Manning River and Karuah River at Booral?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) (a) Six; (b) two.
- (2.) Extra surveyors are unnecessary; those now employed are considered by the Department sufficient for the purpose.
- (3.) Tenders have been called for the manufacture of steel bridges over the Hunter and Paterson Rivers.
- (4.) This will be done.
- (5.) Probably within the next three months.
- (6.) Wharfage accommodation is unnecessary.

(10.) Railway Line, Sydenham to Belmore :—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the total cost of construction of the line of railway, Sydenham to Belmore, including resumptions?
- (2.) What was the total working expenditure for last financial year?
- (3.) What were the total receipts during that period?
- (4.) What was the annual loss upon the line for the years 1904, 1905, and 1906?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed the results of the working of the Sydenham to Belmore Line were as under for the year ended 31st December, 1906 :—

- (1.) Cost of construction and equipment, £211,293.
- (2.) Working expenses, £7,608; interest on capital, £7,558; total, £15,166.
- (3.) Earnings, £10,343.
- (4.) Loss on working, 1906, £4,823; loss on working, 1905, £5,542; loss on working, 1904, £6,268.

(11.) Violet School, Bungwahl :—Mr. Price asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that there has been no teacher at Violet School, Bungwahl, for some time, and that the children are deprived of educational facilities?
- (2.) What is the reason for this?
- (3.) Will he take immediate steps to remedy this?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Yes, but a teacher has now been appointed to the school in question.
- (2.) The scarcity of suitable candidates for small schools.
- (3.) Yes. Steps have already been taken which will, it is believed, amply meet all requirements.

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(12.) Carpenters employed by Sydney Harbour Trust :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some of the carpenters employed by the Harbour Trust received full pay for Eight-hours Day, and some were not paid for that day?
- (2.) If so, why was there discrimination?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Secretary, Sydney Harbour Trust, has furnished me with the following information :—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Harbour Trust Regulations provide that a casual employee must have worked six months in the aggregate during the previous twelve months in order to entitle him to receive pay for any public holiday.

(13.) Labourers in the Tramway Electric Department at Waverley :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the Chief Commissioner for Railways stated a month ago that no labourers under him were receiving less than 7s. per day, and are there eighteen labourers working in the Electric Department, under Mr. Brain, at Waverley, receiving 6s. 6d. per day?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed the Chief Commissioner did not make such a statement. A number of labourers, presumably those referred to, in the Electrical Engineer's Branch recently applied to their superior officer for an increase in wages on the ground of the increased cost of living under the new tariff, and of other men having received an advance. The Chief Commissioner, a week ago, approved of the increase being allowed.

(14.) Leases disallowed by the Improvement Leases Cancellation Board :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—Regarding the improvement leases disallowed by the Improvement Leases Cancellation Board, and in view of the general demand for land in the Western Districts, will he take early steps towards having the land comprising same cut up into suitable blocks and thrown open for settlement?

Mr. Moore answered,—I would refer the Honorable Member to my reply to Question No. 7.

(15.) Inspection of Orchards for Codlin Moth, &c. :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that, owing to lack of inspectors, quite a large number of orchards in Cumberland, and as far west as Orange have never yet been inspected for codlin moth, &c., as provided by the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act?
- (2.) Is he aware that New South Wales fruit sent to Victoria is being condemned in wholesale fashion on the ground that it is infected?
- (3.) In view of the need for constant and efficacious enforcement of the Act above referred to, in the matter of inspection of orchards, will he take steps to have additional inspectors appointed at once?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes. The Fruit Expert informs me that the most desirable time to inspect orchards for codlin moth is that between the 1st of November and the end of May.
- (2.) Yes, large quantities of fruit from New South Wales have been condemned at Melbourne, in consequence of its being affected by fruit diseases.
- (3.) Additional inspectors have recently been appointed.

(16.) Duties of Inspectors of Police :—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it one of the functions of Inspectors of Police in country districts to pay periodical visits to all stations within their circuit; if so, is he aware that in some districts (notably, Bathurst) the Superintendent of Police himself performs this task?
- (2.) What is the daily allowance whilst on such a mission made (a) to a Superintendent of Police, and (b) to an Inspector of Police?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Yes, when directed by the Superintendent in charge of the district to do so. Inspections of all stations devolve upon the Superintendents.
- (2.) Superintendents, 15s., Inspectors and Sub-inspectors, 10s.

(17.) Administration of the Dog and Goat Act :—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Police are now collecting the Dog Tax?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to repeal the Act or hand the administration over to the Shire Councils; if so, will he give instructions to the Police to stay action until the matter is settled?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) This tax is not collected by the Police.
- (2.) The question of vesting the administration of the Dog and Goat Act in Shire Councils is receiving consideration.

(18.) Wentworth Estate, Port Kembla :—Mr. Morton asked the Premier,—

- (1.) How many acres of land were resumed by the Government from the Wentworth Estate, at Port Kembla; and what is the area of land still held by this estate?
- (2.) In view of the difficulty of obtaining business or residential blocks in this vicinity, is it the intention of the Government to resume the balance of the property?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) 559 acres resumed, leaving a balance of 1,641 acres in the estate.
- (2.) No.

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

(1.) What is the reason that the schools on the Manning River and throughout the Gloucester Districts have been allowed to get into a dilapidated condition?

(2.) Will he take steps to see to the painting, sanitation, and necessary improvements and accommodation being carried on in the country schools in the Gloucester and Manning Districts?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Insufficiency of funds has in the past prevented the carrying out of all repairs and improvements required, but in the schools referred to work has been done amounting to £1,150, and other works have been authorised at a cost of about £1,730.

(2.) Liberal provision will be made on the next Estimates for necessary additions and improvements to schools generally, and these districts will be included.

(20.) Bullahdelah Wharf:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Bullahdelah Wharf is inadequate to meet the growing requirements?

(2.) Is he aware that the decking of the bridge is broken and dangerous in several places?

(3.) Will he cause a report to be obtained as to the dilapidated condition of the shed?

(4.) Will he take steps to have a shed placed on the wharf itself, and the wharf extended?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) The last report shows that the work is not so urgent as others in the district, and must, therefore, stand over for the present.

(3.) The local officer has been called on for a report.

(4.) This will be considered when the report is to hand.

(21.) Settlers on The Comboyne:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the settlers on The Comboyne have no facilities to get their produce to market?

(2.) Is he aware that the Shire Council has expended £300 on opening up a road?

(3.) Will he subsidise the Shire Council with a similar amount as a national work requires?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) I understand the settlers on The Comboyne have facilities to get their produce to market.

(2.) The £300 referred to is probably a sum which was granted to the Hastings Shire Council for the improvement of Road Laurieton to Comboyne.

(3.) Subsidy as a national road cannot be granted.

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

(1.) Is he aware that the Manning River Bar is in a very unsatisfactory condition?

(2.) Will he have a report prepared as to the necessary improvements, with a view to carrying them out?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A report has been submitted, and is now under consideration.

(23.) Parkes-Narrromine Railway:—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to carry into effect the recommendations of the Public Works Committee in connection with the Parkes-Narrromine Railway?

(2.) Can he inform the House when this work is likely to begin?

Mr. Lee answered,—In view of the Public Works Committee's Report, this line is receiving further consideration.

(24.) Branch of the State Bank at Forbes:—Mr. Lynch asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider whether it is advisable to establish a branch of the State Bank at Forbes?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I will consult the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank on the subject.

(25.) Joseph Murphy's Application for Advance from Advances to Settlers Board:—Mr. Norton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that applications were made last year by Joseph Murphy, in the Bourke District, for an advance of £350 from the Advances to Settlers Board?

(2.) Is he aware that Murphy held, from the Advance Department of the Government Savings Bank, a certified official estimate that the value of the improvements upon his land was £820 6s. 5d.?

(3.) Is he aware that in addition Murphy had cattle on his land which brought the total value of it up to £1,500?

(4.) Is he aware that Murphy, despite the fact he held this security, and was prepared to conform in every way with the requirements of the Act, was nevertheless refused this advance of £350?

(5.) Can he give any satisfactory reason to this House why Murphy did not get the advance?

(6.) Will he, despite the fact that the Act was to cease to operate in regard to Murphy's holding at the end of last year, see that Murphy, because of the special circumstances of the case, is now granted the loan of £350, if he is or was entitled to it—one of the said special circumstances being that Murphy applied for the loan long before the Act ceased to operate in regard to his holding?

(7.) As Murphy is at present in great need of the advance—and in danger of having to sacrifice his property if he does not get it—will he give these Questions his immediate attention?

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Mr. Moore answered,—The Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales (in whom the administration of the business formerly carried on by the Advances to Settlers Board is now vested) have furnished me with information which enable me to make the following replies:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Murphy alleged that he owned certain cattle, but the late Advances to Settlers Board were not empowered to advance upon live stock.

(4 and 5.) The application for the advance was refused upon the ground that "the Board were not satisfied with the security." Section 9, subsection 2, of the Advances to Settlers Act, 1899, provided that the Board had to be satisfied with the security before a loan could be recommended thereon.

(6 and 7.) The Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, does not empower the Commissioners to advance upon Western Lands Leases, the class of holding held by Murphy.

(26.) *Police v. Mills and Gibson*:—Mr. Norton asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and depositions in connection with the case of the *Police v. Mills and Gibson*, involving charges of breaking, entering, and receiving, heard at the Police Court, Cooperook, on 5th and 9th October, 1907, before Police Magistrate Mr. A. Gates and Messrs. George Walters and Thomas Johnson, Justices of the Peace?

Mr. Wade answered,—I have not yet seen the documents referred to, but I beg to invite the Honorable Member's attention to the fact that, under the Standing Orders, the production of papers having reference to the administration of justice may be asked for only by Address to the Governor.

(27.) *Conduct of Constable O'Neill, in arresting a Man for Riotous Conduct*:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the conduct of Constable O'Neill, in arresting a man at the corner of Liverpool and George Streets, on Friday night, 11th October, 1907, and locking him up on a charge of riotous conduct and attempting to garrot a man, and afterwards endeavouring to support the said charge by a bogus witness?

(2.) Is he aware that there was no foundation whatever for such a charge, and that Constable O'Neill had no such witness named Morgan—the man he declared to be the accused's victim—and is he aware that the charge was dismissed by Police Magistrate Payten after the charge had been kept hanging for a week over the head of this man?

(3.) Have any steps been taken to hunt O'Neill out of the Force and to prosecute him for perjury?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Yes; a man was arrested by Constable O'Neill, at the corner of Liverpool and George streets, on the night of the 11th October instant, and charged with riotous behaviour.

(2.) No; the witness Morgan, who was the victim of the assault, could not be produced at the Court, having left the Coffee Palace, where he had been residing, for the country, on the day following the arrest. His whereabouts is unknown. Mr. O'Shea, hotelkeeper, states that a disturbance did take place outside his hotel on the 11th instant, near midnight. The case was dismissed by Mr. Payten, Stipendiary Magistrate, for want of corroboration of either witness.

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(28.) *Crowl Creek Shuttleton Mine*:—Mr. Norton asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Crowl Creek Shuttleton Mine shut down suddenly on 12th October, 1907, owing five weeks pay to as many as 150 men, and leaving wages unpaid to the extent of about £2,000?

(2.) Will he take steps to see that the men are paid the wages due to them by the Company?

(3.) Will he also—whether these wages are paid or not—see that the Company is not allowed exemption from work without the fullest inquiry, and without the Company being able to satisfy him beyond all doubt that it is entitled to exemption?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I have no power to move in this matter. The men can, if they are so advised, sue the Company for recovery of wages due in the Warden's Court.

(3.) Applications for suspension of labour conditions are dealt with by the Warden in open court.

(29.) *Free Railway Passes issued to Delegates of the Country Press Association*:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that free railway passes were issued to the delegates to the recent Annual Conference of the Country Press Association, will he grant a similar concession to the delegates to the Annual Meetings of the various Friendly Societies?

Mr. Wade answered,—Any applications for such passes will be considered on their merits, but I can make no promise.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing Decisions of the Improvement Leases Cancellation Board with regard to Cancelled and Forfeited Improvement Leases.

(2.) Notice of intention to declare that Conditional Lease No. 06/61, Land District of Armidale, being portion 65, parish of Winton, county of Inglis, applied for by Richard Missen, shall cease to be voidable.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. R. A. Gilfillan as Secretary to the Public Service Board.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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4. NECROPOLIS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Moore, pursuant to leave granted on 24th October, 1907, presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Necropolis Act, 1901, and for other purposes,*” — which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
5. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BELLINGEN SHIRE COUNCIL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Briner moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, &c., concerning the election of President of the Bellingden Shire Council.
Question put and passed.
6. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to create the office of Minister for Agriculture; to establish a Department of Agriculture; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
7. POOR PRISONERS DEFENCE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the defence of poor prisoners; and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—
(1.) *Ballot for Election of Members* :—The Order of the Day having been read,—and the Bells rung,— Mr. Speaker fixed the hour when the Ballot would close,— Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot.
(2.) *Members Elected* :—The Clerk having delivered to Mr. Speaker the result of the Ballot, Mr. Speaker declared the following to be elected Members of the Committee, viz. :—
Mr. Richard Thomas Ball,
Mr. Robert Davidson,
Mr. John Rowland Dacey, and
Mr. William Fleming Latimer.
9. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, according to Section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, he had received from the Colonial Treasurer the nominations of,—
Mr. John Henry Cann,
Mr. David Fell,
Mr. William Arthur Holman,
Mr. Mark Fairles Morton, and
Mr. David Storey,
for election and appointment as Members of the Public Accounts Committee constituted under that Act.
Mr. Speaker stated that it would be his duty to submit these names, one by one, in alphabetical order, to the House for decision by open voting, and he would do so after the formal business was disposed of on Thursday next.
10. SYSTEM OF POLICE PROMOTIONS :—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the system of Police Promotions.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. Briner, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Hollis, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. John Storey, Mr. O’Sullivan, Mr. Scobie, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES AND RESERVES :—Mr. G. A. Jones moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, immediate steps should be taken to place the travelling stock routes and reserves of the State, and more especially those main routes and reserves which provide access to the Railway System, under more definite supervision and control; that, in order to do this, a Bill should be introduced and passed to (1) withdraw said routes and reserves from lease, (2) levy a charge on stock travelling along the routes, (3) impose upon carriers an annual license fee, (4) appoint rangers to keep the routes clear of pest and generally protect them in the interest of the travelling public.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Moore 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 Four o’clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Town and Suburban Lots, Village of Bowra :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) When is it proposed that the sale of town and suburban lots in the village of Bowra shall take place?

(2.) Will he have the matter expedited, in order to satisfy a local demand for residential purposes?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Instructions were issued on the 2nd October, to the district surveyor for survey, and it is expected that a surveyor will take up the work in a few days.

(2.) Action will be expedited as far as possible.

(2.) Amendment of the Fisheries Act :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that an amending Fisheries Bill has been promised on more than one occasion by his predecessors?

(2.) Will he introduce the Bill early next Session to give relief to oyster lessees and to net fishermen, and to place the industry generally upon a better footing?

(3.) If he will not introduce an amending Bill, will he give a private Member an opportunity of doing so?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) A Bill has been prepared.

(2.) It is intended to introduce the Bill next Session.

(3.) See 1 and 2.

(3.) Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department :—Mr. Briner asked the Premier,—

(1.) What was the total cost of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department, exclusive of law costs, in regard to criminal prosecutions?

(2.) What was the cost in each case of (a) the Commission; (b) Counsels' fees; (c) Witnesses' expenses; (d) other expenses, including printing and clerical assistance?

(3.) What was the total cost in each instance of (a) the extradition of Willis, including the court proceedings at Perth; (b) the trial of W. P. Crick; (c) the trial of Willis, McNair, and Hoskins; (d) the trial of Crick, Willis, and Bath; (e) the trial of Crick and Willis; (f) the cost of Royal Commission of Inquiry into the matter of the Jury, in which juror Brown was concerned, and the proceedings following thereon in the Supreme Court?

(4.) The names of Counsel engaged and the total amount of fees paid to each in (a) proceedings connected with the Commission; (b) all legal and criminal proceedings?

(5.) What amount was paid to Mr. Houston, as Secretary to the Commission, as salary, honorarium, or otherwise?

Mr. Wade answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table in the form of a return.

(4.) South Coast Trains :—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware of the irregularity in the running of the South Coast trains, and that it is a frequent occurrence for trains to be from fifteen to sixty minutes late?

(2.) What is the cause of this, and will he take steps to remedy the inconvenience?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that prior to the introduction of the time-table that was brought into operation on the 20th instant, some delays occurred to Illawarra Line trains owing to the traffic having increased subsequent to the issue of the previous time-table. A new time-table was issued on the date mentioned, in which adequate provision is made for the traffic that has to be dealt with, and the trains are now keeping good time.

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- (5.) Honorarium to Mr. Cheel, Botanic Gardens:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Cheel, of the Botanic Gardens, has been recommended by the Public Service Board for an honorarium in connection with his scientific work in the Gardens?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that this officer has done valuable original research work—and by such enriched our Museums—without other remuneration than that of an ordinary employee?
 - (3.) If so, will he make provision on the forthcoming Estimates to pay the sum recommended by the Public Service Board to be paid to this officer?
- Mr. Wood* answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Cheel was recommended, with others, some years ago by the Public Service Board. The Minister, then in office, did not adopt the Board's recommendation.
 - (2.) This officer has done useful work, particularly in regard to lichens.
 - (3.) This matter will receive consideration.
- (6.) "Hopkins Leases," near Millthorpe:—Mr. Beeby asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Which of the "Hopkins Leases," near Millthorpe, expire during this year, and what areas are comprised therein?
 - (2.) Will the Government, in pursuance of a promise made by the Treasurer at a Millthorpe public meeting prior to the General Election, throw the land open for selection in suitable areas?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—
- (1.) Improvement lease No. 812 of 3,103 acres expires on 28th December, 1907.
 - (2.) Representations were made by the Member for the District (*Mr. Waddell*) in May last with a view to having this land made available for settlement immediately after the expiration of the lease. The matter is now in the hands of the district surveyor for preparation of design for the subdivision of the area for settlement.
- (7.) Use of Special Train by Madame Clara Butt:—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Madame Clara Butt travelled from Sydney to Katoomba on Monday, 21st instant, by special train?
 - (2.) Were fares paid for this journey by herself and party?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that the Chief Commissioner travelled by a special train to Katoomba on the date mentioned. Madame Clara Butt and party accompanied him.
 - (2.) Fares were paid.
- (8.) Claims of Officers and Men who served in South Africa:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that only those of the Returned Soldiers who appeared before the Royal Commission are to be recognised as having any claim to payment?
 - (2.) How many are to be paid, and what is the total amount?
 - (3.) Has no provision been made for those who are scattered over the continent, and who had no knowledge of what has been done in this connection?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—I will have the information desired by the Honorable Member prepared and laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.
- (9.) Bullahdelah Bridge:—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Bullahdelah Bridge is at present in a dangerous state?
 - (2.) Will he be good enough to ascertain if his resident engineer reported that this bridge required repairs; if so, why have the necessary repairs and painting not been carried out?
 - (3.) Will he take steps to place the bridge in a sound condition, and preserve the timbers by painting?
- Mr. Lee* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) The bridge is reported to be generally in fair order, and that repairs and painting might stand over till more urgent works can be completed in the district.
 - (3.) For reasons stated in reply to Questions 1 and 2, I cannot authorise any expenditure at present.
- (10.) Retiring Gratuity to Temporary Employees:—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Price, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Was a Minute written by the late Sir John Robertson to the effect that all temporary employees of the Government should, upon compulsory retirement by reason of the abolition of their office, receive a gratuity of two weeks' pay for every year of service?
 - (2.) Would such a Minute apply to the position of maintenance men and others employed on roads and bridges?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the Government are only allowing maintenance men whose positions have been abolished, only one week's pay for every year of service; if so, will he be good enough to make provision for carrying out the contract originally entered into between maintenance men and the Crown?
 - (4.) Who is responsible for the alteration in the practice, which has existed for many years, and the reduction of the gratuities payable on retirement from two weeks to one week for each year of service?
- Mr. Wade* answered,—I have no knowledge of the Minute referred to. Inquiry has been made to-day without any such Minute being traced. Further inquiry is being made, and I will furnish the Honorable Member with replies to the whole of his Questions.
- (11.) Bridges and Culverts in the Stroud, Gloucester and Manning Shires:—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the culverts on the main North Coast road, (a) Krambach to Cooperbrook, (b) Cooperbrook to Harrington, when handed over to the Manning Shire Council were in a worn out condition?

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- (2.) Was it found necessary by the Shire Council to construct a large number of new culverts?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Government subsidy was totally inadequate to meet the expenditure?
- (4.) In view of the fact that the North Coast road is a national highway, is it fair that the people of The Manning should be called upon to meet the extraordinary expenditure entailed?
- (5.) Did his officer's report on the bad state of the North Coast road and the bridges and culverts prior to the Government handing over the road and culverts to the Shire Council to maintain?
- (6.) In view of the national character of the North Coast road, will he appoint a special officer to confer with the Stroud, Gloucester, and Manning Shire Councils, and report on the condition of the roads and culverts when handed over?
- (7.) Will he be good enough to make the necessary provision on the Estimates for such national works as the North Coast road?
- (8.) Will he also deal with the Lansdown Bridge in a similar way?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) No. (a) and (b), No.
- (2.) I am not aware.
- (3.) No; because the Council received an endowment of 50s. in the £.
- (4.) It is no more a national highway than hundreds of others in different Shires—the Government finds five-sevenths of the expenditure in the shape of endowment.
- (5.) They were not in a bad state at the time the report was made.
- (6.) After reading these replies, I think the Honorable Member must agree that such a course is unnecessary.
- (7.) Not considered necessary, in view of the large endowment paid, viz.:—To Stroud 56s. in the £, £3,930; Gloucester, 10s. in the £, £899; and Manning Shire, 50s. in the £, £5,855; and the special grants allotted.
- (8.) The bridge over Lansdown River, at Cooperbrook, is a national structure maintained by the Government.

(12.) Lansdown School:—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Price, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the health of the children at the Lansdown School is being impaired by the want of accommodation?
- (2.) (a) Is it a fact that there are forty children attending this school; (b) that the size of the room is 20 feet x 17 feet x 12 feet, outside measurement over all; (c) that a portion of the floor space is necessarily occupied by specimen cases and other school requisites and furniture?
- (3.) Will he call for a report on the matter at once, and make provision for the necessary funds to build a suitable school?
- (4.) Pending the erection of a new school, will he take steps to provide temporary accommodation, so as to protect the health of the pupils of the Lansdown School?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The school had an average attendance of thirty-four pupils during the September quarter. The building will accommodate thirty-five.
- (3 and 4.) A report has already been obtained; tenders for an addition to the building have been invited; and it is expected to have the work shortly in hand.

(13.) Booral Bridge:—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government Resident Engineer of Stroud, Mr. Baldock, condemned a portion of the Booral Bridge some eighteen months since; if so, will he have the report inquired into?
- (2.) What is the reason for the delay in placing the bridge in a sound condition?
- (3.) Will he make the necessary provision for placing the bridge in a proper condition as to repairs and painting?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) No such report can be found in Head Office.
- (2 and 3.) Report is being obtained from the district officer as to what work, if any, is required, and its estimated cost.

(14.) Public Schools at Annandale and North Annandale, &c.:—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Price, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What was the cost of the Superior Public School, Annandale, including the value of the land and furnishing and school requisites?
- (2.) Will the Superior Public School, Annandale, accommodate 1,200 pupils, or a larger number?
- (3.) What was the cost of the Public School, North Annandale, including cost of land, furnishing and school requisites?
- (4.) When was the Public School of North Annandale opened?
- (5.) Are both schools situated in the same street, viz., Johnston-street, Annandale?
- (6.) Are the two schools within about eight minutes' walk of each other?
- (7.) Is he aware that there were not sufficient pupils to fill the North Annandale Public School, and that about 400 pupils were withdrawn from the superior public school by the new school at North Annandale?
- (8.) Was it found necessary to withdraw a portion of the teaching staff from one school to the other?
- (9.) Who were the Members of Parliament who recommended the establishment of this school at North Annandale, and the names of the officers who recommended such establishment?
- (10.) Does he recognise that this is a waste of public money?
- (11.) Was the school established through political influence?
- (12.) Is it a fact that prior to the opening of the North Annandale School that there were nearly 1,100 children on the rolls of the Superior Public School, Annandale; has the number fallen to 700?
- (13.) Will he take steps to close either of the schools, consolidate the staffs, and thus effect a saving in the expenditure?

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- (14.) Will he see that justice is done to the schools in the country, and obtain a report upon the present state of the country schools?
- (15.) Can he explain why lavish expenditure has been incurred in connection with city and suburban schools, and the country schools starved?
- (16.) What is the cost of keeping up the establishment of the Superior Public School, Annandale, at the present time, including all expenses; the like information regarding North Annandale Public School; the total cost of the upkeep of both schools at the present time per annum?
- (17.) What was the cost of the running of the Superior Public School, Annandale, prior to the opening of the North Annandale Public School?
- (18.) Is the present accommodation provided in excess of the requirements of the district; and if so, will he take steps to economise and amalgamate the schools?
- (19.) Is he aware that within a radius of about 2 miles there are the following schools, viz. :—
 (1) Annandale Superior Public School; (2) North Annandale Public School; (3) Forest Lodge;
 (4) Camperdown; (5) Stanmore; (6) Petersham; (7) Crystal-street; (8) Leichhardt; (9) West Leichhardt; (10) Rozelle.
- (20.) Will he have a report prepared as to the desirability of closing the unnecessary public schools within this radius and concentrating the teaching staff at some central point?

Mr. Hogue answered,—This information can be furnished, if moved for by the Honorable Member, in the form of a return.

- (15.) Land measured off to Mr. Kirk, Manly :—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a Mr. Kirk is alleged to have taken about 15 acres of Crown land and 5 acres of land belonging to a Mrs. Mary Mulroney, at Manly, when having other land measured off to him?
- (2.) Will he have inquiries made into this matter, and send a Government surveyor to have the lands referred to remeasured?

Mr. Moore answered,—I have no information on the subject, but will cause inquiry to be made.

- (16.) Accident to Railway Porter, Joseph Richardson :—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a railway shunter, named Joseph Richardson, was recently run over by a train at Newcastle, and had his left leg almost severed whilst coupling trains?
- (2.) Will he take into his consideration the desirableness of compulsory legislation for the use of automatic couplers, in order to prevent such accidents?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that Porter Joseph Richardson was fatally injured at Newcastle.
- (2.) It is stated Richardson stepped in front of a brake-van and was knocked down and run over. The accident had no connection with the coupling-up of vehicles.

- (17.) Construction of Railway, Jerilderie to Deniliquin :—*Mr. Peters* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is the Government prepared to consider, among the important railway projects to be placed before Parliament, the construction of a line between Jerilderie and Deniliquin?
- (2.) Will he have inquiries made into the terms allowing of the existence of the Deniliquin-Moama privately-owned railway, with a view to its resumption by the State?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) No such extension is at present contemplated.
- (2.) Inquiry will be made.

- (18.) Letting of Murray Forests as Improvement Leases :—*Mr. Peters* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will the Department take steps to prevent, in future, the letting of the Murray forests as improvement leases, and have conditions, under which forest workers now labour, modified?
- (2.) Will he have inquiries made as to whether improvement lessees frequently impose terms that are galling to sawmillers and workers, and prevent the State from reaping the full benefits of the forests?
- (3.) Will he have royalty on "deadwood" abolished?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Ample provision has now been made in the conditions attached to every improvement lease to permit timber-getters to camp and graze their teams free of charge within the lease so far as is necessary for the *bonâ fide* pursuit of their calling and while legitimately employed in timber getting on the land within the lease.
- (2.) Difficulties arose when there was no condition governing the matter, but provision is now inserted in conditions of all such leases providing for right of withdrawal when necessary for saw-mill sites. But if the Honorable Member will specify any particular case it will be inquired into.
- (3.) In order to control the fuel supply of the district it has been found expedient to exempt certain areas of Crown lands adjoining the River Murray from the operation of ordinary timber and fuel licenses, but special licenses, that is licenses issued by the special authority of the Minister, are granted under certain conditions, one of which is a royalty of 6d. per cord on fuel cut. This is the only method of controlling this trade, as a great deal of fuel goes across the river into Victoria, and also to the river steamers.

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- (19.) Murray River Irrigation Surveys :—Mr. Peters asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is the Government prepared to consider giving effect to some of the Murray River Irrigation Surveys?
 - (2.) Will The Murray be listed as a river worthy of attention for irrigation and water conservation purposes?
 - (3.) Will his Department take steps to have the River Edwards snagged?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) A report will be obtained as to the necessity for the work.
- (20.) Plans of Surveys and Subdivisions lodged at Land Titles Office :—Mr. John Miller asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that most of the valuable plans of surveys and subdivisions lodged at the Land Titles Office are stowed in wooden bins in the working room of the draftsmen, and are in great danger of being destroyed by even a small fire?
 - (2.) Is he aware that if these plans are destroyed they cannot be replaced, except at enormous cost?
 - (3.) Is he aware that these plans are necessary in connection with almost every title to land under the Real Property Act?
 - (4.) Will he cause these plans to be stored in a proper strong room as soon as possible?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) The plans are kept in wooden presses and drawers which are, of course, inflammable, but the building itself is to a certain extent fireproof and every precaution is taken to prevent an outbreak of fire. Two watchmen, who have been trained in the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, are constantly on duty, throughout the night.
 - (2.) The cost of replacing the plans, which might not in all cases be possible, would be very great.
 - (3.) The plans are constantly referred to in connection with the investigation of title to land under the Real Property Act.
 - (4.) It would not be practicable to remove the plans from the room in which the draftsmen are engaged, as a large number are referred to every day. The question of securing duplicates of the plans is under consideration.
- (21.) Pay of Officers and Men in "A" Battery in South Africa :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many officers and members of "A" Battery who went to South Africa received Imperial and Colonial pay?
 - (2.) Was this increased pay given to all those who went with this Battery?
 - (3.) If not, why not?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I will have the information desired by the Honorable Member prepared and laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.
- (22.) Claims of Retired Civil Servants :—Mr. Hollis asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Referring to the return, Claims of Retired Civil Servants, laid upon the Table 13th December, 1906, page 13, what was the date of first appointment to the Service of each person named in that list?
 - (2.) What was the average annual salary and emolument of office paid to each of them for the last three years of service?
 - (3.) What was the amount deducted in each case as for the 4 per centum per annum on salary received prior to 1885?
 - (4.) What was the respective amount in each case owing to the Superannuation Fund, 30th September, 1907?
 - (5.) Will he place on the Estimates a sum equal to the total amount owing to the fund by these persons, and also for compensation in lieu of leave of absence due, but not given prior to their retrenchment in 1896?
- Mr. Wade answered,—This information should be moved for in the form of a return.
- (23.) Local Option Vote, Allowrie Electorate :—Mr. Morton asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to a letter from Mr. E. Stooke, of Liquor Defence Union, in the *Daily Telegraph* of 25th instant, in which he challenges the recent Local Option Vote of the Allowrie Electorate?
 - (2.) The result of the Poll on that occasion being 823 votes cast for continuance, 186 for reduction, and 1,761 for no-license,—is he able to definitely state that reduction has been carried?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The question is one for judicial decision. A Special Court, under section 70 of the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905, has been constituted, and will commence its sittings as early as practicable.
- (24.) Late District Court Judge G. D. Forbes :—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The length of service rendered to the State by District Court Judge G. D. Forbes?
 - (2.) The total amount of pension paid to that gentleman up to the 30th June last?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) Twenty-three years.
 - (2.) The total amount of pension paid to the late District Court Judge G. D. Forbes up to the date of his death (7th March, 1901), was £2,014 2s. 3d.

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(25.) Salary due, consequent upon appeals against regrading of the Public Service :—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When will the arrears of salary due to those officers of the Public Service who appealed against their regrading be paid?

(2.) Is it intended to further delay payment of these amounts until after the Estimates for the current year have been passed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The payment of the increases of salaries granted by the Public Service Board to officers on appeal, must await the passing by Parliament of the Estimates.

(26.) Amendment of Early Closing Act :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Secretary,— Will he consider the advisability of introducing a short Bill during the present Session having for its object the amendment of the Early Closing Act, in the direction of bringing under its early closing and holiday provisions, coach building, blacksmiths, farriers, and other establishments of a similar character, both in town and country?

Mr. Wood answered,—The question of bringing the class of establishments named, within the operation of the Act, by an amendment of the law, will have consideration. No promise can be made to introduce a Bill this Session.

(27.) Tenants within the Rocks or Resumed Area, West Sydney :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of tenants within the Rocks or resumed area of West Sydney, without specifying names or stating addresses, who are in arrears of rent for tenements, warehouses, wharfs, &c., giving the total amount of such arrears under a separate head?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of extending to the Crown tenants of the Rocks Area similar concessions to those made to Crown land tenants in the agricultural and pastoral districts of the State, especially that portion of them who are, say, labourers, such as wharf-labourers, whose employment is irregular and means of livelihood precarious?

(3.) Will he consider the advisability of remitting arrears of rent due from Crown tenants within the resumed area who were deprived of all means of earning a livelihood for three months in first half of the present year by being locked out by the colliery owners and stevedores, owing to a dispute arising out of the unwillingness of the union coal-lumpers to work with non-unionist labourers?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I will have the information prepared and laid upon the Table of this House with as little delay as possible.

(2 and 3.) There is a material difference between the cases of Crown tenants occupying agricultural and pastoral lands, which are subject to drought, and of those in residential properties in the city, and to grant the concession asked for would establish an undesirable precedent. I may add that many of the tenants who got into arrears during the late strike have since paid up, and others are paying off their arrears by weekly instalments. In no case have they been unduly pressed, and every consideration has been, and will be, extended to them.

(28.) Tenements within the Rocks or Resumed Area, West Sydney :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of the tenements within the Rocks or resumed area of West Sydney, for which the Government are receiving rent, are in a dangerously dilapidated and insanitary state?

(2.) Will he call for reports upon this and cognate matters from the Resumption Board and Harbour Trust respectively, with a view to affording a prompt remedy to those Crown tenants within the resumed area, whose comfort is interfered with and health jeopardised by the condition of things prevailing in these respects?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that none of the tenements in the resumed area are in a dangerous or insanitary condition. Many of the premises are old, but sanitary and other necessary work has in all cases been attended to by the Government.

(2.) The comfort of the tenants is attended to as much as possible, no reasonable request for repairs being refused.

(29.) Proposed Experimental Farm at Tichborne :—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What was the area set apart some time ago at Tichborne for the establishment of an Experimental Farm?

(2.) How many acres of that area have since been disposed of?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish such farm?

(4.) If so, when will it be begun?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) About 1,500 acres.

(2, 3, and 4.) The Department of Agriculture having decided not to establish an Experimental Farm on the land at present, it was offered at auction as special leases for grazing, in five blocks, two of which (aggregating 480 acres) were disposed of. The leases expire on 31st December, 1916, but may be terminated on twelve months' notice, without compensation.

(30.) Widening of George-street North :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Norton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When the original decision to make the roadway of George-street North, from Globe-street to near Grosvenor-street, 80 feet wide was arrived at, had the views of the City Council upon the matter been first ascertained?

(2.)

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- (2.) If not, did the Council, when the decision became known, make any representations to the Government in the matter?
 (3.) If so, what was the nature of such representations?
 (4.) Did he, yielding to the wishes of the City Council, afterwards decide that the roadway should be widened to 90 feet?
 (5.) If so, for what reason has it now been decided to make the street 80 feet wide?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) I could not say definitely, but I find from the papers the widening referred to was included in the recommendations of a Departmental Board who dealt with the remodelling of the resumed area in 1903, and which recommendations were subsequently approved by Cabinet. Early in 1906, when the widening was about to be effected, the Council agreed to construct the proposed additions to the width of the roadway and footway if the widening were effected by the Government.

(2.) I am not aware that the Council made any representations to the Government to make the street wider than 80 feet until early this year.

(3.) That the street be widened to 100 feet.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Because it was subsequently ascertained it would necessitate the introduction of objectionable and dangerous cross slopes in George-street at Essex and Grosvenor streets, and the steepening of the two latter streets to impracticable grades.

- (31.) Experimental Farm Site at Baan Baa :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When is it proposed to make available for settlement, the land comprised in the Experimental Farm site at Baan Baa?

(2.) When are the vacant town allotments at Baan Baa to be offered by public auction?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) A firm of local auctioneers has been authorised to sell the improvements on the land by auction, and after this has been effected, steps will be taken to make the land available for settlement without delay.

(2.) On the 11th December, 1907, at Narrabri, as advertised by *Government Gazette* of the 30th October, 1907.

- (32.) Bridges, Culverts, and Wharfs in the Gloucester and Manning Districts :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the culverts, bridges, and wharfs in the Gloucester and Manning Districts were in a dangerous and dilapidated state when handed over to the Shire Councils?

(2.) Is it a fact that the funds of the Shire Councils are inadequate to meet the calls made upon them for new culverts, bridges, and wharfs?

(3.) Will he have a report prepared as to the condition of the bridges, culverts, and wharfs, in Gloucester and Manning Districts when handed over to the Shires?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No, if "new" culverts, bridges, and wharfs mean the renewal of those handed over to the Councils.

(3.) A report is not required, as any special representations by the Councils receive full consideration on the merits of each case.

- (33.) Dismissal of Employees from Railway Workshops :—Mr. Mercer asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 Is it a fact that fifteen men have been discharged from one of the Government workshops in the Railway Department; and, if so, what is the reason for their dismissal?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I have been informed five painters and eight painters' assistants at Eveleigh, who were temporary hands, were dispensed with on 22nd instant. The men were employed, in the first instance, to deal with an increased amount of work which was coming into the paint shop, and were dispensed with when there was no further need for their services as painters and painters' assistants. Seven of the painters' assistants have since been re-employed as temporary labourers.

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

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Altered By-laws of the Municipality of Condobolin, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Stock Act, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Stanwell Park.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(5.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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4. TESTATORS' FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to insure provision for Testators' Families.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to insure provision for Testators' Families,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Landlord and Tenant.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the law relating to Landlord and Tenant,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd December.
6. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1907-1908.—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1906-7, FOR SERVICES OF 1906-7.—PUBLIC WORKS FUND ESTIMATES, 1907-8.—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1906-7, PUBLIC WORKS FUND, FOR SERVICES OF 1906-7.—CLOSER SETTLEMENT FUND ESTIMATES, 1907-8 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 9.

Lieutenant-Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th Section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the following :—

- (1.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*—Estimates of Expenditure of the Government for the year 1907-8.
- (2.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*—Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1906-7, on account of Services of the year 1906-7, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote.
- (3.) *Public Works Fund*—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1907-8, proposed to be provided for out of the Public Works Fund.
- (4.) *Public Works Fund*—Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1906-7, on account of Services of the year 1906-7, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote.
- (5.) *Closer Settlement Fund*—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government on account of the Services for the year 1907-8, proposed to be provided for out of the Closer Settlement Fund.

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Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates and Statements, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

7. NEW LAMBTON, HARTLEY VALE COLLIERY, AND AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY RAILWAYS RESUMPTION BILL :—
- (1.) Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to divest the proprietors of certain railways, and the Australasia Coal Company, and their representatives and assigns, of their respective estates in certain lands within the area known as the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve ; to vest certain of the said lands in His Majesty and declare the same to be Crown lands within the meaning of the Crown Lands Acts ; to give effect to certain sales and disposals of lands within the said area, and to preserve existing rights of occupation.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Moore then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to divest the promoters of certain railways, and the Australasia Coal Company, and their representatives and assigns, of their respective estates in certain lands within the area known as the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve ; to vest certain of the said lands in His Majesty and declare the same to be Crown lands within the meaning of the Crown Lands Acts ; to give effect to certain sales and disposals of lands within the said area, and to preserve existing rights of occupation,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
8. POOR PRISONERS DEFENCE BILL :—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the defence of poor prisoners ; 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, 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 provision for the defence of poor prisoners ; and for other purposes connected therewith.
On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make provision for the defence of poor prisoners ; and for other purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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9. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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 at a later hour of the day.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £855, for Executive Council, for the year 1907–1908.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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 at a later hour of the day.
11. PAPERS :—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1907–1908.
(2.) Statements in connection with the Financial Speech, 30th October, 1907.
Ordered to be printed.
12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled “A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1907–1908; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,” through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. James,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hogue,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Robert Jones,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Latimer,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. McGarry
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Edden,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Holman.
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

(2.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,342,000, being £1,242,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of November and December of the financial year ending 30th June, 1908, to be expended at the rates which are shown on the Estimates for the financial year ending the 30th June, 1908, as laid upon the Table of the House, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1907–1908, and

In anticipation of Loan Vote—

£100,000 for Railways and Tramways—additions to Railway Lines, Station Buildings, and for other purposes.

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

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14. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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 the motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received. The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
- (2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1907-1908, the sum of £1,342,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
- On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
15. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:**—
- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 2), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1907-1908; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.
- (2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1907-1908; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered (after Debate) to be printed, and now read a second time.
- (3.) Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment. On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted. Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
- (4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Waddell, *passed*. Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1907-1908; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*." Question put and passed. Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1907-1908; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st October, 1907, a.m.
16. **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BILL:**—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to create the office of Minister for Agriculture; to establish a Department of Agriculture; 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 create the office of Minister for Agriculture; to establish a Department of Agriculture; and for other purposes.
- On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to create the office of Minister for Agriculture; to establish a Department of Agriculture; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
17. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1907.

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, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 22nd October, 1907, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was, therefore, open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 117th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.

(2.) *Members Sworn*:—Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, Matthew Charlton, junior, Esquire, Daniel Levy, Esquire, Robert Davidson, Esquire, Donald Macdonell, Esquire, Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire, Frederick William Arthur Downes, Esquire, John Rowland Dacey, Esquire, and William Arthur Holman, 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 121st section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at Eleven o'clock, a.m., on Tuesday next, in No. 3 Committee Room.

2. *ELECTION PETITION (Hartley)*:—Mr. Wade moved, That the Election Petition from John Hurley complaining of the Election and Return of James Dooley as Member for the Electoral District of Hartley, laid upon the Table of this House, on 24th October, 1907, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) *Absentee Tax*:—Mr. Briner asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is he aware that many large and valuable estates in New South Wales are held by individuals or syndicates who reside beyond the State?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of legislating with a view to imposing a tax on all absentee owners who derive incomes from lands, mines, or any other form of property within this State?

Mr. Wade answered,—Yes.

(2.) *East Greta Company's Coal carried over Government Lines*:—Mr. Charlton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What quantity of coal was drawn from the East Greta Company's railway junction and carried over the Government line from the 1st January, 1906, to the 30th June, 1907?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the quantity hauled was 1,494,151 tons 7 cwt. 3 qrs.

(3.) *Tea supplied to Government Institutions*:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What quantity of tea was embodied in the recent tender for the supply to Government Institutions?

(2.) The amount per lb. of the successful tender?

(3.) The name of the expert who reported on the successful tender?

(4.) Is the same gentleman employed by the Government every year; if so, why?

(5.) What procedure is adopted in connection with the appointment of a tea taster?

(6.) What remuneration does he receive for same?

(7.) What is the name of the present expert?

(8.) Is it a fact that he adjudicated last year, and that the bulk of the supply was given to one firm?

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Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) 66,500 lbs.
- (2.) 7½d.
- (3.) L. Leonard Higgs.
- (4.) Messrs. H. W. Carey, A. Forbes-Angus, and L. Leonard Higgs have been employed for many years past. Mr. Higgs has been engaged on the four occasions on which tenders have been invited since 1905.
- (5.) The appointment is made by the Stores Supply and Tender Board.
- (6.) From seven to ten guineas, according to the quantity of tea.
- (7.) L. Leonard Higgs.
- (8.) Mr. Higgs adjudicated last year (1906), when the supply was divided between three firms, one of which withdrew.

- (4.) Guernsey Cattle purchased for the Government :—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has a purchase been made in England of fifteen Guernsey cows for the Government by Mr. R. J. Guthrie, as recently reported by the *Sydney Morning Herald*?
 - (2.) Is Mr. Guthrie employed by that Newspaper Proprietary?
 - (3.) On whose recommendation was he so commissioned?
 - (4.) What was the purchase money paid for these stock?

Mr. Porry answered,—

- (1.) No; the cattle (16) were purchased by Messrs. Thornton and Company through the Agent-General.
- (2.) Mr. Guthrie is not in the employment of the proprietors of the *Sydney Morning Herald*.
- (3.) The Agent-General was authorised to make use of Mr. Guthrie's experience of type of cattle required should Messrs. Thornton and Company desire to avail themselves of it.
- (4.) The purchase money was £597.

- (5.) Land for Settlement, Gloucester and Manning Districts :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has a report, or a series of reports, been obtained on the forest and other reserves in the Gloucester and Manning Districts showing the lands suitable for settlement?
- (2.) Will he be good enough to say if such reports contain recommendations for throwing open portions of such reserves for settlement; what is the total area recommended to be made available?
- (3.) Will he take steps to have the land made available as early as possible?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Reports by special Forestry Boards on forest reserves have been received.
- (2.) Yes; an area of 116,761 acres was recommended for settlement.
- (3.) 25,672 acres have been made available for original, and 960 acres for additional, holdings. Instructions have been issued to the district surveyor for report as to the tenure under which 8,396 acres should be disposed of. Action in regard to 16,296 acres is suspended pending receipt of Report of the Royal Commission on Forestry. The report on 12,100 acres is now being dealt with.

- (6.) Cape Hawke Harbour :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the harbour at Cape Hawke has silted up, and that navigation is impeded?
- (2.) Will he cause repairs to the dredge to be expedited?
- (3.) Will he take steps to prevent the sand from the northern beach and harbour entrance from filling up the entrance?
- (4.) Will he be good enough to expedite the dredging operations so as to facilitate navigation of this port?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Shoaling has taken place in both the Forster and Tuncurry Channels, which hinders navigation.
- (2.) The repairs to the dredge will probably be completed about the 5th proximo.
- (3.) This can only be done by the construction of the Northern Breakwater, but the Public Works Committee, in 1903, recommended to Parliament that it was inexpedient that the work be carried out.
- (4.) Directions have already been given to remove the obstructions to navigation.

- (7.) Wentworth Estate, Port Kembla :—Mr. Nicholson asked the Premier,—Does the Government intend to purchase or resume the balance of the Wentworth Estate, at Port Kembla, for public purposes?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Honorable Member's attention is invited to the reply given by me to a Question on this subject, asked by the Honorable Member for Allowrie, on the 29th instant.

- (8.) Appointments to the Commission of the Peace :—Mr. Nicholson asked the Premier,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any appointments to the Commission of the Peace before the close of this Session of Parliament, in view of the fact that a large number of nominations made during the past four years have not been appointed?

Mr. Wade answered,—The question of making appointments will be considered at the first favourable opportunity.

- (9.) School Buildings, Newcastle East :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When does he propose to proceed with the erection of new school buildings at Newcastle East?

Mr. Hogue answered,—The question of proceeding with the erection of new school buildings for Newcastle East has not yet been determined. It will receive attention along with other works of a like character.

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- (10.) Obelisk Reservoir, Newcastle:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Has he yet determined to proceed against the Australian Agricultural Company for the amount of damage sustained to the Obelisk Reservoir, Newcastle, on the occasion of the first creep? Mr. Wade answered,—The question of taking proceedings is still under consideration.
- (11.) Port Stephens:—Mr. Brown asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Will he, in view of the congested state of shipping in Newcastle Harbour, consider the question of making Port Stephens available as a port of shipment for coal from the Maitland fields, by the construction of a line of railway?
 (2.) Is he aware that Port Stephens, in its present state, is capable of accommodating vessels with a draught up to 30 feet?
 Mr. Lee answered,—
 (1.) The suggestion will be fully considered.
 (2.) Yes.
- (12.) Control of Permissive Occupancies for Wharfs and Jetties on River Fore-shores by Shire Councils:—Mr. Brown asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he consider the advisability of allowing Shire Councils to assume control of permissive occupancies granted for small wharfs and jetties along the foreshores of rivers, and the revenue derived therefrom, to be collected and retained by the Shires?
 Mr. Moore answered,—Crown lands may be dealt with only under and subject to the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts. It is not, therefore, practicable to give effect to this proposal.
- (13.) Fire Brigades Bill:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce the Fire Brigades Bill during the present Session?
 Mr. Wood answered,—A Bill has been prepared, but it is improbable that it will be dealt with this Session.
- (14.) Dredge for Port of Newcastle:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he state definitely when the dredge "Neptune" will be available for work at the entrance to the Port of Newcastle?
 Mr. Lee answered,—The "Jupiter," not the "Neptune," should be ready to work at Newcastle entrance in the early part of December.
- (15.) Pastures Protection and other Boards:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) The names of the Members of the Pastures Protection and other Boards, who have, in direct violation of the Act and Regulations, overdrawn the fees due to them as Members?
 (2.) The amount which has been overdrawn by each, and the name and location of his Board?
 Mr. Moore answered,—The information will be supplied in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.
- (16.) Over-payments to Subsidised Institutions:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) With reference to over payments to subsidised institutions, what is the name of the officer, under whose administration a hospital received £259 during the year 1906, in excess of what it was entitled to?
 (2.) The name of the hospital?
 (3.) Is it a fact that the same officer has again succeeded in obtaining subsidy for another institution, far in excess of what it was entitled to?
 (4.) What is the name of this second institution and the amount of the over-payment?
 Mr. Wood answered,—
 (1 and 2.) An hospital official in the Newcastle district improperly represented that the hospital was entitled to subsidy to the amount named, but the overcharge was detected by an officer of the Chief Secretary's Department, and the subsidy was reduced accordingly last year.
 (3 and 4.) I understand another Department is concerned in this matter. As I have just received a report from the Auditor-General on the whole matter, I think it would be better not to give names until I have had an opportunity of reviewing the case.
- (17.) Greater Sydney Municipality:—Mr. Dacey asked the Premier,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure creating a Greater Sydney Municipality; if so, when, and upon what lines?
 Mr. Wade answered,—This matter is under consideration, but I am not in a position to give any definite information at the present stage.
- (18.) New Abattoir on the Parramatta River:—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is the Government building a new Abattoir on the Parramatta River; if so, when was the building commenced, and when is the establishment likely to be ready for use?
 (2.) Will boiling-down be permitted in the vicinity; if not, what power is there to prevent it?
 (3.) What is the estimated total cost of the new Abattoir?
 (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to hand the control over to the City Council?
 Mr. Leo answered,—
 (1.) Plans of the buildings are in preparation, and when they are ready building operations will begin. It is expected that a period of three years will elapse before the Abattoir is completed.
 (2.) No; legislation will be required to do so.
 (3.) The Act provides for an expenditure of £183,433, exclusive of the cost of purchase of the land.
 (4.) Nothing has yet been definitely decided.

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(19.) Railway Locomotives ordered by the Commissioners:—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What are the quotations for the 125 engines ordered by the Railway Commissioners, and when and in what numbers are they to be delivered?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The 125 engines are ten "P" class, to be constructed in Eveleigh Works, and 115 contracted for as follows:—Thirty "P" class by the Clyde Engineering Company, at £71 13s. 11d. per ton. Two engines have been delivered at £5,205 2s. 4d. each. Final delivery, 21st April, 1913. Thirty "T" class engines by the Clyde Engineering Company, at £71 13s. 11d. per ton. Four engines have been delivered at £5,592 5s. 6d. each. Final delivery, 21st April, 1913. Fifteen "P" class engines by Beyer, Peacock, and Company, at £4,610 each, exclusive of duty, delivered in steam, Sydney, after executing 2,000 miles. Shipment commences 17th January next, and finishes on 17th February following. Thirty "T" class engines by Beyer, Peacock, and Company, at £4,975 each, exclusive of duty, delivered in steam, Sydney, after executing 2,000 miles. Shipment commences 26th March next, and finishes on 26th June following. Ten "S" class engines, by Beyer, Peacock, and Company, at £3,864 each, exclusive of duty, delivered in steam, Sydney, after executing 2,000 miles. Shipment commences 27th February next, and finishes 27th March following.

(20.) Cities Extension Bill:—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will the Cities Extension Bill, applying to Greater Sydney and Newcastle, be introduced this year?
- (2.) Will the Bill be circulated for perusal before the close of this Session?

Mr. Wade answered,—This matter is under consideration, but I am not in a position to give any definite information at the present stage.

(21.) Building Allotments at Collarendabri East Railway Terminus:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the cause of delay in making available the building allotments at Collarendabri East Railway Terminus?
- (2.) When are these allotments to be offered for sale?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) The matter is awaiting completion of surrender of land in Oreel 18th section lease, towards which action is proceeding as rapidly as possible.
- (2.) It is intended to offer the lots as special leases by auction, but the date cannot be fixed pending the completion of the exchange.

(22.) Improvement Leases:—Mr. Trefé asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he insert in all improvement leases conditions a provision giving the Crown the right to resume or withdraw such leases whenever necessary for settlement?
- (2.) Will he provide for a close supervision and record of the nature and value of improvements effected on improvement leases for the protection of the Crown in the event of resumption before the termination of any particular lease?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) In addition to the usual provision for right of withdrawal for settlement after ten (10) years, where the lease includes reserves, provision is also made for right of withdrawal for settlement of the whole or any part of the reserves leased at any time, in the event of such reserves becoming, in the opinion of the Minister for Lands, useless, for the purposes of their notification. The conditions to be attached to an improvement lease always receive very careful consideration before the lease is offered.
- (2.) When the question of offering lands for improvement lease is being considered, schedules are prepared showing the nature and estimated cost of the improvements deemed necessary to render the land fit for settlement, and the carrying out of such improvements is periodically inspected and reported upon by local officers. In the case of an application by a lessee to effect improvements other than those required by the conditions of the lease the lessee is required to give the estimated cost of the improvement desired to be effected, and such application forms the subject of special inquiry before permission is given.

(23.) Removal of Wool and By-products from Homebush Abattoirs to Botany:—Mr. Page asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) In view of the early removal of the Abattoirs to Homebush, is he aware of the difficulty which will arise over the removal of wool and by-products from Homebush to Botany in the absence of a railway?
- (2.) Will he take this matter into his earnest consideration with a view to placing a proposal before the Public Works Committee, so that the work, if approved of, may be commenced without delay?

Mr. Lee answered,—I will have the whole question of transit from the new Abattoirs to Botany fully investigated.

(24.) Width of Tires Bill:—Mr. Page asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the absence of a Width of Tires Act is costing the Municipalities and Shires some thousands of pounds annually; if so, will he introduce the measure without delay?

Mr. Lee answered,—Both Municipal and Shire Councils have pronounced in favour of legislation to regulate the Width of Tires, and a Bill for the purpose is now being drafted.

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

(1.) Will he be good enough to give this House an early opportunity of dealing with the proposed site of the Federal Capital with a view to (a) deciding upon a site for submission to the Federal Government; (b) making a Call of the House for the purpose of securing a full attendance of Members to vote upon the question of the selection of a site; (c) submitting such selected site to the Federal Government before the present Session of the Federal Parliament closes?

(2.) Is it a fact that there is a considerable divergence and conflict of opinion amongst the Members of his Government on the question of the selection of a site; does Mr. Waddell favour Carcoar, and Mr. Wood, Eden and Bombala, and other Members other sites?

(3.) In view of the urgency of the question and the consequence of the statements made by the Federal Government, viz., "That the delay in the selection of a site for a Federal Capital was caused through the apathy of the past Governments of New South Wales," will he be good enough to expedite this matter?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am already in communication with the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth on the subject referred to, and hope to receive some definite information in a few days. I am using every endeavour to expedite the matter.

(26.) Land Bill—Transfer of Leases :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he take into consideration the advisability of inserting a clause in the proposed Land Bill providing that it be a condition of transfer that no transfer can be hereafter effected only to such person who, with the subject land combined with any other lands which he or she may possess, will not amount to more than a living area?

(2.) Will he apply similar conditions to the transfer of all conditional purchase and conditional lease land on which the conditions of residence are as yet unfulfilled?

(3.) Would the effect of such a clause prevent the practice of "dummying" to any large extent?

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

4. PAPER :—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Particulars of Western Lands Leases issued from 16th October to 23rd October, 1907.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. E. M. CLARK moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate charges made by Registry Offices, in regard to obtaining employment for servants, and for the registration and regulation of such offices.
Question put and passed.

6. UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for giving publicity and information relating to unclaimed funds, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to provide for giving publicity and information relating to unclaimed funds, and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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 towards the Services of the year 1907–1908; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 31st October, 1907

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—

(1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Orange, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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 introducing a Bill this Session to provide for the amendment of the Libel Law."

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

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

Point of Order :—Mr. Levy pointed out that a Notice of Motion was on the Business-paper for leave to bring in this Bill, and submitted that, therefore, the subject could not be discussed on this motion.

Mr. Speaker supported the objection taken.

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- (2.) Mr. Dacey moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (d) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Estell,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Hol'is,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Meagher.
Mr. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Trellé,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Macdout II.
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. McGarry,	

Noes, 35.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Hogue,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. J. C. E. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Nobbs,
Sir James Graham,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Latimer.
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. James,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Downes.
Mr. McCoy,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, put the following Question, without Debate, for the election and appointment of the Members of the Public Accounts Committee:—
- (1.) Question,—That Mr. John Henry Cann be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
- (2.) Question,—That Mr. David Fell be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
- (3.) Question,—That Mr. William Arthur Holman be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and negated.
- (4.) Question,—That Mr. Mark Fairles Morton be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
- (5.) Question,—That Mr. David Storey be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
- (6.) Mr. Waddell then nominated Mr. Arthur Hill Griffith, in lieu of Mr. William Arthur Holman, and Question,—That Mr. Arthur Hill Griffith be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
10. NECROPOLIS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Moore moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Norton moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
11. POOR PRISONERS DEFENCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Norton moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report."
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Levy, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. David Storey, Sir James Graham, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Meagher, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

Ordered, That the report be adopted on Tuesday next.

12. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, on each Tuesday, during the remainder of the present Session, Government Business only shall be taken after Seven o'clock p.m.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wade,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. James,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Davidson,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Downes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. McCoy,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Beehy,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Nicholson.
Mr. Scobie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. Briner,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Norton,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1907.

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

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

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill :—

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor,—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1907-1908 ; and 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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (2.) Stamp Duties (Amendment) Bill :—

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor,—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 11.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 repeal the Stamp Duties on bills of exchange, promissory notes, drafts, and receipts ; to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, and the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1904 ; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 1st November, 1907.*

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

- (3.) Income Tax Deduction Bill :—

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor,—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 12.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 provide certain deductions in respect of income tax ; to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1904 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 1st November, 1907.*

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

5th November, 1907.

2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Police Quarters at Bellingen :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What has been done with regard to the proposal to erect new police quarters at Bellingen ?
 - (2.) If buildings are to be erected will they be constructed of brick or wood ?
 - (3.) When will tenders be invited ?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) A sum of money has been noted for consideration in connection with the Schedule of Estimates, 1907-8.
- (2.) Brick buildings are advised.
- (3.) When funds are available the necessary steps will be taken.

- (2.) Sworn Valuators :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the decision of his immediate predecessors in office with regard to the appointment of sworn valuers with a view to some appointments being made in country districts where necessary, and where capable men can be found ?

Mr. Wade answered,—It is intended, when suitable opportunity offers, to alter the law relating to the appointment of sworn valuers. Pending such alteration it is not intended to make any fresh appointments.

- (3.) Departmental Police Inquiry :—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all reports, documents, and papers connected with the Departmental Police Inquiry into the allegations of gross misconduct made against a Senior-Sergeant lately of No. 4 Police Station, Lower George street, Sydney.
- (2.) Is it a fact that, as the result of such inquiry, six other constables, said to have been involved have been removed from No. 4 Station and severally attached to other stations within the Metropolitan Police District ?
- (3.) Is he aware that certain of the constables so removed from No. 4 Station were instrumental in causing the aforesaid Departmental Inquiry into the alleged misbehaviour, and will he consider whether their removal in the manner stated, without reasons given, is not an unjust punishment for the performance of a painful public duty, and calculated to cover them, as innocent men, with the odium of an infamous suspicion ?
- (4.) Will he consider whether this process is not calculated to spread disaffection throughout the Police Force of the State, and to thereby undermine its discipline and efficiency ?
- (5.) Will he consider the advisability of at once appointing a Royal Commission to inquire into the whole organisation, discipline, and working of the Police Force of the State ?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) There will be no objection, if moved for in the usual way.
- (2.) As a result of an inquiry, six constables have been transferred, not as punishment.
- (3.) No. None of the constables transferred were instrumental in giving information leading to the inquiry.
- (4.) The action taken by the Inspector-General of Police was in the interests of maintaining efficiency and preserving discipline in the Force.
- (5.) No.

- (4.) Forage Contracts :—Mr. Price, for Mr. Mcagher, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) In view of the abnormal prices of forage, in some cases to the amount of 300 per cent., will he permit the contracts either to be suspended for a given period, or lapse entirely ?
- (2.) Will he take into consideration the keen competition in bedrock market prices when the contracts were entered into, and the financial disaster which must ensue if the contractors are called upon to carry out the contracts ?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) No action can be taken in the direction indicated at present.
- (2.) This matter has been very fully considered.

- (5.) Davidson Scrub Lease at Mandamah :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the report of the officer that reported upon Davidson Scrub Lease at Mandamah ?

Mr. Moore answered,—I am sorry the Honorable Member for The Lachlan is not here himself. The papers in this case were brought to me only a short time before I came to the House, and I had not an opportunity to read them. I would invite the Honorable Member to come and get what information from them he desires. If he is not satisfied, then he can move for the production of the papers.

- (6.) Officers in the Harbour Trust Department :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Harbour Trust Commissioners, some time ago, recommended that a number of officers in the Harbour Trust Department be placed on the permanent staff ?
- (2.) Is there any objection to giving effect to the Commissioners' recommendation ; if so, what is the nature of it ?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) This matter has only recently come under my notice. I will deal with it as early as practicable.

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- (7.) Miners' Accident Relief Fund:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Department propose to make alterations in the administration of the Miners' Accident Relief Fund by creating a permanently paid Chairman?
 - (2.) What alterations have taken place in the working of the Fund to require the services of two paid officers?
 - (3.) Has the working of the Fund been satisfactory in the past without such paid officer?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) No. *Mr. J. L. Fegan* has been the Chairman of the Board since its formation, but while he was a Member of Parliament he was paid no fees. Now that he has ceased to be a Member he is entitled to fees.
- (2.) No alterations have taken place in the working of the fund.
- (3.) The working of the fund has been satisfactory in the past.

- (8.) Police Force:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Premier,—

- (1.) What is the numerical strength of the Police Force of this State?
- (2.) Of this number, how many are ordinary constables?
- (3.) How many of these ordinary constables have been seven years in the Force without receiving promotion?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) 2,375.
- (2.) 934.
- (3.) There are 282 ordinary constables of seven years' service and upwards, who have not received promotion, but who have recently had their pay increased by 6d. per day. The fact of a constable having served seven years in the Force does not entitle him to promotion.

- (9.) Narrabri Railway Station:—*Mr. Biner*, for *Mr. Collins*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When is it proposed to erect new station buildings and effect other improvements at Narrabri Railway Station, as a result of the fire which took place early in September last?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that advantage is being taken of the opportunity to remodel the station and plans are in hand for the work; they will be expedited.

- (10.) Public Schools:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Beeby*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many public schools have been closed during the last twelve months?
- (2.) How many schools are at present closed?
- (3.) How many subsidised schools have been discontinued during the last twelve months?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-one public, twenty-six provisional, thirty-two half-time, one house-to-house, and four evening public schools. These were closed owing to the attendance falling below the minimum required.
- (2.) Up to quite recently seventy-five schools were without teachers, but instructions have been given to forty-one male teachers to take charge of vacant schools. These schools will be reopened next week. In addition forty female teachers are now available for vacant schools. These teachers will be put in charge wherever suitable accommodation is made available for them. Applications are now being invited for additional candidates for positions as teachers, and on the 17th of next month examinations will be held. As a result of such examinations the Department expects to be in a position to have teachers available for all schools.
- (3.) Twenty-six; closed by the families concerned.

3. LUNATIC ASYLUMS:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* presented a Petition from *James Augustus Hall Poulton*, of *Molong*, in the State of New South Wales, representing that on the 17th January, 1888, he completed a term of imprisonment of two months for singing hymns on the *Molong Railway Platform*; that instead of being released from custody he was subjected to two examinations within the precincts of the *Bathurst Gaol*, with a view of proving him insane, whereas both examinations should have been in open Court; that he was detained in three Asylums for a period of years, and was subject to many serious assaults from patients, as a result of which he is rendered unfit to perform his duties as a Minister of Religion; and praying for the appointment of a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the working of the Lunatic Asylums of this State.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Imperial and Colonial Pay to Officers and Men of "A" Battery who served in South Africa.
- (2.) Return respecting Claims of Returned Soldiers who served in South Africa.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Lease No. 05-60, Land District of *Armidale*, being portion 389, parish of *Metz*, county of *Sandon*, applied for by *Robert Waters*, shall cease to be voidable.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report by the Government Architect regarding Local Supply of Building Material in connection with proposed Federal Capital Site at *Canberra*.
- (2.) Report by the Acting Chief Engineer for Rivers, Water Supply, and Drainage, regarding Water Supply in connection with the proposed Federal Capital Site at *Canberra*, with Further Minute by the Chief Engineer for Rivers, Water Supply, and Drainage.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Public Service List for 1907.
- (2.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the promotion of Mr. F. A. Bland, Clerk, Public Service Board Office.
- (3.) Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting an Order of His Majesty the King-in-Council of the 12th August, 1907, for giving effect to an Agreement between the United Kingdom and Sweden, regarding Surrender of Fugitive Criminals.
- (4.) Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing copy of an Order of His Majesty the King-in-Council of the 12th August, 1907, for giving effect to a Treaty of Extradition between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Panama, regarding Surrender of Fugitive Criminals.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. **SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL**:—Mr. E. M. Clark, pursuant to leave granted on the 31st October, 1907, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate charges made by Registry Offices in regard to obtaining employment for servants, and for the registration and regulation of such offices*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 19th November, 1907.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Alexandria, Mr. Dacey, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The number of persons disfranchised under the Local Government Act."

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

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Lee submitted that this motion was out of order, as the subject could be fully discussed in the Budget Debate which is now pending, and also that an item "Local Government" on the Estimates would give a further opportunity for ventilating the subject. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said it had been specially pointed out to him that this was an urgent matter; that condition however was necessary for any subject to be discussed under Standing Order No. 49; but as it was clear that the subject could be traversed in the Budget Debate, and it was his duty to prevent two discussions taking place, he, in accordance with the well established precedents, ruled the motion out of order.

- (2.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That in accordance with the authority given in subsection (d) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Estell,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Meehan.

Tellers,

Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Macdonell.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. James,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Collins,
Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Parkes,

Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. John Miller;
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Broughton,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. McLaurin.

Tellers,

Mr. Nobbs;
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. **TESTATORS' FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read, and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Price submitted that this Bill belonged to a class described in "May's Parliamentary Practice" (Tenth Edition, page 443) as Hybrid Bills, and quoted the proceedings laid down for such Bills, which had not been observed with regard to this Bill; further, this Bill would have the effect of repealing certain provisions of the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act, and was, therefore, beyond the order of leave; it would take away existing rights of mortgagees, the rights of assignment and of charges, and, in that respect, interfered with trade; and, further, it involved expenditure and should have been preceded by a Message; he submitted, therefore, that it was out of order, not having been recommended by a Message, nor introduced through a Committee of the Whole, as not having any reference in the Title to the repeal of provisions of the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act, and not having been subject to the steps required to be taken in reference to Hybrid Bills. Debate ensued.

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Mr. Speaker said he could not see that this Bill imposed a direct charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, nor did it in any way interfere with trade under our Standing Orders; as to the amendment of the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act not having been indicated in the Title, the House could not have been taken by surprise in regard to this, as it must have clearly understood that the Bill proposed in some way to amend that Act; with regard to the Bill being a Hybrid Bill, our Standing Orders did not provide for such Bills; he therefore overruled the objections taken.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Price moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report. (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Moxham, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, and the Mover," instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 1st November, 1907, a.m.

8. REAL PROPERTY (CERTIFICATES OF TITLE) BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the issue of certificates of title to certain land purchased, appropriated, or resumed by the Government; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the issue of certificates of title to certain land purchased, appropriated, or resumed by the Government; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

9. STAMP DUTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Wade, on behalf of Mr. Waddell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal the Stamp Duties on bills of exchange, promissory notes, drafts, and receipts; to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, and the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

10. INCOME TAX DEDUCTION BILL :—Mr. Wade, on behalf of Mr. Waddell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide certain deductions in respect of income tax; to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Perry,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wade,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Moore,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. James,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Downes.
Mr. John Miller,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson.
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. McGowen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Norton,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Briner,	
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Bechy,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Gus. Miller.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, and Mr. Wade proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

Point of Order :—Mr. Nielsen raised the point that the bill was beyond the order of leave, as it proposed to amend the Constitution Act, which enacted what Ministerial Offices could be held as offices of profit, he also referred to the introduction of the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884, dealing with the Office of the Minister of Public Instruction.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the point raised was a very important one. Since the passing of the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884 the Constitution Act had been consolidated with the amending Act, with the result that the proviso to section 26 altered the position completely. That proviso gave power to create by an Act other offices of profit, and this Bill did not propose to amend the Constitution Act, but only to act under the power given in that proviso.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Court House and Lands Office, Bellingen :—*Mr. Nielsen*, for *Mr. Briner*, asked the Premier,—
 (1.) Has anything been done in regard to the proposal for a new Court-house and Lands Office at Bellingen, and if so, in what position is the matter at present?
 (2.) If new buildings are to be erected will they be of wood or brick?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) An amount has been noted for estimates for the building.
 (2.) Brick.
- (2.) Parliamentary Reporting Staff :—*Mr. Dacey* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Will he explain how he became the official channel through which Mr. Speaker's Officers furnish information to the House?
 (2.) Upon what date, and by whose authority was the Shorthand Staff removed from the control of the Colonial Secretary?
 (3.) Will he lay the document, authorising the transfer of control, upon the Table?
 (4.) Will he inform this House whether the Principal Shorthand-writer is, or is not explicitly directed by paragraph four of instructions, 3rd November, 1879, to in all cases abstain from supplying Honorable Members with proofs of their speeches, except in the case of the Financial Statement, and then only for verification of the figures?
 (5.) Are people, who give evidence before Select Committees, where the reporter is not half as liable, as in the House, to make mistakes, allowed to correct the proof slips of their evidence; if so, what objection is there to Honorable Members being allowed to do the same with their speeches?
 (6.) Is it a fact that most of the criticism of Honorable Members' speeches is founded on the reports which appear in the so-called proof copy of *Hansard*; if so, what is the value of the belated reports in the bound volumes which are rarely accessible to any but Members of Parliament?
 (7.) Is it a fact that from time to time very misleading and annoying errors appear in the Parliamentary reports of Honorable Members' speeches; if so, is improvement impossible?
 (8.) Will he consent to the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the duties and efficiency of the Debates Staff?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1, 2, and 3.) By administrative arrangements, approved by the Governor-in-Council and published in Supplement to the *Government Gazette* No. 992, of 4th December, 1896, the Premier for the time being is charged with "the Departmental business connected with the two Houses of Parliament, including the official publication of the debates."
 (4.) Attention is invited to the answer given to the second of the Questions asked by the Honorable Member on the 24th ultimo.
 (5.) I am informed that if a witness supplied a correction at variance with the shorthand-writer's notes, that correction is not embodied in the text of the evidence, but is printed as a footnote.
 (6.) It may be a question for consideration whether the issue of proof numbers should not be confined to Honorable Members.
 (7.) I am informed that no such case has been brought to the notice of the Principal Shorthand-writer.
 (8.) No.

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- (3.) Opening of Mining Reserves for Settlement:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the opening of a considerable area of land for settlement is being blocked through some dispute *re* mining reserves between the Lands and the Mines Department?
 - (2.) Will he see that this matter is adjusted at once so that these lands may be opened for settlement without delay?

Mr. Moore answered,—No. Some little delay occurred in connection with the cancellation of certain reserves, owing to necessary administrative arrangements being adjusted between the two Departments, but the matter has been satisfactorily arranged.

- (4.) Government Railways:—Mr. Meehan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the number of non-paying railway lines in New South Wales?
 - (2.) Cost of construction of each line?
 - (3.) Date of opening of each line?
 - (4.) Total loss incurred in the working of these lines?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Information on the points desired by the Honorable Member will be found in the Annual Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, laid upon the Table of the Assembly on the 24th October; particulars regarding non paying lines at page 4, while the dates of opening are shown in Appendix No. IX.

- (5.) Frontage Reservations to Private Lands on Manning River, Port Stephens Waters, and Williams River:—Mr. Levien, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that surveyors are now engaged in marking off 100 feet reservations to the private lands adjoining the Manning River and its tributaries?
 - (2.) Is he aware that no such reservation is made in the deeds, and that the lands have been held in many cases over seventy and eighty years.
 - (3.) Have the original frontages been altered in many cases through the following causes:—
(a) Flood waters; (b) erosion of the banks; (c) subsidences and washaways; (d) alterations of the course of the river?
 - (4.) Is he aware that the lands have changed hands several times, and that the present holders have purchased the lands in good faith?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that the best and most fertile lands are on the river banks?
 - (6.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that many of the farms are of smaller area than the area originally purchased, due to the alteration of the course of the river and landslips?
 - (7.) In view of the great injury and hardship thus entailed, will he be good enough to cause a special report to be obtained on the Manning River, Port Stephens waters, Williams River, and their tributaries, with a view to granting the relief sought?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes; in five (5) cases, viz., in the grants to Messrs. W. Wynter, F. Fisher, W. Caswell, J. Corlett, and L. Gordon.
- (2.) I think the Honorable Member is misinformed as to this. There is a reservation in the Crown grants.
- (3 and 6.) Investigation is now being made.
- (4.) I am not aware.
- (5.) Probably this is the case.
- (7.) Each case will receive due consideration before the Crown deals with any 100 feet reserve.

- (6.) Crown Lands for Settlement, Gloucester and Manning Districts:—Mr. Levien, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the following paragraph in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, of the 4th November, 1907:—“At the Local Land Board meeting on Thursday, three separate ballots were held to determine conflicting applications. One ballot was for 1,469 acres on Craven Creek, which had been made available in two blocks for conditional purchase lease. There were twenty-nine applicants. There were also sixteen applications for 960 acres on the Barrington River, in the parish of Bindera. This land had become available for original conditional purchase and conditional lease. Amongst the applicants were a number of men with large families—men of the right type. There were many fine sturdy young men amongst the applicants, who would become splendid settlers, if they could obtain land”?
 - (2.) In view of the demand for land in the Gloucester and Manning Districts, will he be good enough to have the reserves, which have been recommended for settlement, made available?
 - (3.) What is the total area recommended for settlement in the Gloucester and Manning Districts?
 - (4.) Will he withdraw the papers *re* settlement of forest reserves from the Royal Commission on Forestry, in view of the fact that that body only had a few days to inspect such reserves?
 - (5.) Will he consider whether the Royal Commission is capable of arriving at a satisfactory conclusion upon a cursory examination of such reserves, and only obtaining a limited amount of evidence on the question?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes; my attention has been drawn to the paragraph in question.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) 116,761 acres.
- (4.) Only one case has been specifically referred to the Commission, and it is understood that the inquiry is not yet completed. It was decided to suspend action in regard to certain other forest reserves pending receipt of the Royal Commission's Report but I shall be glad to consider any representations which the Honorable Member may make to me in respect of any such reserves.
- (5.) The Honorable Member can hardly expect me to answer this Question.

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- (7.) Public School at Manildra :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Have tenders yet been called for the erection of a new public school at Manildra ; if not, when will they be so called, and about what month is it expected that the building will be ready for occupation ?

Mr. Lee answered,—I am informed by the Department of Public Works that plans and specifications are now prepared, and, in all probability, tenders will be invited in the next issue of the *Government Gazette*. The time allowed for completion of the building will be twenty weeks from the date of acceptance of a tender.

- (8.) J. W. Moulder's Improvement Lease, Condobolin District :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that an application lodged in September, 1906, by J. W. Moulder, Orange, under after-auction tender, for an area of improvement lease country in the Condobolin District, has only just been dealt with by the local Board ?

(2.) Will he be good enough to furnish reason for a delay of over twelve months in dealing with an application in regard to which there were no conflicting applicants ?

Mr. Moore answered,—The papers in the case are in the Land Board Office at Forbes. The district surveyor has been asked to furnish a report in the matter, on receipt of which I will communicate with the Honorable Member.

- (9.) Old-age Pensions Act :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Premier,—In view of the fact that our Old-age Pensions law provides for the making of a reciprocity agreement with other States, so that colonists who cannot comply with the residence clauses in any one Colony shall receive the benefits of the Old age Pensions system, will he at once reopen negotiations with the Premier of Victoria with the object of making such an agreement ?

Mr. Wade answered,—Some time ago, this Government was in communication with the Government of Victoria in regard to this matter, but in view of the probability of early legislation by the Federal Government, it was thought better not to take any further steps in regard to reciprocity for the time-being. The matter is still being kept in view.

- (10.) Transfer of Compositors from Temporary to Permanent Staff :—Mr. Levien, for Mr. Mcagher, asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Public Service Board intend transferring a number of temporary compositors to the permanent staff ?

(2.) Is this action regarded by the men in the light of promotion ?

(3.) How many of those eligible for this transfer have signified their disapproval by declining to accept it, and on what grounds ?

(4.) In view of the fact that some of these so-called temporary hands have been employed for periods of from fifteen to twenty-five years, will the Public Service Board make their appointments retrospective ; if so, from what date ?

(5.) What is the age limit for permanent appointment ?

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

(1 and 2.) The matter is under consideration, and has arisen from an application made by members of the temporary compositors' staff.

(3.) Four. No reasons were assigned in their letter.

(4.) The appointments will be made in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

(5.) Under ordinary circumstances, the age limit for appointment in the General Division is 40 years, unless the person to be appointed is, at the time of his appointment, already in the Public Service.

2. ELECTION PETITION (*Balmain*):—Mr. Wood, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor from Walter Anderson, of Balmain, in the State of New South Wales, representing that at the last General Election John Storey and the Petitioner were candidates for the Electoral District of Balmain ; that the Petitioner was duly nominated, and was and is a person duly qualified by law to be elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly ; that on the day of the declaration of the Poll the Returning Officer declared the number of votes polled to be as follows :—For John Storey three thousand one hundred votes, and for the Petitioner three thousand and fifty-eight votes, and he declared the number of informal votes to be seventy-two, he thereupon declared John Storey to be duly elected, and afterwards endorsed on the Writ the name of John Storey as the person so elected, and returned the Writ ; that the Petitioner believes that, in consequence of many mistakes being made in counting the ballot-papers, and deciding upon the votes for the respective candidates, and in consequence of unqualified persons being permitted to record votes, John Storey did not poll the number of votes declared by the Returning Officer ; that certain of the ballot-papers were declared to be informal which were not informal, and that such votes should have been counted in Petitioner's favour ; that certain persons were permitted to record votes who should have been prohibited from voting, and others who were not qualified by law to vote at the election, and that a number of unnaturalised aliens were permitted to vote ; that at a number of booths in the Electorate more than fifty ballot-papers were counted in favour of John Storey by the Presiding Officers, although the cross was not placed in the square opposite his name, but was placed outside such square, and should have been declared informal ; that at a number of booths ballot-papers, being more than sufficient to give the Petitioner a majority, and which were marked in his favour, were rejected by the Presiding Officers as informal, on the ground that the crosses were not marked within the square on such ballot-papers opposite his name, but were marked opposite his name outside of the square ; that there was personation of voters at the election ; that the Petitioner has caused the sum of £50 to be paid into the Bank

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Bank of New South Wales to the credit of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in relation to this Petition, and praying,—that this Petition may be dealt with according to law; that the return of John Storey as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Balmain may be declared null and void for the reasons aforesaid; that a recounting of all ballot-papers may be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; that, for the reasons advanced, it may be declared that John Storey was not lawfully elected, and is not a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Balmain; that it may be declared and determined that the Petitioner was duly elected to serve and be a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Balmain, and is entitled to take his seat accordingly.

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

3. ADJOURNMENT:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sturt, Mr. Arthur Griffith, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The necessity for an immediate amendment of the Government Savings Bank Act so as to permit loans to be made from the Advances Department of that Institution on the Credit Foncier System, to persons desirous of building homes in the cities and towns of the State."

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. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick pointed out that on the resumption of the Debate on the Financial Statement every phase of this subject could be discussed, and asked that the motion be ruled out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that, following the practice of the House, he must rule the motion out of order because it dealt with a matter of new legislation that could be fully discussed on the Financial Statement.

- (2.) Mr. Norton moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (d) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Lynch,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Maedonell,	
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Mr. Treflé,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Carmichael,	

Noes, 38.

Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Oakes,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. James,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Thomas,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Morton,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Latimer.
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. John Miller.

And so it passed in the negative.

4. INVALIDITY AND ACCIDENTS PENSIONS BILL:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for pensions in certain cases of invalidity and accident; to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

5. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to create the office of Minister for Agriculture; to establish a Department of Agriculture; 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 create the office of Minister for Agriculture; to establish a Department of Agriculture; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 6th November, 1907.

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6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Moore, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1904, and the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1904, and the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Moore then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1904, and the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

7. REAL PROPERTY (CERTIFICATES OF TITLE) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1907.

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

INVALIDITY AND ACCIDENTS PENSIONS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor,—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 13.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 provision for pensions in certain cases of invalidity and accident; to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 24th October, 1907.*

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

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Botanic Gardens :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Botanic Gardens at Adelaide, were recently opened to the public in the evening for the purpose of a fête?
(2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, with a view to have our own Botanic Gardens thrown open to the public for fêtes and such like twice a week?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Yes, for one evening only, the occasion being very exceptional, viz., the celebration of the jubilee of the foundation of the Gardens.
(2.) Inquiries have already been made, with the result that substantial objections to the suggested opening at night have been shown.

(2.) Cancelled Improvement Leases on Burrawang and Lake Cowal :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he at once make ready for settlement the cancelled improvement leases on Burrawang?
(2.) Will he take the same steps in regard to the cancelled improvement leases, if any, at Lake Cowal?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) These lands are now being designed for settlement, and no time will be lost in making them available.
(2.) The available area for settlement is only 1,600 acres, and the district surveyor has been asked to report as to the method of disposal.

(3.) Land Tax :—Mr. Mahony asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that two separate land tax assessments were paid last year, namely, in February and December?
(2.) Is it a fact that the new land tax assessment notices have been issued for this year?
(3.) Was it stated, or understood, that, after the passing of the Local Government Bill, no more land tax assessments or demands for land tax would be issued by the Government?

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(4.) If it was so stated, or understood, why are lands within Shire Council areas exempted from demands for land tax, when lands belonging to the same owners, situate in Municipalities, are charged with land tax?

(5.) Bearing in mind that the Local Government Act suspended the land tax, will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General whether it is legal to now assess and demand land tax?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The facts are these: The due date for the payment of the 1905 tax was the 15th December, 1905, but the sixty days' grace brought it up to February, 1906. The date for payment of the 1906 tax was fixed at 20th October, 1906, and the sixty days' grace expired in December, 1906. The object of fixing the date for the payment of the 1906 tax earlier than that for the previous year was so that it would be paid within the year for which the tax was due, and thus avoid complication, as the Shires rates for 1907 would supersede the land tax.

(2.) Yes, but only so far as the land within the Municipalities and the Western Division (which has not been divided into Shires) is concerned.

(3 and 4.) No; it was stated that land would not be subject to Shire rates and land tax at the same time, and that on the striking of the Shire rate the land tax would be suspended. A similar suspension in respect of land within the Municipalities, exclusive of the City of Sydney, will come into operation from a date yet to be proclaimed.

(5.) Under the circumstances, it would not appear necessary to obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General in regard to the matter.

(4.) Maintenance Men:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the fact that the late Premier, Mr. J. H. Carruthers, and also the Minister for Public Works, stated that justice would be done to the maintenance men retrenched in consequence of the passing of the Local Government Act, will he have a report prepared on the whole question with a view to the granting of a gratuity of two weeks' pay for every year of service?

(2.) Will he be good enough to make provision for the payment of two weeks' pay on the present Estimates?

(3.) Will he arrange to pay men who are employed by the Shires, but whose positions as Government employees have been abolished by the Local Government Act?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1 and 2.) The cases of distribution as governed by the conditions of the Vote for each year of service cannot be departed from.

(3.) I have already promised to consider this suggestion.

(5.) Field Surveyors, Lands Department:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Lands Department are unable to obtain the services of sufficient field or measuring surveyors to expeditiously deal with the applications pending for Crown lands; if so, is it owing to the fact that by reason of work being in small widely-scattered areas, entailing much travelling from locality to locality, the remuneration allowed to such surveyors is inadequate?

(2.) Will he take steps to provide for a revised scale of payments to be adopted to overcome the difficulty referred to?

Mr. Moore answered,—Considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining surveyors, but every effort is being made to overcome the difficulty. The scale of payments is subject to local increases to meet varying conditions of survey. Revision of these local increases is now proceeding.

(6.) Hopper Punts, Port of Newcastle:—Mr. Grahame asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that about nine or ten years ago a regulation was adopted preventing the use of hopper punts for the discharge of ballast in the Port of Newcastle?

(2.) Is he aware that hopper punts are now being used for that purpose?

(3.) Does he approve of this practice being continued; if not, will he see that the regulations are observed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) No regulation was adopted nine or ten years ago preventing the use of hopper punts for the discharge of ballast in the Port of Newcastle. The late Marine Board did not consider it advisable to grant licenses to these punts, consequently they were not permitted to work in the harbour.

(2.) Yes; they are now surveyed and licensed by the Navigation Department, and special regulations have been approved by the Government in connection with their use.

(3.) Yes, provided the regulations approved by the Government are carried out.

(7.) Frederick A. Hunter's Homestead Selection, Nyngan:—Mr. Burgess asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was abandoned homestead selection No. 96-2, Nyngan, originally selected by Frederick A. Hunter, reselected since abandonment?

(2.) How long was it abandoned before being taken up again, and what is the name of the person who took it up?

(3.) What was the value of the improvements, and are they being charged to the incoming tenant?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The land became available for homestead selection thirty days after notification of forfeiture of homestead selection 96-2, viz., 17th August, 1904, and was reselected by Percy Alfred Forbes, on 29th June, 1905, as homestead selection No. 05-3, which was declared forfeited on 14th August, 1907.

(3.) £78 8s. 9d. The land is at present covered by a classification reserve, and is not held under any tenure, but if on being again made available it should be reselected, the incoming tenant will be charged the value of the Crown improvements.

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- (8.) Maintenance Men :—Mr. Burgess asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the number of maintenance men in the employ of the Works Department, at the inauguration of the Shire Councils?
 - (2.) How many of these men have received the promised gratuities, and what is the total amount of money distributed, and what was the basis of distribution?
 - (3.) Will the Government allow interest on the amounts which they are withholding from the men who have gone into the employ of the Shire Councils, when those men leave the Shires, and come forward to claim their gratuities?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) 810.
 - (2.) (a) 305 have received gratuities; (b) amount distributed, £8,774 14s.; (c) basis of distribution was one week's pay for each complete year of service.
 - (3.) The amounts will be payable as the applicants are eligible to receive same, and will not bear interest.
- (9.) Survey for Railway, Molong to Cumnock :—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- Was a promise made by him to the ex-Member for Ashburnham that a survey of a railway line from Molong to Cumnock would be proceeded with at an early date; if so, will he make an effort to carry out that preliminary work immediately?
- Mr. Lee answered,—I have approved of an exploration being made of the proposed line from Cumnock to Molong, *via* Norah Creek, when a surveyor is available; but as three or four lines are to be explored prior to this one, it will be some time before the work can be undertaken.
- (10.) Miners' Accident Relief Fund :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What fees are paid to J. L. Fegan, as Chairman of the Miners' Accident Relief Fund, apart from Board meetings?
 - (2.) Has he made application to be paid those fees?
- Mr. Perry answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Fegan has been Chairman of the Board since January, 1901. He has not been paid any fees up to the present time.
 - (2.) Mr. Fegan having ceased to be a Member of Parliament, and still being Chairman of the Board, is entitled to fees, and will be paid for all meetings since the 1st November, Members of the Board, other than Members of Parliament and official, having been paid fees since 1901.
- (11.) The Totalisator, and the Gaming and Betting Act :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Has the legality of establishing an instrument known as the Totalisator, under the provisions of the Gaming and Betting Act, been considered by him; if so, with what result?
 - (2.) If such is not permitted, will he, under the now altered conditions of betting, introduce or facilitate the passing of a measure legalising the use of the Totalisator as a machinery of betting considered more equitable in its operations than that of bookmaking, now legally permitted on racecourses?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that in Continental and other countries, the use of the Totalisator is made extensive as against bookmaking?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that in several Australian States the use of the Totalisator is permitted, and where?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) There is a motion on this subject on the Business Paper by the Honorable Member for Tamworth. When this motion comes up for discussion I will state the views of the Government on the question.
 - (3.) I am not aware.
 - (4.) Yes; in Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania.
- (12.) Appeals to the High Court of Australia from Decisions of the Full Court of New South Wales :—Mr. Peters, for Mr. Carmichael, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) How many decisions of the Full Court of New South Wales have been upset by the High Court of Australia?
 - (2.) How many have been varied?
 - (3.) How many have been upheld?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) Forty-five.
 - (2.) Five.
 - (3.) Twenty-three. The number of decisions of the Full Court in which there was no appeal to the High Court is 551.
- (13.) Peel River Estate :—Mr. Beeby asked the Secretary for Lands,—What was the price per acre originally paid to the Crown for the portions of the Peel River Estate which it is now proposed to resume for closer settlement?
- Mr. Moore answered,—No monetary consideration is expressed in the Grant.
- (14.) Eye-sight Test—Railway and Tramway Service :—Mr. Mercer asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he has refused to receive a deputation from the Tramway Union regarding the eye-sight test as reported in Wednesday's paper?
 - (2.) Is he aware that Mr. Carruthers received a deputation on the same subject about twelve months ago?
 - (3.) If so, what was his reason for refusing?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I received a letter from the Secretary of the Tramway Union, asking me to receive a deputation on this subject, and, in reply, I informed him that the matter appeared to be one affecting railway and tramway management and the discipline of the staff, which by law are entrusted to the Railway Commissioners, and I suggested that the Union should approach the Chief Commissioner, who, I felt sure, would give the matter the most sympathetic consideration, having due regard to the requirements necessary for the safety of the public.

(2 and 3.) I understand that Mr. Carruthers did receive a deputation some time ago in regard to the eye-sight tests imposed by the Commissioners upon employees of the railway staff, but I am not aware of the reasons which influenced him in deciding to receive the deputation.

(15.) Smelting Works at Port Kembla :—Mr. Morion asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any disagreement occurred between his Department and the Electrolytic Company as to the establishment of smelting works at Port Kembla?

(2.) In view of the possibility of these works being removed to Brisbane, will he inform this House what the disagreement is?

Mr. Lee answered,—I have heard of no disagreement between the Department and the Company. Negotiations with the Company are now pending as to the wharfage and tonnage dues to be paid after completion of the proposed jetty.

(16.) Sunday Trading :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, notwithstanding the law prohibiting the opening of shops on the Sabbath Day, certain shops are allowed to be kept open on Sundays; and, if so, where, and by whose authority, and why?

(2.) Is it a fact that on Sunday last the police were instructed to make raids on various city and suburban shops; and, if so, was this done indiscriminately in terms of the Act governing Sunday trading?

(3.) Has it been the practice to discriminate by allowing some shops in the State to keep open, and compelling others to close in terms of that Act; if so, will he say by what legal authority this power is used?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) It has been the practice for some years to allow places for the sale of fruit and temperance drinks to remain open on Sundays to meet the necessities of the travelling public, and those visiting places of public resort on that day such as Circular Quay, Domain, Botanic Gardens, parks, and sea-side resorts.

(2.) No; it is not a fact. No such instructions were given, and no raids were made.

(3.) *Vide* answer to No. 1.

3. BROKEN HILL AND UMBERUMBERKA WATER SUPPLY (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

4. REAL PROPERTY (CERTIFICATES OF TITLE) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to provide for the issue of certificates of title to certain land purchased, appropriated, or resumed by the Government; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to provide for the issue of certificates of title to certain land purchased, appropriated, or resumed by the Government; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th November, 1907.*

5. LEASES CONVERSION AND LAW (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable persons who have certain leasehold interests in lands to acquire the freehold and other estates and interests in those lands, and to amend the law with regard to leases in certain respects; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

6. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to assure to the widow or widower and family of a testator an adequate maintenance from the estate of such testator.
Question put and passed.

7. SHEARERS' ACCOMMODATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macdonell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Shearers' Accommodation Act, 1901.
Question put and passed.

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8. ACCOUNTANTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Broughton moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration and regulation of public accountants in New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
9. PAPERS:—
Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Water Supply at Beckom, in connection with the Temora to Barellan Railway.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Report of the Forestry Branch, Department of Lands, for the year ended 30th June, 1907.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
10. BROKEN HILL AND UMBERUMBERKA WATER SUPPLY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lee, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor,—
FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor. *Message No. 14.*
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Lieutenant Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; and for other purposes.
State Government House,
Sydney, 7th November, 1907.
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
11. INCOME TAX DEDUCTION BILL:—
(1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide certain deductions in respect of income tax; to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1907, A.M.

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

The Chairman then moved, That the report be now received.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Mercer,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Downes,	Mr. Gas. Miller,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Ball,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Mechan,
Mr. Wade,	Sir James Graham,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. Oakes,	Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Peters,	Mr. Burgess.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Beely,	
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. James,	Mr. Henley,	Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. W. Millard.	Mr. Treflé,	
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. McGarry,	
Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Moxham,		Mr. Page,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide certain deductions in respect of income tax; to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Waddell moved, That the resolution be now read a second time.

Question put.

The

7th November, 1907.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Hogue,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Waddell,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Oakes,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. James,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. John Miller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Downes.
Mr. McCoy,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. McNeill,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. McCowen,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second time.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the resolution be now agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Cohen,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Moxham.
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Hogue,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Wade,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. James,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Fell,	
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Hindmarsh,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. McCowen,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Gus. Miller.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Peters,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Beeby.
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Grahame,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide certain deductions in respect of income tax; to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—and moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Barton,
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Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. W. Millard,
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Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Beeby,
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Mr. Burgess,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Dacey.
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Mr. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Scobie.
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. McCowen,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Treflé,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Nielsen,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

Whereupon Mr. Waddell moved, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next

Question put.

The

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7th November, 1907.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Hogue,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. James,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. John Miller,	
Mr. McCoy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Fallick.
Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,	

Noes, 30.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Arthur Griffith, pursuant to leave granted this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to assure to the widow or widower and family of a testator an adequate maintenance from the estate of such testator,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 19th November, 1907.

13. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Morton brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.

14. STAMP DUTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal the Stamp Duties on bills of exchange, promissory notes, drafts, and receipts; to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, and the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1904; 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 repeal the Stamp Duties on bills of exchange, promissory notes, drafts, and receipts; to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, and the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the Stamp Duties on bills of exchange, promissory notes, drafts, and receipts; to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, and the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for other purposes,*"—and moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Waddell,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Oakes,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Hunt,
Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Moore,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Robson,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. James,	Mr. Moxham.

Noes, 30.

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

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.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Experimental Farm at Dorrigo :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) In view of the Report by the Director of Agriculture after his visit to Dorrigo some time ago, is it the intention of the Government to establish an Experimental Farm at Dorrigo?

(2.) If so, when will steps be taken to carry out the proposal?

Mr. Perry answered,—There are many applications for the establishment of Experimental Farms in various parts of the State, all of which will be dealt with after the Estimates are passed, and this application will not be overlooked.

- (2.) Old-age Pensions :—Mr. Broughton asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is he aware that a number of old-age pensioners are unable to attend personally to obtain payment of their pensions?

(2.) Is it a fact that children have been entrusted with this duty?

(3.) Is it a fact that money has been lost in transit?

(4.) Could the Government see their way clear for the police to have control of the payment of pensions to those who, through infirmity and sickness are unable to personally obtain payment of same?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Warrants to draw pension money on behalf of pensioners are issued only to adults, who must be approved by the District Boards. No warrant is issued to any person, whether a relative or otherwise, under 18 years of age.

(3.) The Department has no knowledge of any case of the kind having happened.

(4.) Arrangements are occasionally made for the payment of pensions through the police when circumstances render it desirable to do so; but there are objections to the general adoption of this procedure.

- (3.) City Railway Extension :—Mr. Robson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he procure a Report from the Chief Railway Commissioner as to the advisability of extending the existing Suburban Railway System into the City as a means of dealing with the present congestion of tram traffic and overcrowding of trams in the City?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The question involves large issues. It will receive the consideration of the Government.

- (4.) Street Hawkers :—Mr. Broughton asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that street hawkers are licensed by the City Council under their Act (43 Vic. No. 3) to trade in the City streets?

(2.) Is it a fact that persons so licensed have been prevented from trading by the police, and if such is the case, will the Government give instructions for the police to refrain from taking action as alleged?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Under the Hawkers and Peddlers Act, 1901, hawkers of wares must also obtain a license under that Act, and if found trading without such license they are prosecuted. This does not apply to hawkers of fruit, fish, &c.; the latter are, however, prevented from setting up stalls on the City streets.

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(5.) Motor Cars:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Premier,—Will he, at an early date, introduce a measure in the interest of public safety to provide for the licensing, numbering, speed, regulation, and control of motor car traffic in the Metropolitan area?

Mr. Wood answered,—A Bill has been prepared. I cannot say at present when it will be introduced. I may tell the Honorable Member that the measure may be introduced in the Legislative Council this Session.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Schedule to the Estimates for 1907-8

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improvement of Railway Traffic at Glennie's Creek.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Barren Jack Dam.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the supply of Water for the town of Katoomba.

(3.) Report of the Director of Labour, State Labour Bureau of New South Wales, for the year ended 30th June, 1907; together with certain Appendices.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SHEARERS ACCOMMODATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Macdonell, pursuant to leave granted on the 7th November, 1907, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Shearers Accommodation Act 1901*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd December, 1907.

4. ACCOUNTANTS BILL:—Mr. Broughton, pursuant to leave granted on the 7th November, 1907, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the registration and regulation of public accountants in New South Wales*,"—which was read a first time.

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

5. CONFECTIONERY SHOPS SUNDAY-TRADING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable certain shops for the sale of confectionery, fruit, and other refreshments to be kept open during certain hours on Sundays, and to amend certain Acts relating to Sunday-trading.

Question put and passed.

6. CROWN LANDS FOR SETTLEMENT, EASTERN AND CENTRAL DIVISIONS:—Mr. McFarlane moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—

(1.) With a view of assisting and inducing people to settle on the lands of the State, immediate steps should be taken to appoint competent persons to inspect and report upon the land in the Eastern and Central Divisions for the purpose of classifying the land and furnishing information as to what the land is suitable for, and mapping out the areas suitable for closer settlement purposes.

(2.) The price of such land should be fixed according to classification.

Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 1st November, 1907, a.m.

7. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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 five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Classification Reserves, Raleigh Electorate :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The number of classification reserves in the Raleigh Electorate?
- (2.) The area of each?
- (3.) The date of each reservation?
- (4.) When will they be made available for settlement?

Mr. Moore answered,—The information required by the Honorable Member will be found in the return that I will presently lay upon the Table of this House.

- (2.) Passenger Service, Sydney to Mudgee,—Wallerawang Railway Station :—*Mr. McGarry*, for Mr. Horne, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that passengers by mail train from Sydney to Mudgee are frequently detained at Wallerawang upwards of an hour?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the waiting-room accommodation at Wallerawang is inadequate for passengers so detained?
- (3.) In view of the increasing traffic on this line, will action be taken to improve the passenger service in this respect?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 3.) I am informed that the mail train arrives at Wallerawang at 12:38 a.m., and the branch train leaves for Mudgee at 1:25 a.m. It would be possible to leave earlier, but if that were done the connection with the Up Western Mail due at 1:13 a.m. would be missed, which would be most inconvenient for persons west of Wallerawang travelling to the Mudgee line.

(2.) The waiting-room accommodation at Wallerawang is not considered inadequate by the Railway Department.

- (3.) Crown Lands for Dairying, Rous Electorate :—*Mr. Hindmarsh* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What area of Crown lands suitable for settlement (dairying) is available in the county of Rous?
- (2.) Will he take steps to make as much as possible of this land available for settlement in suitable areas without delay?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) The precise area cannot be stated at present.
- (2.) Yes.

- (4.) Bursting of Steam-Motor Boiler, Burwood-Mortlake Tramway :—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) With regard to the fatal accident which occurred lately on the Enfield-Burwood-Mortlake Tramway, is it a fact that only one man, a driver, works the locomotive—a fireman's services being dispensed with?

(2.) If so, is this done for economy?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to convert the above line into electric traction when the Haberfield-Ashfield connection has been constructed?

(4.) If so, how long will it be before this is done?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed it is a fact.

(2.) Firemen are not considered necessary on small motors of the type used on tramways and on cutting lines.

(3.) The Chief Commissioner proposes to convert the tramway branch in question to the electric system.

(4.) At present a definite date cannot be fixed. The matter will be considered when the Haberfield-Ashfield connection has been completed.

(5.) Franchise at Elections under Local Government Act:—Mr. Parkes asked the Premier,—In view of the great number of citizens disfranchised by the Local Government Act, in having their properties held in their wives' names, will the Government bring in a short Bill to empower such citizens to vote in the coming Municipal Election?

Mr. Wade answered,—It is not intended to do so, as the proposal was fully discussed by Parliament in October, 1906.

(6.) Official Assignees—Public Trustee Act:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that formerly three gentlemen acted as Official Assignees under the Bankruptcy Act?

(2.) Is it a fact that subsequently only two so acted?

(3.) Is it a fact that since the death of L. T. Lloyd no successors have been appointed, and that one W. H. Palmer enjoys a monopoly?

(4.) By whom are Official Assignees appointed; and upon whose advice?

(5.) What commission or remuneration is an Official Assignee allowed in regard to the handling of an estate?

(6.) What was the total value of the estates in bankruptcy handled by Official Assignees during the years 1904-5 and 6, and what proportions of such estates were handled by Official Assignees respectively?

(7.) Will this Government introduce a Public Trustee Act, so that estates in bankruptcy shall be administered by a public officer?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) Yes.

(4.) The Governor-in-Council, with the approval of the Judge in Bankruptcy.

(5.) The remuneration is fixed by section 83 of the Bankruptcy Act, and is a commission at the rate of 5 per centum, of which one-half is payable on the gross amount coming into the hands of the Official Assignee, after deducting any sums paid to secured creditors out of the proceeds of their securities, and the other half upon each dividend as declared. By section 84 of the Act, however, the Court may from time to time order that, for special services, &c., the prescribed remuneration may be increased.

(6.) 1904.—Mr. Lloyd, £15,429 14s. 9d.; Mr. Palmer, £18,211 13s. 9d.; total, £33,641 8s. 6d. 1905.—Mr. Lloyd, £21,601 2s. 10d.; Mr. Palmer, £18,351 2s. 9d.; total, £39,952 5s. 7d. 1906.—Mr. Lloyd, £15,071 17s. 6d.; Mr. Palmer, £18,449 10s. 6d.; total, £33,521 8s.

(7.) A Public Trustee Bill has been prepared. The question whether it should cover bankruptcy estates will be largely determined by Federal legislation as to bankruptcy.

(7.) Weir, Namoi River:—Mr. Cann, for Mr. Collins, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What action is being taken respecting the proposed weir across the Namoi, and how long will it be before some definite proposal is submitted respecting the same?

Mr. Lee answered,—When the estimate for the weir now being prepared is ready, probably in six weeks' time, the question of gazetting a Trust Proposal under the Water and Drainage Act will be dealt with.

(8.) Rent Allowance to Public School Teachers:—Mr. McGarry, for Mr. Horne, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) In cases where teachers rent private residences for less than the maximum rent allowance for their class of school, is it a fact that the Department pays the actual amount, and retains the difference between that amount and the maximum rent allowance for the grade of school?

(2.) Is he aware that certain teachers suffer under great disadvantages owing to being obliged to live in inferior residences through inability to obtain better?

(3.) If so, will he consider the advisability of allowing such teachers the maximum rent allowance for their school?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) In such cases the amount of the actual rental of teachers' residences is paid, provided that the maximum allowance for each class of school is not exceeded.

(2.) There are cases in which, owing to the difficulty of obtaining accommodation in suitable homes in sparsely-populated localities, teachers are under some disadvantages; but in all cases the Department endeavours to see that proper accommodation is provided.

(3.) The Department undertakes to provide residences, vested or rented, as an addition to the salaries of classified married male teachers in charge of classified public schools. To make a further monetary allowance would mean the granting of an increase not contemplated or authorised. It is not considered advisable to adopt the suggestion.

(9.) Police Force:—Mr. Meagher asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that members of the Police Force on traffic duty are required to wear white trousers?

(2.) Does their duty require them to stand in the middle of street intersections with wheel traffic passing either side of them, and in many cases tram traffic also?

(3.)

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(3.) Apart from showery conditions, is it a fact—even in fine weather, with copious watering of the streets by corporation vehicles in allaying the dust nuisance—that passing vehicles bespatter and disfigure these white trousers?

(4.) In view of the additional laundry expense to these officers in endeavouring to preserve immaculate white trousers under adverse conditions, will the Inspector-General of Police permit the use of trousers of the same colour and texture as the coat at present worn?

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

(1.) Yes; they have for many years worn white trousers, in fine weather only, during the summer months. All members of the Metropolitan Police Force must be dressed alike.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) It might occasionally happen, but the police can get out of the road if they are desirous of doing so.

(4.) *Vide* reply to No. 1.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation of the Goulburn Fire Brigade Board, under the Fire Brigades Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade by the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner for Railways, respecting the bursting of a Steam-Motor Boiler on the Burwood-Mortlake Tramway Line.

(2.) Additional Regulations Nos. 139 and 140, under the Explosives Act, 1905.

(3.) Rules under the Navigation Act, 1901.

(4.) Regulation under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return of Classification Reserves in the Raleigh Electorate.

(2.) Notification of Cancellation of Regulation No. 9, and Forms Nos. 1 and 2 thereunder, as also Form No. 8 as prescribed by Regulation 40 under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, and substitution of Amended Regulation No. 9, and Amended Forms Nos. 1 and 8, in lieu thereof.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. TOTALIZATOR BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to legalise the use of an instrument known as "The Totalizator" on certain racecourses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Levien then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalise and regulate the use of an instrument known as 'The Totalizator' on certain racecourses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

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

4. PUBLIC TRUSTEE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the amendment of the Bankruptcy Act; for the appointment of a Public Trustee; and for other purposes in connection therewith and incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

5. PATENT MEDICINES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that all Patent Medicines and Preparations for application to the human body, imported into, sold, or offered for sale in the State, shall legibly set forth, in English, the contents with their exact proportions upon a label affixed to the bottle, box, or container, and if containing any poisonous ingredient specially setting forth same.

Question put and passed.

6. GUN LICENSE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Broughton moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate and license the sale, hiring, carrying, and use of guns and firearms in certain cases, and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day—"Confectionery Shops Sunday-trading Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable certain shops for the sale of confectionery, fruit, and other refreshments to be kept open during certain hours on Sundays, and to amend certain Acts relating to Sunday-trading. [*Mr. Levien*];"—postponed until Tuesday next.

8. DISSENT FROM MR. SPEAKER'S RULING—MOTIONS OF ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, given on 6th November, 1907, that it is not in order to move the adjournment of the House to call attention to the urgent necessity for new legislation while a debate in Committee of Ways and Means on the Treasurer's Financial Statement is still pending, on the ground that the subject of such motion of adjournment could be fully discussed in that debate.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The

13th November, 1907.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Meehan,
 Mr. Beoby,
 Mr. Lynch,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. E. M. Clark,
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
 Mr. McGarry,
 Mr. Arthur Griffith,
 Mr. Hollis,
 Mr. Peters,
 Mr. Mercer,
 Mr. Cann,
 Mr. Treflé,
 Mr. Carmichael,
 Mr. McNeill,
 Mr. Holman,
 Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. Macdonell.

Tellers,

Mr. Charlton,
 Mr. Nielsen.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Wade,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Wood,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Henley,
Colonel Rynie,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Robert Jones,	Tellers,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. McCoy,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1907.

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Edden moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should have an opportunity to forthwith discuss the existing coal crisis.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Edden then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the immediate discussion, on a motion, That this House do now adjourn, of the existing coal crisis.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Forestry Boards, Raleigh Electorate:—*Mr. G. A. Jones*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The date of appointment of the Forestry Boards in the Raleigh Electorate?

(2.) The period covered by their inquiry?

(3.) The names of members of these Boards?

(4.) The daily allowance in fees and otherwise paid to each member of these Boards, and the total paid to each?

(5.) Did the members of each Board submit joint or individual reports?

(6.) Is it a fact that some Boards submitted reports without making any inspections of some of the reserves reported upon?

(7.) Were some reports valueless, and, if so, whose reports were they?

(8.) As a result of some of the reports, was it decided to make certain lands available?

(9.) If so, when will the lands be made available?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) The Forestry Boards were appointed in July, 1906.

(2.) The period covered by the Forestry Boards' inquiry extended from July, 1906, to May, 1907.

(3.) The names of the members of the Boards are:—(a) District Forester T. H. Wilshire, Licensed Surveyor T. H. Loxton, and Mr. Wm. Small; (b) District Forester T. H. Wilshire, Licensed Surveyor T. H. Loxton, and Mr. E. Rudder; (c) Forest Guard R. Lowe, Licensed Surveyor H. A. Evans, and Mr. E. Rudder; (d) Forest Guard F. G. Small, Surveyor W. H. Nalder, and Mr. P. Cheers.

(4.) The allowance was at the rate of £3 per diem of twenty-four hours for inspection and travelling only (interviews and office work were not paid for). The districts inspected by Forest Boards were not confined to Electorate boundaries, and it is impossible to state what proportion of the fees paid to individual members belonged to the Electorate.

(5.) In some cases the members of the Boards submitted joint reports, in others where they differed in opinion, they forwarded separate reports.

(6.) In cases where it is obvious that inspections would, from the character of the country and its remoteness from market, be useless, inspections were dispensed with, the Boards reporting from local knowledge.

(7.) All the reports received were of value, giving as they did, the description of the land, its character, carrying capacity, &c., but some were of too general a nature to materially assist in locating areas.

(8.) Yes.

(9.) Instructions have been issued for the survey of a number of blocks, and every effort will be made to make them available as soon as possible.

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(2.) Reserve at Tamarama Bay :—Lieutenant-Colonel Onslow asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What area is reserved at Tamarama Bay for public use?
- (2.) Is there any right-of-way or road to the said reserve; if so, of what nature?
- (3.) Has any application been made for the use of this reserve; if so, when, and by whom?
- (4.) What public body controls the reserve?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Two acres 0 roods 17 perches, reserve No. 41,603 for public recreation, notified 17th April, 1907.
- (2.) Yes; a pathway 12 feet wide from Dellview-street, which was resumed from private estate 6th March, 1907, under the provisions of the Public Roads Act, 1902, and is now under the control of the Municipal Council of Waverley.
- (3.) No application has been made to this Department for the use of this land since the notification of reserve 41,603 for public recreation.
- (4.) The Municipal Council of Waverley.

(3.) Maintenance Men :—*Mr. McGarry*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the matter of making a gratuity to road maintenance men been brought under his notice?
- (2.) Did he promise to give it his consideration?
- (3.) Has he considered it; and, if so, with what result?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes.
- (3.) The men whose services with the Government ceased at end of last year are entitled to, and are being paid the gratuity provided. The deferred payments to those who were transferred to the Shire Councils, is now under consideration.

(4.) Old-age Pension of Lovell McDougall, Casino :—*Mr. McGarry*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the case of Lovell McDougall, of Casino, an old-age pensioner, who was first deprived of his pension, mainly through Police Magistrate Adrian, then committed for trial by this same Police Magistrate Adrian, and in the end honorably acquitted?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the pension has not since been restored to McDougall, who is over 70 years of age?
- (3.) Is it intended to let him have the pension again?
- (4.) If not, why not?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) I am informed that McDougall is not now in receipt of a pension.
- (3 and 4.) In the event of his again applying, the decision will rest with the District Board for Old-age Pensions.

(5.) Old-age Pensions :—*Mr. McGarry*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of people have been drawing the old-age pension before they were entitled to it?
- (2.) Afterwards, when these people did become entitled to the pension, was the amount alleged to have been paid them deducted—and in some cases is it still being deducted—from their pension payments, in the shape of so much per month (or, in other words, is the pensioner receiving so much less per month than he would have got if he had not drawn the pension before he was entitled to it)?
- (3.) So far as can be ascertained, how much was thus paid away—(a) in the case of women, and (b) in the case of men?
- (4.) Will the Government forego the claims it is making on those declared to have received the pension before it was due to them?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) This was the case with some of the early pensions, owing to the fact that there was a rush for them, to be decided within a limited period, and evidence was accepted by the District Boards which was afterwards found, on further investigation being made, to be incorrect.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) This information would require some time to prepare, and should be moved for in the form of a return.
- (4.) The Government cannot see its way to permit pensioners to retain any amounts wrongly paid to them.

(6.) Old-age Pension of James Cook, Canley Vale :—*Mr. McGarry*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that serious complaints are being made by those entitled to the old-age pension as to the trouble they are put to to prove their claims to the pension?
- (2.) Has his attention been directed to the case of Mr. James Cook, of Canley Vale?
- (3.) Is he aware that Mr. Cook has been a resident of this State for fifty-one years; that his pension is to be reduced from £26 to £7 a year for the reason that he succeeded last year in earning a little more than what he ought to have earned, namely, £26 a year?
- (4.) Will he say whether Mr. Cook is not entitled to the full £26 a year as his right, independently of the little money he may also earn by his own labour?
- (5.) If by Act of Parliament Mr. Cook is entitled to the full pension, just as a Judge of the Supreme Court is entitled to his pension, will he see that instructions are given that Mr. Cook be paid it, together with all others who are in the same position as Mr. Cook?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I believe some complaints have been made. The Act requires that proof must be given that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications to entitle him or her to a pension, and necessarily in some cases the applicants have considerable trouble in furnishing this proof.

(2.) No.

(3 and 4.) In order to answer these Questions, it will be necessary to refer to the Local Board of the District by which the case was dealt with. This information will be obtained without any delay, and will be furnished to the Honorable Member later on. I may, however, state, for his information, that the Old age Pensions Act provides for a deduction of £1 from the maximum amount of pension for every £ of income above £26 per annum, which may have been earned by the applicant during the year preceding the date of application.

(5.) If, when the information is obtained, it is found that Mr. Cook is entitled to the full pension, he will be paid in accordance with the law.

(7.) Foreign Trading Companies :—*Mr. McGarry*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) By the Companies (Amendment) Act of 1906 are all foreign companies trading in New South Wales compelled to file, with the Registrar-General, a list of the names and addresses of their respective debenture-holders, stockholders, and shareholders?

(2.) If so, have all foreign companies at present trading in New South Wales complied with the law in this respect?

(3.) If not, will he take the necessary steps to see that the law in this respect is complied with?

(4.) Is a foreign company, within the meaning of the Act, a company domiciled in any other State or country outside New South Wales?

Mr. Wade answered,—Certain defects in the Act referred to have come under notice. I am having an amended Bill prepared, which I hope will be passed into law during the present Session.

(8.) Resumed Property, Darling Harbour Electorate :—*Mr. McGarry*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a detailed return of the amount paid to each individual trustee, or corporation for properties resumed in the Darling Harbour Electorate—such return to include all properties in what are known as the Rocks resumptions and the wharves resumptions so far as they are within the Electorate named?

Mr. Waddell answered,—There will be no objection to the production of this information, if moved for in the usual way, in the form of a return.

(9.) Government Printing Office :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House (a) a list of the names of applicants who applied for the position of engineer, fitter, and turner in the Government Printing Office, in February, 1907, together with copies of their testimonials; (b) the results of the practical tests of the applicants; and (c) the recommendation of the expert engineer?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(10.) Land Tax—Windsor and Richmond Municipalities :—*Mr. Brinsley Hall* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the fact that the Taxation Commissioners have issued notices for the payment of land tax for this year in the added areas of Windsor and Richmond Municipalities, were the Municipal Councils justified in collecting rates in these added areas before the land tax was suspended in such areas?

(2.) If so, was it the intention of the Act that such added areas should be subjected to this double tax, seeing that no provision was made in the Bill for them to have any voting representation in the Municipality?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes. The land tax in areas added to Municipalities will be suspended at same time as in the rest of the Municipality, when the Council levies rates on the unimproved capital value of land.

(11.) Establishment of Branch, Government Savings Bank at Forbes :—*Mr. Peters*, for Mr. Lynch, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In view of a reply to a Question of Mr. Lynch's in regard to the establishment of a branch of the State Bank at Forbes, has he consulted with the Commissioners as promised?

(2.) If so, with what result?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I have consulted the Savings Bank Commissioners in regard to this matter. I find that they have already established, or are establishing, branches in several of the principal centres, and the Commissioners inform me that the question of establishing branches at Forbes and other towns will be fully considered by them when the time is opportune for doing so.

(12.) Government Savings Bank, Advances Department :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total number and amount of loans granted to the Farmers and Settlers of the State by the Advances Department of the Government Savings Bank since it commenced business?

Mr. Waddell answered,—348 loans, amounting to £85,340, have been granted since 1st January, 1907.

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- (13.) Mungery and Bulgandramine Improvement Leases:—*Mr. Peters*, for *Mr. Lynch*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) In view of the great scarcity of land for settlement will he make available the revoked Mungery and Bulgandramine Improvement Leases at once?
 - (2.) Will he apportion at least 90 per cent. of same for original holdings?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—
- (1.) I will make the land available at the earliest possible date. Action towards that end is now proceeding.
 - (2.) I cannot say at present; the actual requirements of adjoining holders must be considered.
- (14.) Reserves, Forbes and Parkes Land Districts:—*Mr. Peters*, for *Mr. Lynch*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What is the number of each class of reserve in the Forbes Land District, and the aggregated area of each class?
 - (2.) Will he supply the same information in regard to the Parkes Land District?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—The information will be supplied in the form of a return, as soon as it has been prepared.
- (15.) Remuneration of Teachers—Public Schools at Peak Hill, Parkes, and Mingelo:—*Mr. Peters*, for *Mr. Lynch*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) How many teachers in his Department receive £72 per annum?
 - (2.) How many receive £88?
 - (3.) Has anything been done in regard to the promised construction of new school premises at Peak Hill and Parkes?
 - (4.) When will the school that was lately burnt down at Mingelo be rebuilt?
- Mr. Hogue* answered,—
- (1.) Teachers receiving £72 per annum.—Teachers in charge of small schools, male, 78; teachers in charge of small schools, female, 64; ex-pupil teachers, appointed assistants, female, 59; total, 201.
 - (2.) Teachers receiving £88 per annum.—Unmarried teachers in charge of small schools, male, 353; unmarried teachers in charge of small schools, female, 91; married teachers occupying vested residences, male, 19; married teachers occupying vested residences, female, 4; female assistants, 14; ex-pupil teachers, appointed assistants, male, 12; ex-pupil teachers, appointed assistants, female, 70; total, 563.
 - (3.) Peak Hill.—I am not aware of any promise, but will have a report obtained as to the necessity for the work. Parkes.—A contract for new school is in progress, and a report has been received that the work is going on well.
 - (4.) The necessary steps are being taken to have a new school erected.
- (16.) Supreme Court Moneys Accounts:—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of the Colonial Treasurer's Supreme Court Moneys Accounts invested in securities on 30th June, 1907?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—These accounts appear under the heading, "Special Accounts" on page 137 of the Abstract of Public Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1907, which was laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly, and ordered to be printed, on the 9th ultimo. It will be seen on reference to such accounts that no portion of the amounts was invested in securities on the 30th June, 1907.
- (17.) Assurance Fund, Real Property Act:—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total credit balance at the credit of the Assurance Fund, Real Property Act, on the 30th June, 1907?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—Under section 6, subsection 2, of the Public Works and Closer Settlement Funds Act, 1906, the assurance fund was closed, and in September, 1906, the cash balance at credit of that Fund, £157,568, was transferred to the Closer Settlement Fund, and securities realised to extent of £97,490 were also passed to the Closer Settlement Fund. The Closer Settlement Fund is liable for any claims in pursuance of the Real Property Act, 1900.
- (18.) Travelling Stock Reserves, Wee Waa and Narrabri Districts:—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a letter appearing in the Sydney daily papers of the 13th November, written by *Mr. Walter Holcombe*, Wee Waa, in reference to the state of the travelling stock reserves in that district?
 - (2.) In view of the conflicting statements contained in the Department's letter to *Mr. Collins*, dated 5th November, 1907 (Ms. 07-18,343), "That most of the travelling stock reserves in the "Narrabri District are travelling," will he have full inquiries made into the matter, and, at the same time, will he seriously consider the advisableness of having all travelling stock reserves handed over to the control of the Pastures Protection Boards in order that they may be more closely scrutinised, and the abuses which are said to exist more easily remedied?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Full inquiries have already been made, with the result stated in the letter referred to; but if any specific case of abuse be pointed out, it will receive immediate attention. On the general question of the control of travelling stock reserves, I would refer the Honorable Member to my remarks on the motion submitted to this House by the Honorable Member for Moree, on 29th October, 1907. With regard to travelling stock routes and reserves, I would refer the Honorable Member to my remarks on the motion of the Honorable Member for The Gwydir, on the 29th October.

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(19.) Subsidies for Education in remote Districts:—Mr. Collins asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In respect to subsidies for private tuition, does he recognise that a number of children in one family are of the same value to the State as if in two or more, and to meet such cases will he alter the regulations in order to enable single families living in thinly populated districts to receive the benefits of the subsidy instead of limiting it to two or more families as at present?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I have already, with a view to increasing the facilities for education in very thinly settled localities, called for reports relative to the extension of subsidised schools. Reports to hand contain much information of value as bearing on the subject. The whole question is now under consideration, and, as far as practicable, I intend to see that the educational needs of families in remote districts are met.

(20.) Railway Labourers and Casual Cleaners at Junee:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that at Junee labourers and casual cleaners have been sent out as firemen?
- (2.) Is it a fact that there are not nearly sufficient cleaners to meet requirements?
- (3.) What are the intentions of the Commissioners in regard to transferring adult labourers and others who have had experience of locomotive work in the cleaning staff?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that two men from the regular staff and one casual cleaner were employed for short periods last month as acting firemen.
- (2.) When the traffic greatly increased there were not sufficient cleaners to meet all requirements, and the difficulty was overcome by transferring a number of suitable young men (labourers) from the workshops staff.
- (3.) If the necessity again arises, a similar course will be adopted.

(21.) Wages—Survey Camp, Bellingen:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What are the wages per day paid to, and the hours worked by the workmen in the employ of the Government under Mr. Allworth, at the Survey Camp, Bellingen?
- (2.) Is it a fact that they are paid 5s. per day of twelve and a half to thirteen hours?
- (3.) Does the Government intend to persist in making the men sign a six months' contract?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Mr. Licensed Surveyor Allworth, who is temporarily employed by the Department of Lands, makes his own arrangements in connection with the engaging of his men, who receive 5s. per diem for seven days per week. Mr. Allworth is reimbursed the amounts paid. It is not known what hours the men work; on many days for various causes they are unable to work at all, and it is not unlikely that occasionally it is necessary to call upon them to work long hours.
- (3.) The Government does not make the men sign any contract.

3. GUN LICENSE BILL:—Mr. Broughton, pursuant to leave granted on the 13th November, 1907, presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to regulate and license the sale, hiring, carrying, and use of guns and firearms in certain cases; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

4. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

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

- (1.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the year 1907–1908, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the sum of £855, for Executive Council, for the year 1907–1908.

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

5. INVALIDITY AND ACCIDENTS PENSIONS BILL:—

(1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for pensions in certain cases of invalidity and accident; to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

- Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make provision for pensions in certain cases of invalidity and accident; to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to make provision for pensions in certain cases of invalidity and accident; to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS (*Election Petition—Walter Anderson v. John Storey, Balmain*):—Mr. Levy, 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 6th November, 1907, the Petition of Walter Anderson, in reference to the return of John Storey, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Balmain. And the Report having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 22nd October, 1907, to whom was referred, on the 6th November, 1907; a Petition from Walter Anderson, against the return of John Storey, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Balmain, have determined and do hereby declare—

“ (1.) That John Storey, Esquire, the sitting Member, was duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of Balmain.

“ (2.) That the Petition of Walter Anderson is not frivolous nor vexatious.

“ (3.) That the Committee make no award as to costs.

“ No. 3 Committee Room, Legislative Assembly,
“ 14th November, 1907.

“ DANIEL LEVY,
Chairman.”

Mr. Levy moved, That the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.
Question put and passed.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Henley, *on behalf of* Mr. G. A. Jones, Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned, at seventeen minutes before Six o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Improvement Leases, Moree and Armidale Districts :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many improvement leases were forfeited in the Moree and Armidale Land Board Districts by the certificate of His Honor Sir William Owen; and the area?
- (2.) What area was regranted by the Improvement Leases Board?
- (3.) What is proposed to be done with the balance, if any?
- (4.) Can he say when definite action may be taken?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) In the Moree Land Board District, twenty-eight leases of about 274,858 acres. In the Armidale Land Board District, twenty-one leases of 38,166 acres.
- (2.) In the Moree Land Board District, about 120,075 acres. In the Armidale Land Board District, 10,961 acres.
- (3.) Instructions were issued to the district surveyors to submit designs for subdivision of the land. The report in regard to the Bogamildi lease has been received, and I have approved of the land being subdivided into settlement lease farms.
- (4.) It is impossible to say, but every endeavour is being made to set the land apart as soon as possible.

- (2.) Licenses, Metropolitan Traffic Act :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many licenses were issued under the Metropolitan Traffic Act for the year ended 30th June, 1907?
- (2.) Number for omnibuses?
- (3.) Number for cabs?
- (4.) The total fees received?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) 4,439.
- (2.) 123.
- (3.) 802.
- (4.) £2,791 12s.

- (3.) Exemption from Tax of Income derived from Land taxed under Local Government and Municipalities Extension Acts :—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the productions of all lands subject to land taxation under the Local Government and Municipalities Extension Acts be exempt from income tax?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Under section 3 of the Act No. 31, 1905, and section 3 of the Act No. 47, 1906, income derived directly from the rents of land in respect of which rates are payable to a Shire or Municipality, or from the use of such land for pastoral or grazing purposes, or from the cultivation of such land shall be held to be exempted from income tax during the period of suspension of land tax.

- (4.) Superintendent of Police, East Maitland :—Mr. Levien, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Are complaints being made that the Superintendent of Police at East Maitland has two mounted constables almost constantly employed on his private premises—trenching his garden, milking cows, chopping wood, and doing other work of the same kind?
- (2.) Will he have inquiries made into these complaints, and, if necessary, prompt measures taken so that there shall be no ground for further public dissatisfaction on this score?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The Superintendent had two constables employed on the drains and yard at his Government quarters, which badly needed repairs and attention,

(5.)

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- (5.) Claims of Officers and Men who served in South Africa :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Premier,—
In view of the fact that some members of Military Contingents to South Africa, whose claims were referred to Mr. Commissioner Judge Murray, and whose evidence was heard before Police Magistrates in the country, have not been paid the amount of claim, what action does he propose taking to treat such officers and men as others have been treated?
Mr. Waddell answered,—All the persons in whose favour findings were made by the Royal Commissioners appointed to investigate the claims, have been paid the amounts due to them. The Government does not propose to pay those who were not successful in proving their claims, but it has been decided, as a matter of grace, to recognise the claims of the relatives of deceased soldiers.
2. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Totalizer Bill, was postponed until Tuesday next.
3. THE CLERK SUMMONED :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a summons to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst on Friday, the 22nd day of November next, in a case "The King against Frederick Giles" to produce the Governor's Writ for the Electoral District of Rozelle.
And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such summons without leave of the House,—put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the summons, personally, or by any of the officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which was resolved in the affirmative.
4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Orange, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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 immediate legislation dealing with the rate of speed which motor cars should not be permitted to exceed."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House not being supported by five other Honorable Members, it could not be proceeded with.
5. SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL :—Mr. E. M. Clark proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
Point of Order :—Mr. Arthur Griffith contended that under Standing Order No. 246 this Bill should have been brought in through the Committee of the Whole as the whole purpose of the measure was to alter the laws referring to the trade of registry office keeping.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker did not think the Bill came within the scope of the Standing Order, he was not clear that keeping a registry office came within the term, trade, therefore he could not rule the Bill out of order.
Mr. Clark then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order :—Mr. Arthur Griffith further submitted that the Bill, by providing for the appointment of inspectors, authorized a charge on the Revenue, and also enacted a tax on registry office keepers, and should, therefore, have been preceded by a Message from the Crown.
Mr. Speaker said the inspectors referred to might be officers already in the Service, the Bill made no direct charge on the Public Revenue, and was, therefore, not out of order.
Debate continued.
- And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 1st November, 1907, a.m.*
6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Moore moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
7. BROKEN HILL AND UMBERUMBERKA WATER SUPPLY (AMENDMENT) BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intitled "A Bill to amend the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; and for other purposes,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Parks and Recreation Reserves, Metropolitan Area :—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many parks and recreation reserves are within the Metropolitan Area?
 (2.) The situation of same?
 (3.) The area of same?

Mr. Moore answered,—The information has been prepared in the form of a return, which I will presently lay upon the Table of this House.

- (2.) Reserves for Settlement, Rous Electorate :—Mr. Hindmarsh asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did the Forestry Boards appointed July, 1906, recommend any reserves in the county of Rous, as suitable for settlement; if so, which reserves, and the area?
 (2.) Have any of them been surveyed with that object in view?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes; an area of 50,832 acres was recommended for settlement out of the reserves within that county. I will furnish the information specifying the reserves and area to the Honorable Member.
 (2.) Yes, up to the present 1,418 acres, and it has been approved to set this land apart for conditional purchase lease. 7,344 acres have been made available for conditional purchase and conditional lease, and 550 acres reserved for drainage. The district surveyor has been asked to report as to disposal of 41,298 acres.

- (3.) Old-age Pensions :—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that in many cases in which Old-age Pensions have been granted payment has been delayed?
 (2.) Will he cause instructions to be issued to the Board that pensions shall be paid directly they are granted?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the cases in which payment is delayed are those in which, upon examination at the Central Office, it is found that further inquiry is necessary. On such inquiry being made and the proof of pensioner's qualification completed he is invariably paid any instalment that may have become overdue in the meantime.
 (2.) I have given instructions that no unnecessary delay shall be allowed to take place.

- (4.) Goods and Live-stock Railway Rolling-stock :—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the present number of open goods trucks, covered goods trucks, and live-stock trucks now in service on the State Railways?
 (2.) What numbers of these are now in course of construction?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the stock of waggons in use at present is :—Open goods trucks, 9,961; covered trucks, 779; live-stock trucks, 1,345.
 (2.) Orders are in hand for the construction of :—Open goods trucks, 780; louvered vans and refrigerator cars, 19; live-stock trucks, 52. In addition, authority has been given for the construction of 100 louvered vans.

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(5.) Stock Reserves and Crown Lands for Settlement, Blayney, Orange, and Bathurst Electorates :—
Mr. Beeby asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What stock reserves are there within the boundaries of the State Electorates of Blayney, Orange, and Bathurst, and what are their areas respectively?
- (2.) What Crown lands are available for settlement within the same Electorates?

Mr. Moore answered,—The information will occupy a considerable time to prepare, and will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(6.) Improvement Rights to Tenants of Private Lands :—Mr. Beeby asked the Secretary for Lands,—
When does the Government propose to proceed with the promised Act granting improvement rights to tenants of private lands?

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

(7.) Ballots for Crown Lands :—Mr. Beeby asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many blocks of Crown lands available for settlement have been balloted for since January, 1905?
- (2.) How many persons took part in the ballots?
- (3.) What total sum during the same period was lodged by applicants for these ballots?

Mr. Moore answered,—The information will take a considerable time to prepare, and will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(8.) Anderson Improvement Leases, County Roxburgh :—Mr. Beeby asked the Secretary for Lands;—

- (1.) When will the cancelled Anderson Improvement Leases, comprising 26,340 acres, county Roxburgh, be offered at auction?
- (2.) Will he consider the advisability of submitting the lands in smaller areas than is now proposed?
- (3.) Will he give adjoining owners not having living areas opportunities of increasing the areas out of these lands?

Mr. Moore answered,—The blocks will be advertised within a fortnight in the *Government Gazette* and local newspaper for sale, as four improvement leases, by auction, in accordance with the determination of the Improvement Leases Board, which determination, under the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, is final.

(9.) Dog Tax :—Mr. Peters asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Does his Department favour transferring to Shire Councils the collection of the dog tax?
- (2.) Will he take steps, if possible this Session, to give effect to the suggestion?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Government have decided to transfer the collection of the dog tax to the Shire Councils, and steps will be taken to give effect to the decision.

(10.) Bathurst School of Arts :—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has a notice recently been sent to the Secretary of the Bathurst School of Arts intimating that the subsidy to that institution was to be minimised from 50 per cent. to 25 per cent. with a view of withdrawal *in toto*?
- (2.) If so, have other secretaries throughout the State received similar notices?
- (3.) If not at present, is the principle to be applied to all such institutions forthwith?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Notice to that effect was sent, but the reduction was afterwards deferred.
- (2.) Several institutions, which were shown to have become financially strong, received similar intimations.
- (3.) The general application of the principle, as a matter of policy, is under consideration.

(11.) Grasshopper Plague, Western District :—Mr. E. M. Clark, for Mr. John Miller, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the grasshopper plague in the Western District of the State?
- (2.) Is anything being done to cope with it?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes; I am aware that the grasshoppers have been causing destruction to crops and grass.
- (2.) The Acting-Entomologist has been advising inquirers as to the best steps to take for the destruction of the pests, and experiments are being conducted with a view to stopping their progress.

(12.) Inspection of Fruit imported from Victoria and South Australia :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What steps is he taking in the way of making close and effective inspection of all fruit coming into New South Wales from Victoria and South Australia; in this connection will he see that all future consignments are treated to the same extremely-rigid examination as is New South Wales fruit when sent to both of the States referred to?
- (2.) Is it a fact that there exists in all New South Wales fruit-growing districts a strong consensus of opinion to the effect that the Victorian authorities resort to extreme measures in regard to inspection of fruit from this State, with the object of discouraging its shipment there, in the interests of the local producer?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Steps have been taken to approve of regulations designed to secure the effective inspection of all fruit coming into New South Wales, and these will be shortly published. These regulations follow on the lines adopted by the State of Victoria. I might add that I am informed the prohibition by Victoria against the importation of fruit into that State by rail has been withdrawn.
- (2.) Strong opinions are held by our fruit-growers on this matter—but I am not aware that the object was as stated, although the action has, undoubtedly, had that effect.

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(13.) Allowances to Trainees for Small Schools :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Why are the trainees for small schools not paid promptly their allowances for board and lodging while in training; and travelling expenses when appointed?
- (2.) Will he see that in future trainees are paid fortnightly, as are teachers in permanent positions?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Candidates for small schools while undergoing a period of training are paid an allowance at the rate of £1 per week, provided the monthly report of the Head Teacher of the school at which they are trained is satisfactory. There is no unnecessary delay in the payment of the allowances or of travelling expenses, by the Department.
- (2.) Small school candidates being paid on the monthly report of the Head Teacher, it is not practicable to pay their allowances mid-monthly.

(14.) Official Assignees :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Registrar in Bankruptcy allows the Official Assignee's clerks 10 per cent. for collection of book debts paid over the counter in addition to the remuneration allowed by the Act to the Official Assignee?
- (2.) Does the Registrar allow extra remuneration to the Official Assignee in nearly every bankruptcy?
- (3.) In the case of Civil Servants has the Registrar allowed extra remuneration to the Official Assignee to the extent of 40 per cent.?
- (4.) Will he furnish a return showing the amounts allowed Mr. W. H. Palmer as extra remuneration on all estates since he was appointed Official Assignee, whether there were assets or not?
- (5.) Will he also furnish a return showing the amounts paid to Mr. Palmer outside the Court on applications for release of estates from sequestration?
- (6.) Is it a fact that the amounts received by the Official Assignee in this way are greatly in excess of the remuneration allowed by the Act?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No. A minimum of £5 5s. was fixed by the late Mr. Justice Manning in all estates where only a Single Meeting was held, and of £10 10s. where a First Meeting is held by the Official Assignee—that is, in estates where the bankrupt has sworn his assets to be over the value of £200. Of late years, however, the minimum has been £5 5s. all round. In a large majority of these cases the remuneration is never received, nor even the out-of-pocket expenses of the Official Assignee. In the majority of cases the assets are not sufficient to pay the minimum.
- (3.) I am not aware of any such case.
- (4, 5, and 6.) Information which will enable me to answer these Questions is not at present available and it would take some time to prepare; it should be moved for in the form of a return.

(15.) Sleepers, Walgett Railway :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the whole of the sleepers required for the Walgett Railway have now been supplied, and that the sleeper-cutters have had to discontinue work in consequence?
- (2.) In view of the number of sleepers that are required from time to time, can he see his way to allow the men to continue cutting, thus enabling them to remain in the district, and avoiding possibly, the difficulty of getting sleepers and paying a higher price for them when actually required?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) This would not be an economical course to follow, as we now have a surplus of sleepers in the district.

(16.) Homestead Selections and Settlement Leases :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,— Does he purpose introducing a Bill this Session for the conversion of homestead selections and settlement leases; if not, when?

Mr. Moore answered,—Yes.

(17.) Carriage of Newspapers on State Railways :—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the late Premier received certain information last year relating to alleged malpractices relating to the carriage of newspapers on the State railways, and that acting on that information inquiry was made by the Commissioners?
- (2.) What was the result of such inquiries?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the men who furnished the information were paid or offered payment of money for services rendered to the State; and, if so, what were these services?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that it is a fact.
- (2.) Such evidence as was obtainable was insufficient to prove the allegation.
- (3.) The men concerned claimed payment on account of time occupied in assisting the Department. One was paid, the other declined the offer made to him.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Electric Tramway Systems at Zetland and Botany.
Referred by Sessional Order, to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.
- (2.) Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.
- (3.) Report of Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Premiers' Conference held at Brisbane, May, 1907.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing Number and Area of Parks and Recreation Reserves within the Metropolitan Area.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply, or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (4.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Clinch's Pond, near Liverpool.
- (6.) Additional Regulation No. 159A, and Additional Forms 88A and 110A, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (7.) Evidence, Reports, &c., in connection with the Myall Creek Closer Settlement Case.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report of the President of the State Children Relief Board for the year ended 5th April, 1907.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, That the Servants Registry Bill be now read a second time,—postponed until To-morrow.
4. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 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 create the office of Minister for Agriculture; to establish a Department of Agriculture; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th November, 1907.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

5. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1907.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Wade made a Statement to the House announcing the termination of the coal crisis in the Northern Districts, and gave a short history of the events which led up to the strike, and later to its termination; he traversed the agreement consented to by both parties, and explained the steps taken to clear up such points as seemed to require interpretation, and tendered his thanks to all those who had helped him in the negotiations.
Mr. McGowen also addressed the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Towing by the Sydney Harbour Trust:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the cost of towing by the Sydney Harbour Trust, for the year ended 30th June, 1907?
 - (2.) The number of tugs employed?
 - (3.) The number of tons towed?
 - (4.) Miles run?
 - (5.) The cost of same?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) £4,891 3s. 8d.
- (2.) Five.
- (3.) 642,935 tons.
- (4.) 45,617 miles.
- (5.) £4,891 3s. 8d.

- (2.) Dredging:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the cost of work done by dredging during the year ended 30th June, 1907?
- (2.) The number of tons dredged?
- (3.) The cost per ton?
- (4.) The expenditure in same, including dredging, towing, and repairs?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) £101,352 11s.
- (2.) 5,362,533.
- (3.) 3·90 pence.
- (4.) 4·54 pence.

- (3.) Police Force, and Railway Excursion Rates:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
Will he submit to the Railway Commissioners the desirability of allowing members of the Police Force, when on holidays, the advantage of travelling at excursion rates?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The matter is one controlled by the Railway Administration. I am informed that the question has had full consideration, but an exceptional rate to the police cannot be approved.

- (4.) Police Force:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that members of the Police Force are allowed three weeks' holiday annually?
- (2.) Is it a fact that such holidays are determined by ballot?
- (3.) Is it a fact that members of the Force are compelled to be on duty on Sundays and holidays, and that it is with some difficulty they can enjoy the advantage of cheap railway travelling?

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Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) In the Metropolitan District, the leave is balloted for annually, at their own request, as the police in different divisions could not be spared at the one time. The leave extends over twelve months, but constables are allowed to exchange dates.

(3.) Yes, and they are paid for such. Police are required for duty at holiday time.

(5.) Old-age Pensions :—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Lynch, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many individuals are to-day in receipt of old-age pensions?

(2.) What was the amount paid as old-age pensions, and the cost of administration for 1905-6?

(3.) How many individuals are receiving pensions other than old-age pensions?

(4.) What amount is paid to them?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information will take some time to prepare, and its production should be moved for in the usual way, in the form of a return.

(6.) Payment of Court Fees by Duty Stamps :—*Mr. Levy* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that since the practice of paying court fees by duty stamps instead of cash has been adopted, no records are kept of papers and documents filed in the Supreme Court?

(2.) What is the estimated loss of revenue, if any, through duty stamps and not cash being now taken in the different courts?

(3.) Have there been numerous complaints against the system of paying court fees by duty stamps?

(4.) Are there any means of ear-marking, under the present system, the revenue derived from court fees paid by duty stamps?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) The documents themselves are filed, and a special record of some of them is still kept in the Prothonotary's Office, but not of others. The question of extending such record is under consideration. I may mention that the system of collecting court fees by stamps has been in force in the Sydney District Court since 1st October, 1906; in Victoria for many years, and in England for a still longer period.

(2.) No loss of revenue is anticipated, but on the other hand, a considerable saving of time and labour on the part of Court Officers should, as a rule, result.

(3.) Not to me. A request was made to the Department that the practice of issuing receipts for amounts paid by means of stamps might be continued, but as one of the objects of introducing the system was to save time and reduce the large amount of clerical labour involved in collecting fees by cash, this object would not be attained to the same extent if it were still necessary to issue receipts.

(4.) Yes; but the necessity for doing so is not apparent.

(7.) Fire Brigades Bill :—*Mr. Levy* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Fire Brigades Bill?

(2.) If so, will such Bill be drawn on the lines of the measure introduced in the Legislative Assembly on the 4th September, 1906?

Mr. Wood answered,—I have a draft Bill under consideration. Owing to the state of Business it is impossible to introduce it this Session.

(8.) Harbour Fire-boat :—*Mr. Levy* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the urgent necessity for having a powerful fire-boat upon the Harbour?

(2.) Will he make the necessary provision for this service?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) The matter has been under consideration.

(2.) It is estimated that a suitable fire-boat would cost £20,000. The question of the provision of this service is engaging attention in connection with the draft Fire Brigades Bill.

(9.) Glebe-street, Paddington :—*Mr. Latimer* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is there any record in the Lands Department of the alignment of Glebe-street, Paddington?

(2.) Was the plan produced upon the hearing of the case, the Municipality of Paddington against Royle, prepared by the Surveyor General?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The plan was prepared in the Surveyor-General's Office.

(10.) Immigration of English Domestic Servants :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a considerable number of young women, recruited in the English country districts, are now on their way to Sydney in search of employment as domestic servants?

(2.) Is it a fact that a meeting of the Domestic Immigration Society was held at the Royal Society's rooms last Friday, at which it was admitted by the promoters of the immigration of these young women, that they had done nothing to provide a home for the reception of the women, and had no money for the purpose?

(3.) Will he take such steps as will result in a building being set apart for the reception of the young women upon their arrival?

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Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.
 (2 and 3.) I am not aware what the Society named has arranged. The immigrants who are being brought out by the Government, have been obtained through the Agent-General's Office, and have nothing to do with the Domestic Immigration Society or any other similar organisation. Arrangements are being made by the Intelligence Department to receive these immigrants, and to provide for them as soon as they arrive.

(11.) Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited) charge commission on the gross value of a mortgaged estate, and not on the actual value?
- (2.) Did the Full Court decide, *in re* McIntosh (21 Weekly Notes, 31), that the Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited) can charge commission on the capital value of an estate without deducting the mortgage debts?
- (3.) Will he furnish a return showing the number, names, and Probate value of estates in which this Company has acted as executors or administrators?
- (4.) Will he also furnish a return showing every case in which the Perpetual Trustee Company has been a party to litigation in connection with trust estates?
- (5.) Will he also furnish a return showing the amount of taxed, and also untaxed costs paid in connection with all trust estates in the hands of the Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited)?
- (6.) Is it a fact that this Company has refused to allow Inspectors from the Treasury to examine their books?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware, but I am informed they have authority to do so.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3, 4, and 5.) The Honorable Member's Questions appear to relate to the matters of a private concern, and it does not seem to come within the scope of my functions to obtain the information desired.
- (6.) So far as I can ascertain, no request has been made for permission to make such an examination.

- 3. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. G. A. Jones, as Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.
- 4. MATERNITY HOMES AND MIDWIVES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration of lying-in homes, and for the examination and certification of obstetric nurses, and for purposes pertinent thereto. Question put and passed.
- 5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day "Servants Registry Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the "motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, 'That this Bill be now read a second time'";—postponed until Tuesday, 17 December.
- 6. PAPER:—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Report and Proceedings of the Board appointed under the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, 1906. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- 7. INCOME TAX DEDUCTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Mr. Edden moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be read a second time this day six months." Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question. Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit 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, 41.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Carnichael,
Mr. Wade,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Arthur Griffith.
Mr. Moore,	Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Trellé,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Henley,	Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. James,	Mr. Fell,	Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Downes,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Morton,	Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Ball,	Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Gillies,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Robson.	Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. John Miller,		Mr. Page,	
Mr. Nobbs,		Mr. G. A. Jones,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Question then,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Robson,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Moore,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Waddell,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Fell,
Colonel Rylie,	Mr. Broughton,
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Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Dacey,	
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Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Moore moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Moore then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1904, and the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1904, and the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd November, 1907, a.m.

9. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY [FRIDAY] (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at Two o'clock p.m. on Friday in each week, and that Government Business only shall be taken on that day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1907.

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

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

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

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Sydney, 26th November, 1907.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) New South Wales Stock Inscribed by Bank of England:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the amount of Inscribed Stock issued in London by the Bank of England on the 30th June, 1907?
(2.) The rate of interest?
(3.) The amount of each issue?
(4.) The due dates of same?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I will presently lay answers to these Questions upon the Table in the form of a return.

- (2.) Shire Rates:—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he furnish a return to this House showing the amount of the rate struck by each of the Shires?

Mr. Lee answered,—Yes, as soon as the whole of the information is available.

- (3.) Oral Tenants' Vote at Municipal General Elections:—Mr. Dacey asked the Premier,—What steps, if any, do the Government intend taking to enable oral tenants to vote at the coming Municipal General Elections?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Act provides for the enrolment of oral tenants in Municipalities, and the Ordinances allow until the 21st December for so doing; therefore, no further steps are necessary.

- (4.) Land Sale, Village of Terania, Rous Electorate:—Mr. Davidson, for Mr. Hindmarsh, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will allotments in the Village of Terania, county Rous, be offered for sale?

Mr. Moore answered,—The survey will be commenced almost immediately, and the allotments will be offered for sale as soon as possible after receipt of plans.

- (5.) Actions by Retired Civil Servants against the Government:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What has been the total amount to date paid by the Government in defending actions in the Law Courts, by Civil Servants retired in 1896?
(2.) How many actions were tried, and how many decided against the Government?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) £3,313 14s. 10s.

(2.) Six actions have been tried, of which three have been decided against the Government. In addition, proceedings in two actions are now pending.

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- (6.) Sydney Observatory :—Mr. Parkes asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that the surrounding conditions of the Sydney Observatory, especially atmospheric, render observations imperfect, and that the site is now unsuitable from many causes?
 - (2.) If so, is it his intention to provide a new site, and place the service of the Observatory upon a useful basis?
 - (3.) If so, when?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) It is recognised that the present site of the Observatory has become much less suitable, owing to the increasingly unfavourable conditions resulting from its proximity to the Metropolis, and to the fact that a greater altitude is desirable for complete scientific observations.
- (2.) A committee of experts has been engaged in the careful investigation of sites for a new Observatory, and has submitted a recommendation in favour of one at Canoblas, which, in the opinion of the committee, possesses the requisite qualifications.
- (3.) The matter will be dealt with in connection with the question of transferring the Meteorological Branch of the Astronomical Service to the Commonwealth Government.

- (7.) Railway Level-crossings :—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has he under consideration a Bill granting the Railway Commissioners power to close certain level-crossings on the railway lines and open overhead ways?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that cases of dangerous approaches to public schools are concerned?
 - (3.) If so, will he treat the matter as urgent, and introduce the Bill this Session?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am not aware to what particular instance, or instances, the Honorable Member refers, but the proposed Bill contains provision for closing nineteen level-crossings, which at present involve more or less generally an element of risk.
- (3.) The matter will be considered.

- (8.) Tourists' Trams :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) On what lines are tourists' trams run?
- (2.) What is the cost per week?
- (3.) What are the returns per week from fares on these lines?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed the trams run on the following lines, viz. :—Bondi and Coogee, La Perouse and Botany, Drummoyne and Abbotsford, Watson's Bay, Mosman, Gore Hill, and The Spit.
- (2 and 3.) The average cost per week is estimated at £12 7s. 6d., and the average earnings at £9 15s. 6d.

3. AUSTRALASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

- (1.) Sir James Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Society called the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Sir James Graham then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate a Society called the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Narrabri, Walgett, and Collarendabri Railway.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the Murrumbidgee Northern Irrigation.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the Port Kembla Water Supply.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with construction of the Merrigal Bore.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Obelisk Hill Reservoir, in connection with the Hunter River District Water Supply.
- (6.) Return to an Order, made on 29th October, 1907,—“Election of President of the Bellingen Shire Council.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement regarding New South Wales Stock inscribed by the Bank of England in London, to 30th June, 1907.
 - (2.) Statement respecting Tenants within the Rocks or Resumed Area, West Sydney.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Form No. 53, under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902.
- (2.) Return showing number of, and aggregate area of each class of reserve in the Forbes and Parkes Land Districts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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5. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Phillip, Mr. Meagher, 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 system of suspending the law relating to Sunday Observance is constitutionally dangerous and unsound." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Wood contended that the Honorable Member was not now entitled to discuss this matter. The conditions which affected the suspension of the law relating to Sunday Observance were definitely of an administrative character, and the Honorable Member would have the fullest opportunity of discussing the subject when the Colonial Secretary's Estimates were under consideration, he could not, therefore, proceed with his motion.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he must rule the motion out of order on the point taken. The practice of the House, laid down by his predecessors, was that where a question could be fully discussed on the Estimates, it is not in order to permit it to be debated upon a motion for adjournment.

6. **CLAIMS OF FLORENCE, COMTESSE DE ROSSI**:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Florence, Comtesse de Rossi, to Bishopthorpe and certain lands at Goulburn, the property of her late husband, Count de Rossi, and cognate matters affecting the State and Bishopric of Goulburn.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Meagher, Mr. James, Mr. Carmichael, Colonel Ryrie, Mr. Edden, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Gillies, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Holman,
 Mr. Nielson,
 Mr. Beeby,
 Mr. Charlton,
 Mr. Grahame,
 Mr. McGarry,
 Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
 Mr. Broughton,
 Mr. E. M. Clark,
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. Meagher.

Tellers,

Mr. Gus. Miller,
 Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. McGowen,
 Mr. Latimer,
 Mr. Mercer,
 Mr. Estell,
 Mr. Wade,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Hogue,
 Mr. Davidson,
 Mr. Gilbert,
 Mr. James,
 Mr. Morton,
 Mr. Thomas,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Downes,
 Mr. Parkes,

Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. McLaurin,
 Mr. Ball,
 Mr. W. Millard,
 Mr. Fallick,
 Mr. John Storey,
 Mr. McFarlane,
 Mr. Mahony,
 Mr. Robert Jones,
 Mr. Nobbs,
 Mr. Waddell,
 Mr. Collins,
 Mr. Cohen.

Tellers,

Mr. Briner,
 Mr. Robson.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. **INFERIOR CROWN LANDS**:—Mr. McFarlane proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient, in order to profitably utilise the inferior lands of the State, to amend the Land Act to allow,—(a) a substantial reduction in the price of such land; (b) to abolish the condition of residence and substitute improvement conditions where the land is unsuitable for closer settlement purposes,—

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 1st November, 1907, a.m.

8. **MINISTERS' SALARIES BILL**:—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund an annual amount for the salaries of the Ministers of the Crown; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes.
 Question put and passed.
9. **INCOME TAX DEDUCTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 Ordered, That the report be adopted To-morrow.

10. **COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—
 (1.) Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1906; 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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11. PAPER:—Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Papers in connection with the Application of William Sandford, Limited, for Financial Assistance from the Government in connection with the Development of the Iron and Steel Industry.
Ordered to be printed.
12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Disposal of Sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme for the disposal of the Sewage from the Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. POOR PRISONERS DEFENCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, "That" the report be now adopted.
Mr. Stuart-Robertson 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 consideration of a new "clause,"—instead thereof.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. James,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Robson.
Mr. Fallick,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Horne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Scobie.
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Hollis,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Compensation for Accidents on State Railways :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Broughton*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of compensation paid in respect of accidents on State Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1907?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that amounts paid for personal injuries were as under :—
Railways, £6,609 ; Tramways, £8,180.

- (2.) Road to Nottingham Forest, Southern Tableland :—*Mr. Nielson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Has anything yet been done in the direction of making a road to Nottingham Forest, on the Southern Tableland?

(2.) Is it a fact that there are large areas of land in these localities suitable for settlement except for the fact that no trafficable roads exist thereto?

(3.) Will he have reports obtained at once on the necessity of making roads, preceding settlement, to these highlands?

Mr. Moore answered,—It has been ascertained that the matter of constructing a road to the Nottingham Forest is under reference to the local officer of the Department of Public Works. He has been asked to expedite his report. If it proves to be favourable to the construction of the said road, reports will be obtained from the district surveyor as to disposal of any Crown lands in the locality, of which there is a considerable area at present open to selection.

- (3.) Tram-fares, Milson's Point to Willoughby and Circular Quay to Botany :—*Mr. Page* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the tram-fare from Milson's Point to the terminus at Willoughby (four penny sections) is threepence right through?

(2.) Is it a fact that the tram-fare from Circular Quay to the terminus at Botany (four penny sections) is fourpence right through ; if so, what is the reason for charging the people of Botany more than the people of Willoughby?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

(1.) It is a fact.

(2.) The through fare from Circular Quay to Botany is 4d. The circumstances are not similar, and the distance to Botany is much greater.

- (4.) Liability of Public Officers to Payment of Legal Costs :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Beeby*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government introduce legislation to provide that where public officers fail in prosecutions they shall be liable to pay all legal costs and expenses incurred by the defendant?

Mr. Wade answered,—I presume the Honorable Member refers to criminal trials in the higher Courts. The question of whether additional powers as to costs in such proceedings should be given to the Courts will require very careful consideration before it can be agreed to.

- (5.) Harbour Trust Commissioners, and Sydney Ferries, Limited :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Beeby*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence during the last twelve months, which has passed between the Harbour Trust Commissioners and the Sydney Ferries, Limited?

Mr. Wade answered,—The papers are very voluminous and should be moved for in the ordinary way.

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- (6.) Water Reserves, Parish of Graham, County of Bathurst:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Beeby*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Who are at present in occupation of the following water reserves, situated in the parish of Graham, county of Bathurst, being Water Reserve 121, Water Reserve 160, and Water Reserve 161?
 - (2.) If under any tenure, what tenure?
 - (3.) What is the rent (if any) which is being paid for them?
 - (4.) Will he take steps to have these reserves made properly available to the general public?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—
- (1, 2, and 3.) Water Reserve 121, notified on the 7th February, 1881, about 15 acres, is held under Annual Lease No. 26,699, G. W. E. Oldham, at a rental of £1 per annum. Water Reserve 160, notified on the 24th October, 1881, about 9 acres, is held under Annual Lease No. 06/1, G. M. Fardey, at a rental of £1 per annum. Water Reserve 161, notified 24th October, 1881, area 5 acres 2 roods 39 perches, is not shown on the plans at the Head Office to be held under any tenure, but inquiries will be made from the district surveyor, Orange.
- (4.) I have directed that a report be obtained on the subject.
- (7.) Epping Racecourse:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he lately registered an additional Metropolitan racecourse known as Epping; and, if so, for what purpose?
 - (2.) Is this course owned by a proprietary club, and in whose name or names is such registration made?
- Mr. Wood* answered,—
- (1.) Yes, for trotting.
 - (2.) No. The license has been issued to Messrs. H. D. Wood and A. G. Dent, Trustees on behalf of the Metropolitan Rugby Union, for the Epping Racecourse.
- (8.) Australian Jockey Club:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he, some time ago, promised a deputation to use his influence with the Australian Jockey Club to have the disqualification removed from owners of horses known as ponies running at unregistered meetings; and, if so, with what result?
 - (2.) Did he at any time express to the Australian Jockey Club Committee that racing being restricted and limited by the operations of the Gaming and Betting Act, it was essential, in the interest of breeders and racing generally, that persons should have the right to own and train both ponies and horses?
 - (3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence that passed between him and the Australian Jockey Club with respect to the removal of disqualifications upon owners and ponies taking part at pony race meetings?
- Mr. Wade* answered,—
- (1.) I made no promise of the nature mentioned, but in accordance with a suggestion made by a deputation that waited on me, I submitted certain representations on the subject to the Committee of the Australian Jockey Club. I understand that a resolution was carried at the last annual meeting of that Club to the effect that applications from persons disqualified by the Club should be liberally considered.
 - (2.) Not that I am aware of.
 - (3.) I have no objection, but as the production of them would involve the publication of certain names, it is not desirable to do so.
- (9.) Unalienated Crown Lands, Long Bay, Middle Harbour:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is there an area of about 117 acres of Crown lands, unalienated, at the head of Long Bay, Middle Harbour?
 - (2.) Has this land a considerable water frontage; and, if so, what length?
 - (3.) Is this land accessible by roads and in proximity to the Suspension Bridge, at the head of Middle Harbour?
 - (4.) Will he consider the advisability of setting aside this land as a public park and domain in the northern suburbs for local and national use?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—
- (1.) There is an area of 117 acres of Crown land fronting the north-western side of Long Bay, Middle Harbour, 96 acres of which is comprised in a reserve under the General Notice of 24th December, 1861, and 21 acres in Reserve No. 8 for Harbour Defences, notified 7th February, 1871.
 - (2.) The length of water frontage is about 72 chains.
 - (3.) The land is situated about three-eighths of a mile easterly from the north-western end of the Suspension Bridge, but it is not accessible therefrom by public road.
 - (4.) The advisableness of setting apart the whole or any part of the area as a public park will be duly considered.
- (10.) Hawkesbury Model Farm:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact, as stated in the *Farmer and Settler* newspaper, that the following facts are apparent in the Hawkesbury Model Farm:—"The summer fruit orchard and grape vines are as good as those grown by private enterprise, otherwise the Hawkesbury Government farm compares badly with any other farm in the district; and there is wonder we do not hurry there for instruction!"?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—I have seen the paragraph of which the Honorable Member has quoted a portion. I do not believe it contains a statement of facts; but if the Honorable Member will postpone the Question until to-morrow, I will give him an answer.
- (11.) Resumptions, Belmore-Chapel Road Railway Extension:—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that some twenty or thirty small householders on the route of the Belmore-Chapel Road Railway Extension have received notice to vacate their homes in about a fortnight?

(2.)

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(2.) Is it a fact that these people, being artisans, are without the ready money to shift and form new homes?

(3.) If so, this having been drawn under his notice, will he allow these people thus situated to be paid forthwith one-half of the reputed value of their resumed properties, in order that they may not be placed in a state of distress?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Notice was given in seven cases.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) So soon as I receive the Crown Solicitor's report on their titles, this can be done, meanwhile arrangements are being made in order that little or no inconvenience may be caused to the owners.

(12.) Reduced Railway Fares for Inspection of Subdivided Private Estates:—Mr. Burgess asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the Government are conceding reduced fares on the railways to persons wishing to inspect private estates that have been subdivided, with a view of sale for farms?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that in cases where large estates are subdivided for sale in smaller lots to *bona fide* settlers it is usual, on the recommendation of the Director of the Intelligence Department as to *bona-fides*, to issue return tickets at single fares to persons travelling to inspect such land.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Local Government Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Mining Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report of the Nautical School-ship "Sobraon" for the year ended 30th April, 1907.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PURE FOOD BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for securing the wholesomeness and purity of food and drugs, and fixing standards for the same; for preventing the sale or other disposition or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health; for the prevention of deception and fraud; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

4. POOR PRISONERS DEFENCE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make provision for the defence of poor prisoners; 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 provision for the defence of poor prisoners; and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th November, 1907.

5. INCOME TAX DEDUCTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Perry,	Mr. Mcagher,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Downes.
Mr. Robert Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Ball.

Noes, 28.

Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Peters,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. G. A. Jones.
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Page,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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6. STAMP DUTIES (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.
The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Wood,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Waddell,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. James,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Robson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Donaldson,	

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

8. BROKEN HILL AND UMBERUMBERKA WATER SUPPLY (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1907.

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

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

(1.) Ministers' Salaries Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund an annual amount for the salaries of the Ministers of the Crown; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th November, 1907.

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

(2.) Pure Food Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 for securing the wholesomeness and purity of food and drugs, and fixing standards for the same; for preventing the sale or other disposition or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health; for the prevention of deception and fraud; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th November, 1907.

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

(3.) Advance by the Government to William Sandford, Limited:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 contract to be made by the Government with William Sandford, Limited, for the purposes, and on the conditions, agreed upon between the Government, William Sandford, Limited, and the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th November, 1907.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Board of International Exchanges of Literary and Scientific Works:—Mr. Broughton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What was the amount paid to the Board of International Exchanges of Literary and Scientific Works for the year ended 30th June, 1907?

Mr. Wade answered,—£125.

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- (2.) Public Library of New South Wales:—Mr. Broughton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) How many works on theology, moral and mental philosophy, and education, were issued by the Public Library of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1907?
 - (2.) How many volumes of prose works of fiction were issued during the same period?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) 4,906.
 - (2.) 60,163.
- (3.) Improvement Leases, The Castlereagh Electorate:—Mr. McGarry, for Mr. Treflé, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many improvement leases have been forfeited in The Castlereagh Electorate by the certificate of his Honor Sir William Owen, and the area of such leases?
 - (2.) What area of such forfeited leases has been regranted by the Improvement Leases Board?
 - (3.) What is proposed to be done with the balance?
 - (4.) Will he have inquiries held by the Local Land Board in open Court to determine the most suitable areas in which to set apart these lands for settlement?
 - (5.) When are these lands likely to be made available for settlement?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) Thirty-seven leases, area 303,288 acres.
 - (2.) 103,184 acres, leaving a balance of 200,104 acres.
 - (3.) To make the land available for conditional purchase leases, homestead selections, and settlement leases.
 - (4.) I do not consider it necessary to adopt this course.
 - (5.) No date can be stated at present, but the utmost expedition will be observed in dealing with the lands in question.
- (4.) Railway Subway or Overhead Bridge, Albury:—Mr. McLaurin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that necessity exists for a subway, or overhead bridge, across the railway line at Albury?
 - (2.) Has application been made for same to the Railway Commissioners and the Public Works Department?
 - (3.) Will he take the necessary steps to have this work carried out?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) From reports received I find that a subway would give improved access to a number of persons, but is not a necessity, as there exists a public level-crossing and overhead bridge within less than half a mile from the railway station.
 - (2.) Yes, and refused.
 - (3.) I cannot promise to do so until I am satisfied that such a work is absolutely necessary, in the interests of the general public.
- (5.) Board of Control, Gaming and Betting Act:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is there a Board controlling racing under the provisions of the Gaming and Betting Act; and if so, what are the functions of such Board?
 - (2.) Has it been represented to him that a citizen (Mr. W. H. Brown) has been refused admission to the various pony racecourses of the metropolis; and, if so, will he take steps to make such provisions, by regulation or otherwise, as will protect the rights of any citizen of good character and behaviour to the privileges of racing whilst under the control of the State, as a result of the registration of the clubs controlling such courses under the provisions of the Gaming and Betting Act?
- Mr. Wood answered,—
- (1.) A Board has been appointed under the Act. Its functions are prescribed in the Act.
 - (2.) This matter has already been thoroughly considered by my predecessors who could not see their way to intervene; at present I do not see what action can be taken.
- (6.) Fire Escapes:—Mr. John Storey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that, at a school fire in Canada, where a great number of scholars and teachers were burned to death, the nature of the evidence given by the Chief of Fire Brigades, was "had there been window fire escapes, not one of these lives would have been lost"?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that ship-owners have to adopt all known means to safeguard life from fire and wreck, in the shape of boats, rafts, rockets, life-belts, life-line, &c.?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that Superintendent Webb has officially reported, time after time, that "if fire takes place in many of the city buildings, great sacrifice of life will inevitably occur"?
 - (4.) Will he introduce this Session a Bill to deal with the foregoing?
- Mr. Wood answered,—
- (1.) The Department is aware of the facts of the case.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) From time to time the Fire Brigades Board and the Superintendent of Fire Brigades have directed attention to the necessity for better means of escape from high buildings. The Department of Labour and Industry has jurisdiction where there are factories. An amending Shops and Factories Bill to give greater scope in this respect is under consideration.
 - (4.) There is no prospect of dealing with the matter this Session.
- (7.) Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company:—Mr. Robson asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is he aware that more than twelve months ago, a Mr. H. G. Robinson, claiming to represent Messrs. Munroe and Munroe, of New York, sold in Sydney shares in the "Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, of Canada, Limited," to the value of some £7,000 or £8,000?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that up to the present not more than about 10 per cent. of the scrip has been received by buyers of the shares?
 - (3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the *bona-fides* of (a) the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company; (b) Messrs. Munroe and Munroe, and their agent, Mr. H. G. Robinson?

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Mr. Wade answered,—As this is a matter in which private interests alone are concerned, I am unable to afford the Honorable Member the information he desires. However, inquiry is being made as to whether there has been any breach of the criminal law.

(8.) State Clothing Factory :—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a promise was made by Mr. Waddell to a deputation which waited upon him while he was Colonial Secretary, that he would place those of the employees of the State Clothing Factory who were entitled to this consideration upon the permanent staff?

(2.) Has this been done?

(3.) If not, why not?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) No. The Minister said that the matter was one for the consideration of the Public Service Board?

(2 and 3.) Subsequently the Minister informed the representative of the deputation that as it had been clearly shown that the confirmation of the appointments and the grading in the General Division of the Public Service would imperil the existence of the factory, he had reluctantly determined that nothing further could be done in the matter at present.

(9.) Trade with Java and Singapore—Subsidy to Currie Line of Steamers :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that the Victorian Government has recently entered into an arrangement to subsidise the Currie line of steamers trading to Singapore and Java?

(2.) Is he aware that for some years past Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Company have, unsubsidised, conducted a regular service between Sydney and Singapore, and that, as a consequence, a large trade in New South Wales products with the Straits Settlements has grown up?

(3.) Will the subsidised service initiated by the sister State place at a marked disadvantage the unsubsidised service conducted by Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Company?

(4.) Will he take into consideration the question of maintaining New South Wales trade with Java and Singapore, by granting a subsidy to the Company above named?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I understand that Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Company, and Messrs. Archibald Currie and Company have conducted such a service, and that a considerable trade is transacted between Sydney, Singapore, and other ports.

(3.) It has been represented to me that such will be the case. I am also informed, however, that no Sydney cargo has ever been refused by the Currie Company, that company's vessels being large enough to cope alone with the entire export trade of both New South Wales and Victoria. Further that the Melbourne shippers do not obtain lower freight rates than Sydney shippers.

(4.) The papers in connection with the matter are at present under my consideration. If I find that New South Wales interests are in any way suffering in consequence of the granting of the subsidy to the Currie line of steamers, all reasonable and legitimate steps will be taken for the purpose of maintaining New South Wales trade.

(10.) Bursting of Steam-motor Boiler, Burwood—Mortlake Tramway :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the rider recorded by the jury at the inquest upon the victims of the Burwood tram accident, will the Government liberally consider and fully compensate the unhappy families who have so seriously suffered?

Mr. Waddell answered,—It is the rule of the Railway Commissioners to grant a compassionate allowance to the families of men who lose their lives while on duty. They intend to make an allowance to the families of the men who were fatally injured in the recent tramway disaster.

(11.) School Buildings at Alumny Creek, near Grafton :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the contract for the construction of school buildings at Alumny Creek, near Grafton, were not advertised locally?

(2.) Is it a fact that the plans and specifications for such buildings were not exhibited in the Clarence District?

(3.) Is he aware that through there being no data available local contractors were unable to tender?

(4.) Will he see that in future contracts for work in the Clarence District are advertised locally?

Mr. Leo answered,—

(1.) Tenders, it is understood, were advertised for in the Lismore papers on the 12th October, 1907, but by an oversight were not advertised in the Grafton papers.

(2.) Copies of plans and specification were forwarded to Alumny Creek Public School for the use of tenderers, on the 31st October, 1907. Tenders were received in Sydney on the 12th November, 1907.

(3.) I could not say, but the lowest tender received was that of a Grafton firm, and is approved to be accepted.

(4.) Yes.

(12.) Police Clerks :—Mr. Mahony asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the office hours of police clerks?

(2.) Are they allowed Christmas Day, Good Friday, and other Public Holidays?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) The office hours, ordinarily, for police clerks are from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. on week days, excepting at the office of the Metropolitan Superintendent, where the hours are from 8:30 till 6 p.m. Where circumstances permit, no office work is done on Sunday; but at the headquarters two clerks attend from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every third Sunday.

(2.) Police clerks are not employed on Christmas Day or Good Friday, but they are on Public Holidays, as their services cannot be dispensed with any more than the general police; but they have every Sunday off, for which they are paid.

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

4. REAL PROPERTY (CERTIFICATES OF TITLE) 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, intitled "An Act to provide for the issue of certificates of title to certain land purchased, appropriated, or resumed by the Government; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th November, 1907.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

REAL PROPERTY (CERTIFICATES OF TITLE) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 28th November, 1907.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, lines 5 and 6. Omit "Real Property (Certificates of Title)" insert "Darling Harbour Land Titles"

Page 2, clause 2, line 16. After "land" insert "or to prove that such land has been alienated by the Crown"

Examined,—

H. N. MACLAURIN,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Statement respecting the New Regulations dealing with the Classification of Schools, and with the Training, Examination, Classification, Transfer, Promotion, and Salaries of Teachers; also the Regulations. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Synopsis of Voting at the General Election, 10th September, 1907. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. ADVANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO WILLIAM SANDFORD, LIMITED:—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions:—

(1.) That this House approves of an advance of £70,000 being made by the Government to William Sandford, Limited, for the purposes and on the conditions agreed upon between the Government, William Sandford, Limited, and the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Question put and passed.

7. INCOME TAX DEDUCTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Norton 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 3,"—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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Thomas,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Fell,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. James,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Downes,	Tellers,
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Lieut. Colonel Onslow,
Sir James Graham,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. David Storey,	

Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Beely,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Edden.
Mr. Macdonell,	Tellers,
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Estell,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Charlton,	Mr. Carmichael.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Norton,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Horne,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Question then,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Wade,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Oakes,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Wood,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Hogue,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir James Graham,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. James.
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Robson,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Scobie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Horne.
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Norton,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. McGarry,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Waddell moved, That the Bill do now pass.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Gillies,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Fell,
Sir James Graham,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Henley,
Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Collins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ball,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. James.
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Robert Jones,	

Noes, 33.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide certain deductions in respect of income tax; to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT.—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide certain deductions in respect of income tax; to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th November, 1907.*

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1907, A.M.

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

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9. STAMP DUTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell 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. Waddell, *passed*.
Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to repeal the stamp duties on bills of exchange, promissory-notes, drafts, and receipts; to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, and the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1904; 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 repeal the stamp duties on bills of exchange, promissory-notes, drafts, and receipts; to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, and the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th November, 1907, a.m.*
10. COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wade, *passed*.
Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th November, 1907, a.m.*
11. BROKEN HILL AND UMBERUMBERKA WATER SUPPLY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lee, *passed*.
Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th November, 1907, a.m.*
12. PURE FOOD BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for securing the wholesomeness and purity of food and drugs, and fixing standards for the same; for preventing the sale or other disposition, or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health; for the prevention of deception and fraud; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, that the report be *now* received.
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for securing the wholesomeness and purity of food and drugs, and fixing standards for the same; for preventing the sale or other disposition or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health; for the prevention of deception and fraud; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for securing the wholesomeness and purity of food and drugs, and fixing standards for the same; for preventing the sale or other disposition, or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health; for the prevention of deception and fraud; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Eight o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Metropolitan Water Supply:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the total amount expended on the Metropolitan Water Supply as at the 30th June, 1907, as follows:—(1) Water supply works; (2) mains; (3) stores, working plant, and tools?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following answers:—(1) Water supply capital, £5,059,558 14s. 2d.; (2) water mains, £915,289 4s. 11d.; (3) stores in hand, £27,860 9s. 7d.; working plant and tools, £17,815 13s. 11d.

(2.) Supply of Railway Time-tables at stations between Singleton and Moree:—Mr. Fallick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that on the railway stations between Singleton and Moree passengers are unable to purchase time-tables of any description?

(2.) If so, will the Commissioners for Railways take steps to remedy this inconvenience by causing railway time-table books to be kept for sale at booking offices along the route?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Every station between Singleton and Moree was given a supply of time-tables for sale when the current table was issued in October last, and it is not known that there is any difficulty in passengers procuring them.

(3.) Carriage of Fruit on Western Railway Lines:—Mr. Lynch asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the mail train to Bourke carries cargoes of fruit every day?

(2.) If so, in view of the hot weather and perishable quality of some fruits, would he grant the same concessions to other towns on branch Western lines?

(3.) Is it a fact that, in many instances, fruit entrained in Sydney is three days reaching Forbes and Parkes?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The mail train only runs to Bourke three times a week. Fruit for Bourke is carried part of the way by goods train, and the remainder of the way by mail train.

(2.) Soft fruit for all stations from Wellington westwards is afforded part mail-train transit, but the fruit traffic for other towns on branches is not sufficient to warrant the running of the special vehicle that would be necessary, and the provision of extra engine power on the mail train that would be involved.

(3.) Fruit for Forbes and Parkes is despatched by goods train from Darling Harbour at 7.38 p.m., and reaches Parkes at 7.30 and Forbes at 10 a.m. on the second day after despatch. The transit therefore extends partly over three days, but the actual journey time is only thirty-six and thirty-eight and a half hours respectively. Quicker despatch would be given by the passenger trains throughout—thirteen and a quarter hours to Parkes—but parcels rates (reduced one-half for fruit) require to be paid.

(4.) Tomingley Public School:—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has the attendance of the Tomingley Public School increased, and is the building in a dilapidated state?

(2.) Will he consider the necessity of building a new school at Tomingley?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) The latest returns do not show an increased attendance. The building, while not dilapidated, is rather narrow, and the accommodation inadequate.

(2.) I have already decided to erect a new school, and the Works Department is preparing plans with a view to calling for tenders.

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- (5.) Increase to Salaries of School Teachers :—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) When will the £60,000 promised by the Government be distributed among the teachers?
 (2.) Will that increase in salary date from the time it was promised, viz., 10th September, 1907?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) After the passing of the Appropriation Act.
 (2.) The new salaries and allowances to teachers will take effect from 1st July, 1907. I imagine that this increase will be received as a very welcome Christmas box by a very worthy class of Public Servants.

- (6.) Hospitals for the Insane :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has his attention been directed to the insufficiency of the accommodation provided in the Hospitals for the Insane in this State?
 (2.) What steps, if any, are being taken to remedy this grievance?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The matter has received the attention of the Government, and at Callan Park, Gladesville, Kenmore, Parramatta, Rydalmere, Reception House, Sydney, and Morrisset, additional wards are either in course of construction or plans are being prepared.

- (7.) State Bursaries :—Mr. Levy asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Has his attention been directed to a letter signed "Citizen," in the *Daily Telegraph* of 28th November, 1907, in which the writer alleges that State bursaries have in some cases been awarded to the children of parents in prosperous circumstances?
 (2.) Is there any truth in the allegations made in the letter referred to?
 (3.) On what principle are State bursaries awarded?
 (4.) What inquiries are made as to the means of the parents of competitors for such bursaries?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The allegation that the bursaries are mis-used is not correct.
 (3 and 4.) No pupil receives a bursary, whose parent or guardian is in a position to pay for the education which the bursaries are designed to afford. Each parent has to make a statutory declaration of the amount of his income, and, if this amount is above £300 a year, the application is refused. This restriction has been observed as an invariable practice. There is no reason to believe that false statutory declarations of the amount of income have in any case been furnished.

- (8.) Land for Settlement at Tullymorgan, County of Clarence :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the land recently surveyed at Tullymorgan, county of Clarence, be made available for settlement?

Mr. Moore answered,—Plans and reports are expected during the current week, and the land will be made available during next month.

- (9.) Tramway from Rose Bay to Bondi :—Mr. Broughton, for Lieutenant-Colonel Onslow, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take into his consideration the desirability of constructing a tramway from Rose Bay to Bondi, so as to connect Bondi and South Head, and give an interesting round trip?

Mr. Lee answered,—I will investigate the tram route suggested, and subsequently decide as to the desirability of constructing it.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889.
 (2.) Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year ended 30th June, 1907; together with Appendices, Plans, Photographs, &c.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether the Eyesight and Hearing Tests for the Railway and Tramway Service should be laid down by Regulation.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Reports by Public Officers re Blast Furnace of William Sandford, Limited, in connection with the Development of the Iron and Steel Industry.
 Ordered to be printed.

3. LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was discharged.
 Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
4. SHEARERS ACCOMMODATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Macdonell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.

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And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on 1st November, 1907, a.m.

5. **ADVANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO WILLIAM SANDFORD, LIMITED:**—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 consideration of the following resolutions:—
- (1.) That this House approves of an advance of £70,000 being made by the Government to William Sandford, Limited, for the purposes and on the conditions agreed upon between the Government, William Sandford, Limited, and the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited.
 - (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1907, A.M.

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

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at seventeen minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1907.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—

(1.) *Election Petition—John Hurley v. James Dooley, Hartley*:—Mr. Levy, 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 31st October, 1907, the Petition of John Hurley, in reference to the return of James Dooley, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Hartley. And the Report having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications duly appointed on the 22nd October, 1907, to whom was referred on the 31st October, 1907, a petition from John Hurley against the return of James Dooley, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Hartley,—have determined and do hereby declare :—

“ (1.) That James Dooley, Esquire, the sitting Member was duly elected for the Electoral District of Hartley.

“ (2.) That the Petition of John Hurley, Esquire, is not frivolous nor vexatious.

“ (3.) That the Committee make no award as to costs.

“ (4.) That a serious irregularity was committed in the conduct of the Election by the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Hartley in locating the Laura Polling Booth outside the Hartley Electorate.

“ (5.) That the issue, on the day before Polling Day, of a special *Government Gazette* under section 145, subsection 2, of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, containing thirteen names alleged to have been omitted from the Hartley Roll, it being then impossible for such *Gazette* to reach the Deputy-Returning Officers in time to be used on Polling Day, was an injudicious step calculated to lead to embarrassment and difficulties.

“ (6.) That, in consequence of the foregoing, the Committee regard the inquiry as entirely justified and in the public interest, and recommend that payment of the expenses of both parties be made by the Crown.

“ (7.) That the Committee further recommend for the conduct of future Elections, that no such special *Government Gazettes* under section 145, subsection 2, of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act be issued at a date which does not permit of their being placed in the hands of all Deputy-Returning Officers at least one day before Polling Day.

“ (8.) That the Committee recommend to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, that in the conduct of future Elections, the Chief Electoral Officer bring under the notice of the various Returning Officers throughout the State the decisions of this Committee as contained in the Minutes as to what constitutes formal and informal votes.

“ No. 3 Committee Room, Legislative Assembly,
“ 3rd December, 1907.

DANIEL LEVY,
Chairman.”

Mr. Levy moved, That the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Adjournment of the Committee*:—Mr. Levy moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of. Question put and passed.

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2. CROWN LANDS ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Moore, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Crown Lands Acts into certain other tenures ; to otherwise amend the Crown Lands Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 3rd December, 1907.

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

3. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Casual Labourers and Men, Albury Railway Station :—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. McLaurin*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that casual labourers and men employed wool-loading at the Albury Railway Station only receive 6s. per day, often working ten hours per day ?
(2.) If so, will he take steps to shorten the working hours and increase the wage ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the rate is as stated.
(2.) The matter is one coming under the control of the Railway Commissioners, who inform me that the rate is equal to what is paid in private employ in country districts.

- (2.) Attractions for American Tourists in Australasia and Pacific Islands :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is he aware that tens of thousands of rich Americans go every year to Europe for holidays, and that at present there are said to be no less than 40,000 motor-cars carrying them about in various parts of Great Britain and Europe ?
(2.) Is he also aware that there is a strong desire among these Americans to visit the islands of the Pacific and Australasia ?
(3.) Will he have a pamphlet printed, showing the attractions of Honolulu, Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji, New Zealand, Tasmania, New South Wales, and the other States in Australia, laying stress upon the marvellous natural wonders to be seen in this State ?

Mr. Wade answered.—The issue of such a pamphlet might be advantageous, but the matter seems to be one for concerted action on the part of the several places mentioned, rather than by this State alone. I understand that the Intelligence Department has arranged with some of the big United States Railway Companies, and the Grand Pacific Company, for a comprehensive display of New South Wales tourist views at the various large railway centres, shipping offices, and hotels, the distribution of attractive literature, and the loan of lantern slides to lecturers.

- (3.) Ornamentation of Sydney and its Environs :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Premier,—During the forthcoming recess, will he take into consideration the desirableness of appointing a Royal Commission, consisting of Members of Parliament, City Aldermen, and others, to inquire and report upon the best means of improving and ornamenting the City of Sydney and its environs ?

Mr. Wade answered,—This matter will be considered.

- (4.) Establishment of Smelting Works at Port Kembla :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Messrs. Magnus and Savage are endeavouring to establish works at Port Kembla, but they cannot get any satisfaction from the Government ?
(2.) Is it a fact that certain companies interested complain that the Government promised a jetty, and tenders were called for it, but no tender was accepted ?
(3.) Is it a fact that prohibitive wharfage dues prevent the sending or bringing of any material to Port Kembla ?
(4.) Is it a fact that the dues are 9d. per ton, and the Sydney and Newcastle dues are only 2d. per ton ; if so, why is Port Kembla penalised ?
(5.) Is it a fact that the electrolytical manager, *Mr. Magnus*, has stated that he will not start till these matters are adjusted ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Any delay that has occurred is in no way due to the Department.
(2.) A tender for the jetty will be accepted as soon as the construction of the Australian Smelting Corporation Works is proceeded with, or agreement made with the Electrolytic Company.
(3 and 4.) The dues are fixed by Act of Parliament ; the interpretation of that Act is now before the Crown Solicitor for an advising thereon.
(5.) I am not aware.

- (5.) Manual Training in State Schools :—*Mr. Lynch* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has there been a great demand from the school teachers throughout the State for instruction in manual work ?
(2.) Will he consider the advisability of appointing an instructor in this particular art ?
(3.) Is there a man in the Education Department equal to the undertaking ?

Mr. Hogue answered.—It is the object of the Department to extend manual training in the schools of the State, and it is proposed to place the work under the supervision of an officer who will give to teachers the necessary instruction. I have no doubt that an officer competent for this work can be obtained within the Department.

(6.)

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(6.) Classification of School Teachers :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Nielsen*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When will the new classification scheme come into operation?
- (2.) Does it provide that "a teacher whose classification is higher than that specified for the class of school under his charge shall be paid at the rate of the highest salary payable in that class of school"?
- (3.) Will this have the effect of reducing the salaries of a large number of teachers whose schools have been reduced in classification through no fault of their own?
- (4.) Will he give this House an assurance that no teacher's salary will be reduced by reason of the proposed new classification scheme coming into operation?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Subject to the Vote being passed, the salaries will be paid as from 1st July, 1907.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) No salary will be reduced in consequence of the provision mentioned.
- (4.) The salaries will be determined by the Regulations made for that purpose.

(7.) Public Service Appeal Court :—*Mr. Morton*, for *Mr. Thomas*, asked the Premier,—Is it his intention to create a Public Service Appeal Court; if so, when?

Mr. Wade answered,—A Bill giving the right of appeal has been under consideration. It will not, however, be possible to make any further advance with it during the present Session.

(8.) Victoria Park Racing Club :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has any individual, or body, using the name of the Victoria Park Racing Club, made representations to obtain a license for the purpose of a racecourse?
- (2.) Under the law regulating the number of courses, can this new course be registered?
- (3.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to this matter?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The matter is under consideration.
- (3.) As the matter is still under consideration, the papers cannot be laid on as desired. I have no objection to give the Honorable Gentleman information as to the nature of the application.

(9.) Tramway past Victoria Park Racecourse :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any determination been arrived at in the matter of extending the tramway system past a racecourse, called the Victoria Park Course, now in course of construction?
- (2.) What is the estimated cost of constructing this extension?
- (3.) When is the work to be commenced?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) An extension from Crown-street down Baptist-street to Phillip-street has been authorised, but the question of extending the tramway past the racecourse has been left to a later date.
- (2.) £9,289, exclusive of land and compensation.
- (3.) At an early date.

(10.) Properties taken over by the Commonwealth :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the total estimated value of State buildings and other properties taken over by the Federal Government, and has any determination been yet arrived at as to when and how the Federal Government will pay the State for same?
- (2.) Is the Federation paying interest charges on the loan moneys expended in the erection of the buildings, and upon the capital value of the properties, above alluded to?
- (3.) Has the Federal Government secured insurance over all such buildings, so that such loss as that which occurred in connection with the destruction of uninsured postal properties in Melbourne last week would be obviated as far as this State is concerned?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) The total estimated value of the properties taken over by the Commonwealth cannot be given at present, as all the valuations have not yet been finally completed. The mode of payment is a matter yet to be considered between the States and the Commonwealth.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) So far as this Government is aware, no insurances have been effected by the Commonwealth on these buildings, except in the case of Government House, Sydney, which is tenanted by the Commonwealth Government under agreement.

(11.) Reduction of Salaries of Public School Teachers, 1896 :—*Mr. Hollis* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Did the Ministry in power in 1896 reduce the salaries of public school teachers, by their retrenchment scheme?
- (2.) If so, have these reductions then made been fully restored to those teachers who remained in the Service?
- (3.) What was the salary paid to lady teachers, 3A class, prior to 1896, and what is the salary paid now to the same class?
- (4.) Are there any such 3A class of teachers now in the Service, who were in that class in 1896; and, if so, how many?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) The Public Service Board reduced the salaries.
- (2.) In some cases they have been; in others they have not.
- (3.) 3A teachers received £95 (for females) prior to 1896. By the new scheme they will be paid, as assistants, £108, or as ex-students, £90 for the first year, £96 for the second year.
- (4.) 172 assistant teachers of class 3A.

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- (12.) Glebe-street, Paddington :—Mr. Latimer asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Was the alignment survey of Glebe-street, Paddington, made by the Lands Department?
 (2.) Was the alignment marked by posts defining the building or kerb lines of the street, within twelve months of the alignment having been gazetted as required by the Act?
 (3.) Was the Plan, P. 3, 1,844, prepared before the Municipalities Act came into force?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Apparently it was not. The records show that the plan of proposed alignment was drawn in the Surveyor-General's Office, from data furnished by a survey which was made for the Municipal Council of Paddington.

(2.) The papers do not disclose any information on this point.

(3.) Yes; alignment of Glebe and other streets was notified in *Government Gazette* of 26th October, 1863. The Municipalities Act came into operation in 1867.

- (13.) Public Service: Leave of Absence :—Mr. Mercer asked the Premier,—Does the six months' leave of absence, allowed by the Government to employees in the General Division who have served twenty years and over, only apply to those who are leaving the Service, or is it available to those who have served twenty years and still wish to retain their position?

Mr. Wade answered,—The granting of such leave is not necessarily deferred until an officer is retiring from the Service.

4. POOR PRISONERS DEFENCE 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 provision for the defence of poor prisoners; 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, 4th December, 1907.*

F. B. SUTTON,
 President.

POOR PRISONERS DEFENCE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 4th December, 1907.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2, line 12. *Before "magistrate" insert "the committing"*

Page 1, clause 2, subsection 2. *Omit subsection 2.*

Examined,—

H. N. MACLAURIN,
 Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

5. CROWN LANDS ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Crown Lands Acts into certain other tenures; to otherwise amend the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
 Question put and passed.

6. ADVANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO WILLIAM SANDFORD, LIMITED :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the following resolutions :—

(1.) That this House approves of an advance of £70,000 being made by the Government to William Sandford, Limited, for the purposes and on the conditions agreed upon between the Government, William Sandford, Limited, and the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1907, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—

(1.) That this House approves of an advance of £70,000 being made by the Government to William Sandford, Limited, as follows :—

1. The advance to bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly.
2. The principal (£70,000) to be repayable on demand, with a proviso that such demand shall not be made if repayment be made by twenty half-yearly instalments as hereinafter provided. The first of such instalments to be paid on the 31st December, 1908; payment of the first ten half-yearly instalments to be at the rate of £5,000 per annum, and of the last ten half-yearly instalments at the rate of £9,000 per annum.

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3. The advance to be secured as follows:—By debenture charge or mortgage covering the whole of the assets of the Company, both present and future, and the fully paid up shares issued or agreed to be issued to Mr. William Sandford as purchase-money under agreements dated 18th July, 1901, and 28th June, 1907, and any other securities now held or which it is intended shall be held by the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney from the Company or Mr. William Sandford. Such mortgage charge and debenture to take priority over any security held or to be held by the Bank.
4. That William Sandford, Limited (with the Bank's concurrence), shall be at liberty to continue the subdivision sales of the Eskbank Estate,—the proceeds of such sales to be devoted to the payment of interest or principal from time to time due to the Government.
5. The Bank to allow the Company the same limit as it now allows, namely, £135,000, less the amount at credit of the Land Sales Account on date of taking of security by the Government, such amount so standing at the credit of the account referred to to be then applied in reduction of the Company's debt and limit.
6. The Bank to undertake not to call up the Company's account for a period of ten years from the date of the first advance made by the Government, provided default is not made in payment of interest half-yearly when due.
7. The Bank rate of interest to be reduced from 5 to 4 per cent.
8. No dividend shall be paid to shareholders without the consent of the Government whilst any money is owing in respect of principal or interest.
9. Subject to the above proposals being adopted, and an agreement entered into, a sum of £25,000 to be advanced immediately for purposes of working capital.
10. The balance (£45,000) to be applied in the erection of new plant indicated by the Company's Statement of 22nd October last, and to be paid by the Government by monthly instalments as required, subject to a certificate of expenditure being given by a Government representative—the amount to be applied, as already stated, in the erection of new plant, such plant, as far as practicable, to be manufactured in New South Wales.
11. Subject to the adoption of the aforesaid matters, the parties to determine what shall be the amount set apart for reserve funds and depreciation. Half-yearly balance-sheets to be presented by the Company, and the accounts to be subject to audit by a representative of the Government.
12. The whole arrangement to be embodied in an agreement between the Government, the Bank, the Company, and Mr. William Sandford, to be prepared by the Crown Solicitor.
13. The costs incurred by the Government in respect of the matter to be paid by the Company.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolutions were read a second time.

Whereupon Mr. Wade moved, That the resolutions be agreed to.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 60.

Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. James,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Price,

Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Beeby,
Sir James Graham,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Fell,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Estell,

Mr. Holman,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Gillies.

Tellers,

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Lynch.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Barton.

Tellers,

Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Gus. Miller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. INVALIDITY AND ACCIDENTS PENSIONS 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 Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at eight minutes before Five o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1907.

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

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

(1.) Lockhart to Clear Hills, *via* Boree Creek, Railway Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills, *via* Boree Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 19th November, 1907.*

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

(2.) Narromine to Peak Hill Railway Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Narromine to Peak Hill; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 19th November, 1907.*

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

(3.) Drummoyne to Ryde Electric Tramway Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Drummoyne to Hatton's Flat, Ryde; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 19th November, 1907.*

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

5th December, 1907.

(4.) Wallsend to West Wallsend Tramway Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a Tramway from Wallsend to West Wallsend; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

2. QUESTION:—

(1.) Railway Fares and Freights:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the charge for a truck of sheep from Warialda, about 406 miles to Sydney, is £6 1s. 9d.?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the cost of trucking sheep from Condobolin to Flemington, a distance of 320 miles, is £6 15s. 6d.?
- (3.) Will he explain why people of this district are charged 13s. 6d. more per truck, seeing that the distance is 86 miles less?
- (4.) Will he see that the disability on the carriage of rock salt is removed?
- (5.) Is it a fact that a deputation waited on the See Government from the western centres, and was a promise made to look into the whole matter of fares and freights?
- (6.) Will he see that the carriages that convey men looking after stock are properly lighted?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that:—

- (1.) The distance from Warialda to Flemington is 457 miles, and the charge for a truck of sheep is £8 13s. 9d.
- (2.) The distance from Condobolin to Flemington is 326 miles and the charge for a truck of sheep is £6 15s. 6d.
- (3.) The figures quoted in Questions 1 and 2 are incorrect as shown above. The rates from all stations to Flemington are computed on the same basis, and preferential treatment is not granted to any particular line.
- (4.) The Commissioners are not aware that any disability exists in respect to the carriage of rock salt.
- (5.) Some time ago representations were made to the Railway Commissioners in respect to the rates and fares over the Western Line, as compared with the Northern and Southern Lines, but having regard to the special circumstances which exist in respect to the two latter lines, the published charges are considered to be equitable.
- (6.) The standing directions of the Railway Department are that vehicles in which drovers travel should be properly lighted. If it is found that this is neglected the persons at fault are suitably dealt with.

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

4. PARRAMATTA FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' HALL SITE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Parramatta Friendly Societies' Hall Site Vesting Act*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 5th December, 1907.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

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

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

5. PAPER:—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Report on the Broughton Island Experiments, by Dr. Frank Tidswell, Acting Chief Medical Officer of the Government, respecting the use of Virus for destruction of Rabbits, as proposed by Dr. Danysz; together with Appendices. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare the meaning of certain provisions of section 2 of the Mining Act, 1906; to amend sections 14, 15, 16, 25, 50, 106, 109, and 110, and Schedule III of the said Act; to amend section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884; and for other purposes. Question put and passed.

7. INVALIDITY AND ACCIDENTS PENSIONS 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. Waddell, the report was adopted.

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

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8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a Line of Railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Railway from Narromine to Peak Hill* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a Line of Railway from Narromine to Peak Hill, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *Electric Tramway from Drummoyne to Epping (via Gladesville, Ryde, and the Field of Mars), as far as Hatton's Flat, Ryde* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of an Electric Tramway from Drummoyne to Hatton's Flat, Ryde, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *Tramway from Wallsend to West Wallsend* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a Tramway from Wallsend to West Wallsend, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eighteen minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Two o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1907.

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

CLOSER SETTLEMENT (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 Closer Settlement Act, 1904, and the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1906; 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, 5th December, 1907.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th December, 1907.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3. After paragraph (c) insert the following new paragraph:—

(d) In the event of only part of the estate being acquired, the value of the residue, and whether it will be depreciated in value by such acquisition, and, if so, by what amount.

Page 3, clause 4, line 2. After "by" insert "resolutions of both Houses of"

Page 3, clause 4. At end of clauses add—

"(3) Before resuming any land the Governor shall, by proclamation in the *Gazette*, notify that he proposes to acquire such land for the purposes of closer settlement."

Page 3, clause 5, line 9. Omit "and" insert "being in areas each"

Page 3, clause 5, lines 14 to 17. Omit paragraph (a).

Page 3, clause 5, line 18. After "land" omit "or" insert "and"

Page 3, clause 5, line 22. Omit "inside or"

Page 3, clause 5, lines 23 and 24. Omit "provided that, in the case of a purchase, the price does not exceed that recommended by the advisory board"

Page 3, clause 5. At end of clause add "or forming a part of such residue which by the resumption may be so severed from the rest of the area not resumed as, in the opinion of the advisory board, to render it unworkable with such area."

Page 3. After clause 5 insert the following new clause:—

Where the Governor, by proclamation under either of the two last preceding sections, notifies that he proposes to acquire any land for the purposes of closer settlement, no disposition of such land shall operate to defeat the power of the Governor to resume the same under this Act. Such restriction shall cease after the expiration of twelve months from the date of such proclamation. Restriction of right of disposition.

Page 3. After clause 6 insert the following new clause:—

(1) Where under this Act or the Principal Act a resumption is made of part only of land which before such resumption formed and was owned and worked as one property, the following provisions shall apply:— Restrictions on right of resumption

(a) The land resumed shall be in one continuous block.

(b) The advisory board, or the court determining the value of such land, shall have regard not only to the value of the land resumed, but also to the damage (if any) caused by the severing of the land resumed from such of the residue as does not include land retained by the owner in pursuance of this Act, or land agreed to be sold, or which was leased with an option to purchase.

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(2) For the purposes of this section, a block may be continuous although some parts thereof are separated from other parts by roads, rivers, or watercourses.

Page 3, clause 7, line 44. *Before* "value" *insert* "fair market"

Page 4, clause 10. *Omit* clause 10, and *insert* the following new clause:—

Where the Governor has by proclamation (not being a proclamation under section 5) notified that he proposes to acquire any land for the purposes of closer settlement, the owner of such land may, within four weeks after the date of such proclamation, require the Governor to include in any resumption to be made in pursuance of such proclamation any land forming the residue of the same property, and worked with it; and the Governor shall in any such resumption include such residue.

Provided that the Governor shall not be compelled to resume—

- (a) Any land agreed to be sold, or which is leased with an option to purchase, or which is subject to a lease which at the time of the resumption has more than five years to run; or
- (b) Any land forming such residue, where such residue exceeds £20,000 in value, exclusive of the value of any improvements thereon.

Page 4, clause 11, line 26. *After* "land" *insert* "proposed to be"

Page 4, clause 11, line 28. *After* "residue" *insert* "if any"

Page 4, clause 11, line 35. *Omit* "notification of the resumption" *insert* "proclamation notifying" "that the Governor proposes to acquire the land for the purposes of closer settlement"

Page 4, clause 11, subsection (3). *Omit* subsection (3).

Page 5, clause 15, lines 22 to 28. *Omit* from "Provided" to "mortgagee," inclusive, *insert*—

"Provided that the Governor shall not be compelled to include in such reference or to resume—

- "(a) any land agreed to be sold, or which is leased with an option to purchase, or which is subject to a lease which at the time of the reference or the resumption, as the case may be, has more than five years to run; or
- "(b) any land forming such residue where such residue exceeds twenty thousand pounds in value, exclusive of the value of any improvements thereon"

Examined,—

H. N. MACLAURIN,

Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cheap Excursion Train, Western Line:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Lynch*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a special cheap excursion train is being run on the 11th instant on the Western Line?
- (2.) In view of the fact that the schools enter on their vacation on the 21st, will he have either the excursion deferred, or an additional cheap excursion train run for the benefit of a large section of the community (the teachers)?
- (3.) Will he extend the limit of the excursion from one month to six weeks, to cover the whole period of the vacation?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that:—

- (1.) Special cheap excursion trains are being run to and from the Western Line and branches between 9th and 12th instant.
- (2.) In fixing the dates for the long distance excursions the facilities at the disposal of the Railway Department, as well as the convenience of the general public, have had to be taken into consideration, and as the running of these trains at a later date would unduly tax the rolling-stock and tend to congestion of traffic, it is not deemed advisable to make any alteration. Passengers travelling to and from places as far as Mudgee, Orange, Goulburn, Cooma, Crookwell, and Tamworth will have the benefit of excursion trains which are run during the Christmas holidays.
- (3.) Cheap excursion tickets issued for distances up to 300 miles are available for one month, and for longer distances for six weeks, and this is regarded as reasonable.

(2.) Mining Areas:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the total area of land held under all forms of tenure for mining for coal and shale in this State?
- (2.) What is the total area of such lands now being worked?
- (3.) What rents and royalties are received by the Crown, stated separately?
- (4.) What amounts have been received from such sources during the past ten years?
- (5.) What is the number and total area (approximately) of mineral conditional purchases in the State?
- (6.) What amount of revenue is derived from such annually?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) 102,407 acres.
- (2.) This information cannot be supplied.
- (3.) For the year ended 30th June last, royalty and rent, approximately, £53,626. Information as to rent can be supplied later, if desired, but in nearly all cases the rent is absorbed in the royalty.
- (4.) Approximately, £250,376.
- (5 and 6.) This information should be supplied by the Lands Department.

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- (3.) Public Servants occupying Dual Positions :—Mr. Meehan asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a Public Servant, employed in the Registrar-General's Department, is engaged as an actor and singer by J. C. Williamson's company in the play known as "Brewster's Millions," at the Theatre Royal?
 - (2.) If so, does he approve of such?
 - (3.) Will he prevent Public Servants occupying dual positions?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) I have recently been informed that an officer employed in the Registrar-General's Department sings one song at the performance named.
- (2 and 3.) I do not think any Public Servant should lead a double life.

- (4.) Electric Motor Drivers and Conductors, Government Tramways :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many electric motor drivers are employed on the Government Tramways of New South Wales?
- (2.) How many conductors are there in the same Service?
- (3.) How many electric motor drivers suffered loss of conduct holidays for year ended 30th June, 1905?
- (4.) The same information for year ended 30th June, 1906?
- (5.) How many conductors suffered loss of conduct holidays in each of these two years, showing each year separately?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information should be moved for in the usual way in the form of a return.

- (5.) Gold and Mineral Dredging :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The date of starting first gold and mineral dredging operations in New South Wales?
- (2.) The number and value of plants in operation, and the acreage leased?
- (3.) Number of men employed, and average wage paid?
- (4.) The total value of gold and minerals won?
- (5.) The total rents received since the start of the industry?
- (6.) The total royalties received under the Dredging Act?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) March, 1899.
- (2.) At 31st December, 1906, there were 68 plants in operation of an estimated total value of £315,537, the area held being 15,595 acres.
- (3.) The average number of men employed was 1,129; no information available as to wages paid.
- (4.) To end of 1906, £952,474.
- (5.) To 31st December, 1906, approximately, £10,000.
- (6.) To 31st December, 1906, £6,300.

- (6.) Joseph Wing, Superintendent, Rookwood Asylum :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,— Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to the transfer of Joseph Wing, Superintendent at Rookwood, to the Charities Department?

Mr. Wood answered,—If moved for in the usual way, the request will be considered.

- (7.) Amending Local Government Bill :—Mr. Peters asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Does he intend to bring down an amending Local Government Bill in order that anomalies may be removed in the existing Act?
- (2.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that under existing conditions holders can appeal against a high valuation; but that, on the other hand, Councils have not the right to appeal against what is considered a low valuation?
- (3.) Does he realise that this may have serious consequences, and will he take steps to amend the law in that respect?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Time will not permit of this being done during this Session.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) The matter will receive consideration when revising the amending Bill.

- (8.) Compensation to Mrs. Barclay, Burwood-Mortlake Tramway Accident :—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the widow of Barclay, one of the victims of the Burwood tram accident, has been offered £500 compensation money?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Mrs. Barclay has been left with three children, the eldest 10 years, and the youngest 3 years old, and is without means?
- (3.) Will this sum mean at the best but £25 a year upon which Mrs. Barclay will have to bring up her young family?
- (4.) Under the circumstances of the case will he consider compensation being made to Mrs. Barclay approaching equitably the loss she has sustained?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I understand that Mrs. Barclay has been offered the maximum sum allowed under the Employers Liability Act. I will, however, be glad to ask the Chief Commissioner to further consider the matter.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—PAPER AGAIN REFERRED :—Mr. Lee (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order "Election of President of the Bellingen Shire Council," laid upon the Table of this House on 26th November, 1907, and reported upon by the Printing Committee on 5th December, 1907, be again referred to the Printing Committee for reconsideration.

Question put and passed.

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4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Return showing cost of Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Interim Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry on Forestry ; together with Appendices.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. LOCKHART TO CLEAR HILLS, *vid BOREE CREEK*, RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills, *vid Boree Creek* ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

6. NARROMINE TO PEAK HILL RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Narromine to Peak Hill ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

7. DRUMMOYNE TO RYDE ELECTRIC TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Drummoyne to Hatton's Flat, Ryde ; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

8. WALLSEND TO WEST WALLSEND TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a Tramway from Wallsend to West Wallsend ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

9. INVALIDITY AND ACCIDENTS PENSIONS 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 make provision for pensions in certain cases of invalidity and accident ; to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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 provision for pensions in certain cases of invalidity and accident ; to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 6th December, 1907.

10. MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Perry, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to declare the meaning of certain provisions of section 2 of the Mining Act, 1906 ; to amend sections 14, 15, 16, 25, 50, 106, 109, and 110, and Schedule Three of the said Act ; to amend section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 ; and for other purposes.

State Government House,

Sydney, 5th December, 1907.

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

11. MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Perry Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare the meaning of certain provisions of section 2 of the Mining Act, 1906 ; to amend sections 14, 15, 16, 25, 50, 106, 109, and 110, and Schedule Three of the said Act ; to amend section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 ; and for other purposes.

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 declare the meaning of certain provisions of section 2 of the Mining Act, 1906; to amend sections 14, 15, 16, 25, 50, 106, 109, and 110, and Schedule Three of the said Act; to amend section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884; and for other purposes.

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

12. SITTING DAYS—PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS:—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 4 o'clock, p.m., and on Friday at 2 o'clock, p.m., in each week, and that Government Business shall take precedence on each day.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Perry,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. James,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Lee,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Gilbert,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Lonsdale,	

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Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Scobie.
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Peters.
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Treflé,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Perry, pursuant to leave obtained this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare the meaning of certain provisions of section 2 of the Mining Act, 1906; to amend sections 14, 15, 16, 25, 50, 106, 109, and 110, and Schedule Three of the said Act; to amend section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

14. MINISTERS' SALARIES BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund an annual amount for the salaries of the Ministers of the Crown; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring a Bill to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund an annual amount for the salaries of the Ministers of the Crown; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund an annual amount for the salaries of the Ministers of the Crown; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at nineteen minutes before Seven o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1907.

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

QUESTION :—

(1.) Industrial Work, and the Department of Public Instruction :—*Mr. Meagher*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the people of New South Wales have been asking for tuition in industrial work?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Department of Public Instruction expect industrialism to be taught?
- (3.) Is it also a fact that up to the present that Department has not appointed an instructor in industrial work?
- (4.) Is it a fact also that up to the present the Department of Public Instruction has not kept the promise of *Mr. B. B. O'Connor*, that rooms for scientific teaching should be added to the Cleveland-street Public School?
- (5.) Is the Department prepared to keep the promises of previous Ministers?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) The general trend of public thought is in the direction indicated by the Question.
- (2 and 3.) It is the object of the Department of Public Instruction to extend manual training as far as possible in the public schools, not only as a foundation for industrial instruction at a later stage, but also as an essential element in primary education. It is proposed to invite applications for the position of Supervisor of Manual Training as soon as the amount on the Estimates for the purpose is passed.
- (4.) The scheme originally proposed for the addition to Cleveland-street School is not being carried out, but a more extensive plan has been approved of to more fully meet the needs of the school.
- (5.) Promises of previous Ministers are usually kept by their successors, but there are times when they can with public advantage be reviewed and the decisions reversed.

2. PAPER :—*Mr. Moore* laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases (Fruit Pests) Act, 1906.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. MINIMUM WAGE BILL :—*Mr. Wood* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide a minimum wage for certain persons; to make better provision in certain cases for the payment of overtime and tea-money; to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1896; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

4. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—

(1.) *Mr. Hollis* moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 16 of General Business on the Notice Paper for To-day, respecting the action of the Executive Government in approving and gazetting certain new rules, which deprive Railway and Tramway employees of civil and political rights.
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Hollis* then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of Notice of Motion No. 16 of General Business on the Notice Paper for To-day, respecting the action of the Executive Government in approving and gazetting certain new rules, which deprive Railway and Tramway employees of civil and political rights.
Question put and passed.

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5. **NEW RULES REGULATING RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES:**—Mr. Hollis moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Executive Government in approving and gazetting certain new rules which deprive Railway and Tramway Employees of civil and political rights is contrary to equity and justice, and contrary to the law of the State.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
6. **LOCKHART TO CLEAR HILLS, *vid* BOREE CREEK, RAILWAY BILL:**—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills, *vid* Boree Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
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 Lockhart to Clear Hills, *vid* Boree Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills, vid Boree Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
7. **NARROMINE TO PEAK HILL RAILWAY BILL:**—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Narromine to Peak Hill; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
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 Narromine to Peak Hill; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Narromine to Peak Hill; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
8. **DRUMMOYNE TO RYDE ELECTRIC TRAMWAY BILL:**—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Drummoyne to Hatton's Flat, Ryde; and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on the 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 an Electric Tramway from Drummoyne to Hatton's Flat, Ryde; and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Drummoyne to Hatton's Flat, Ryde; 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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9. WALLSEND TO WEST WALLSEND TRAMWAY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a Tramway from Wallsend to West Wallsend; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a Tramway from Wallsend to West Wallsend; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a Tramway from Wallsend to West Wallsend; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway, Coff's Harbour to Dorrigo:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What stage has been reached in regard to the proposed railway from Coff's Harbour to Dorrigo?

(2.) What is the length and the estimated cost of the line?

(3.) When does he propose to ask the Railway Commissioners to report upon the line?

(4.) Will the matter be so expedited that the line may be submitted to Parliament early next Session for reference to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No action has been taken with regard to the permanent survey of the North Coast line between Coff's Harbour and Coramba. The survey of the branch line from Coramba to Dorrigo will be completed this month.

(2.) The length of the line is not yet definitely known, and the estimated cost has not yet been prepared.

(3.) When the plans and estimates have been prepared.

(4.) In view of railway construction work now in progress, it is doubtful whether the proposal can be sufficiently advanced to admit of it being submitted to Parliament for reference to the Public Works Committee early next Session, but every effort will be made with this object in view.

(2.) Turbines, Ultimo Tramway Power House:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What limit of steam consumption per horse-power was called for in 1904 contract for turbines for Ultimo Tramway Power House?

(2.) Have the turbines which were supplied under that contract been tested by the Works or Railway Department experts; if so, were the conditions of the contract found to have been met; and what was the ascertained actual steam consumption per indicated horse-power?

(3.) If the demands of the contract were not met, were the contract penalties for deficient result enforced?

(4.) What is the annual cost of upkeep of these machines and the annual cost of same as regards (a) maintenance; (b) repairs; (c) renewal of parts?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that:—

(1.) The specification for the 1904 contract required tenderers to state what steam consumption per kilowatt hour they were prepared to guarantee, and the contractors were bound by agreement to their undertakings in this respect. The contractors guaranteed the steam consumption not to exceed 18 lb. per kilowatt hour under specified conditions.

(2.) The plant was tested at the works of the manufacturers, before shipping, and it fulfilled the conditions of contract. It was also subsequently tested by the Commissioners' officers under working conditions at Ultimo, and found to comply with the guarantees.

(3.) The conditions of the contract were reasonably complied with, and no penalties were imposed.

(4.) Only one turbo-generator was supplied under this contract. The costs of repairs and renewals are included by the Department under the one heading of maintenance, which, of course, does not include the cost of operation. The cost of maintenance of this plant since its installation has amounted to £286 19s. per annum.

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(3.) Classification Reserves, Namoi Electorate :—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. Collins*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The number of classification reserves in the Namoi Electorate?
- (2.) The area of each?
- (3.) The date of each reservation?
- (4.) What action is being taken towards having them made available for settlement?

Mr. Moore answered,—In view of the cost entailed in preparing the desired information, I am not prepared to furnish it unless moved for in the usual way. But if the Honorable Member will call at the Lands Department details respecting any reserves he may have in view will be furnished to him.

(4.) Passes to Consignors of Sheep to Sydney from Country Districts :—*Mr. Meehan*, for *Mr. Lynch*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a consignor, trucking sheep to Sydney from country districts, must send three trucks before getting a pass?
- (2.) Will he consider the advisability of extending the same concession to consignors of one truck?
- (3.) Will he also extend the time of the pass from five days to a fortnight?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am informed by the Chief Commissioner for Railways that he does not favour the issue of a pass for one truck of stock. Where, however, three different senders are forwarding one truck of live stock each on the same day from the same station to the same destination, a pass will be issued, if desired, to a drover to attend the three trucks, as if they were forwarded by one consignor. A ticket at single fare for the return journey is issued to a drover attending two trucks of sheep from one sender.
- (3.) The passes are available from four to fifteen days, according to distance, and the Chief Commissioner does not consider any extension warranted.

(5.) Mineral Conditional Purchases :—*Mr. Meehan*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the number and total area, approximately, of mineral conditional purchases in the State?
- (2.) What amount of revenue is derived from such annually?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) There are 228 mining conditional purchases now current, embracing an area of 24,969 acres, exclusive of those converted from ordinary conditional purchases. If the Honorable Member wishes to obtain information respecting the converted cases, I must ask him to move in the usual way that it be prepared in the form of a return, as the cost of furnishing same will be considerable.
- (2.) The instalments payable annually amount to £2,496, but it cannot be stated by this Department what proportion is revenue.

(6.) Removal of Teachers to Cooler Climates from Western and Central Districts :—*Mr. Ball* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he instruct the Chief Inspector of his Department to remove to cooler climates teachers who have resided five years in the Western and Central Districts, and who are applicants for removal?
- (2.) Is merit (good school reports) the chief consideration in promoting teachers by removal, or does length of service predominate?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Under the regulations issued last week, provision has been made to facilitate the transfer of teachers from unfavourable to favourable localities.
- (2.) Both efficiency and length of service are taken into account in determining priority of claim for promotion by removal. The new regulations provide that, for the purpose of estimating length of service, each year in the western districts of the State shall count as a year and a half.

(7.) Reports on Attendance of Pupils at Public Schools :—*Mr. Ball* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has the system of half-yearly reports proved ineffective?
- (2.) Will he amend section 20 of the Public Instruction Act of 1880, so as to provide for quarterly reports of attendance of pupils?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) The provisions of the Act by which action for default in attendance can be taken only at the end of a half-year has not proved altogether effective, but the question will not be lost sight of.
- (2.) I do not at present contemplate proposing any amendments in the Act. The mere substitution of quarterly for half-yearly periods would not meet the case.

(8.) Convictions for being in possession of Opium :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Was a young man named Waterhouse, about October last, convicted at the Water Police Court for having opium in his possession, and fined £250, with the alternative of imprisonment until the fine is paid?
- (2.) Is it the practice, in the event of non-payment of fine, to regard the sentence as a life sentence?
- (3.) Was it a first offence, and who was the Presiding Magistrate?
- (4.) Was a Chinaman named Wong Sook, on Friday last, also convicted at the Central Police Court for a like offence, and fined £100, with the alternative of only three months' imprisonment?
- (5.) Was this said to be the first offence, and who was the Presiding Magistrate?

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(6.) Have there been several convictions, at various courts, between these two convictions, and has any carried a penalty beyond, or in cases considerably below, that of Wong Sook's?

(7.) Under what authority has a Magistrate the power to inflict a sentence as an alternative for fine, as in the case of Waterhouse; and, if not, will he take steps by which a term of imprisonment may be fixed, as in the case of Wong Sook and others?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) Nothing in the proceedings indicated that it was not a first offence. Mr. Macfarlane, S.M., was the Presiding Magistrate.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes, Mr. Donaldson, S.M.

(6.) Yes, there have been other convictions in which smaller penalties have been inflicted.

(7.) Under section 258 of the Customs Act, 1901, the Court may commit the offender to gaol until the penalty is paid; and section 260 of the Act provides the period after which the gaoler of any gaol to which any person has been committed for nonpayment of any penalty under the Act shall discharge such person. If Waterhouse had been committed to gaol the period of his detention would have been specified in the warrant.

(9.) Administration of Metropolitan Pony Clubs registered under Gaming and Betting Act:—
Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Metropolitan pony clubs, registered under the provisions of the Gaming and Betting Act, are debarring certain citizens from the privilege of racing for other than improper turf practices; and, if so, will he frame regulations to bring the rules of these clubs into conformity with the law and privileges of citizens' rights in the same manner as other Licensing Acts governed by the State?

(2.) If he has not the power to so insist upon citizens' rights on courses registered by the Government under the provisions of the Gaming and Betting Act, will he take steps to so amend the measure?

Mr. Wood answered,—If the Honorable Member is in possession of information in regard to persons in addition to the citizen named in his Question of 28th November, I shall be glad to give the matter consideration upon his furnishing me with details.

(10.) Artesian Wells and Water and Drainage Acts:—Mr. Meehan, for Mr. G. A. Jones, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What revenue was derivable under the Artesian Wells and Water and Drainage Acts on 30th June, 1904?

(2.) How many districts are served under the Artesian Wells Act?

(3.) How many Bore Trusts have been constituted under the Water and Drainage Act?

(4.) What number of occupiers are, or will be served, by the districts under the Artesian Wells Act, and the Trusts constituted under the Water and Drainage Act, and the total area embraced?

(5.) How many bore works have been completed and transferred under the Water and Drainage Act?

(6.) What is the total amount payable per annum for completed or transferred works under the Artesian Wells and Water and Drainage Acts?

(7.) Are the Districts or Trusts in arrears with payments; and, if so, to what extent?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) £256.

(2.) Thirteen.

(3.) Thirty-eight.

(4.) 829 occupiers, 2,755,729 acres

(5.) Fifteen.

(6.) £4,667.

(7.) £49 are outstanding by two ratepayers, under the Artesian Wells Act (payments being due in advance), and £184 10s. 1d. are owing by three Trusts, under the Water and Drainage Act.

(11.) Carriage Cleaners, Sydney Railway Station:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that men in the Railway Service, as carriage cleaners at the Sydney Railway Station, are working nine and a half hours per day for 6s. per day?

(2.) Will he have inquiries made with a view to having the pay increased to a living wage and the hours reduced?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Adult carriage cleaners employed at Sydney Station are paid at 6s. per day to commence with. At the expiration of six and twelve months' permanent service they are entitled to 6s. 6d. and 7s. per day respectively. From Monday to Friday they work nine and a half hours per day, and on Saturdays six and a half hours per day, equal to an average of nine hours per day for the six days. It is to be pointed out that the Railway men enjoy special privileges, and, as a rule, regular and continuous work.

(2.) I will refer the matter to the Chief Commissioner, who is entrusted with the management of the Railways.

(12.) Importation of Fruit—Fruit-fly and its Parasite:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the discovery of a new variety of fruit-fly in a consignment of fruit sent from South Australia to Victoria; and, in view of same, will he make the restrictive legislation now applying to the entry to New South Wales of Victorian fruit also apply to that coming hence from South Australia?

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(2.) Has he received any information respecting the fruit-fly parasite recently introduced by Mr. Compère, entomologist, from India ; and, if so, is he taking any steps to have its efficacy tested in this state ?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) I have been informed of a suspicion that an Island species of fruit-fly has been introduced into South Australia. Should it be found necessary, stringent measures will be taken to prevent, as far as possible, its introduction into New South Wales.

(2.) No information has been received respecting the Indian fruit fly parasite, said to have been introduced into Western Australia quite recently. Efforts are being made by the Entomologist of New South Wales, on behalf of this and three other States, to obtain in different parts of the world the fullest possible particulars respecting fruit-fly as well as other parasites.

(13.) William Sandford Company, Limited:—Mr. Parkes asked the Premier,—In addition to the proposal already sanctioned by Parliament, will the Government give its consideration to the following proposal:—That the Commercial Bank be asked to postpone foreclosure upon Sandford Company until further consideration be given on these lines—that the Government shall grant its agency here and abroad, to support and refloat the Sandford Company upon a capital basis of £500,000, in the following manner:—(1) that an iron expert from Great Britain, the Continent of Europe, or America, should be engaged by the Government to examine and advise upon what is really necessary for effectively laying down modern machinery and ordering the works for the successful production of iron and steel ; (2) that upon this report being favourable, the Government shall permit of the Sandford Company having the services of the expert, and the use of an additional working capital of £25,000 at 4 per cent. to keep the works in active operation until the successful flotation of the Company ; (3) that the Government shall secure to the Company certain Government orders for a period of ten years ; (4) that after the successful flotation of the Company, the Government shall gradually—over a period of five years—withdraw the capital lent ; (5) that at the expiry of five years, the Sandford Company shall return to the Government the money expended upon obtaining the expert so engaged—whose annual salary the Company must pay out of earnings after the first year ?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am informed that the Bank have already taken possession and paid off a large number of men. I am, however, in hopes of arriving at a more expeditious method of solving this problem.

(14.) Proposal for Prevention of Pollution of Port Jackson, by Mr. T. E. Wilson, C.E.:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a proposal by Mr. T. E. Wilson, C.E., and Licensed Surveyor, for the prevention of the pollution of Port Jackson and Botany Bay, and their tidal estuaries, of circulating pure water entering Sydney Heads and discharging through Botany Heads without intermission in the flow where pollution now occurs, by means of weirs and canals ?

(2.) If not, will he have the proposal reported upon by competent officers ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is receiving consideration.

(15.) Expenditure in connection with the Land Scandals:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Will he give the details of the amount of £3,368 10s. 1d., stated in the morning newspapers, for expenses not accounted for in connection with the land scandals ; also the other expenses mentioned, namely, £2,106 2s. 1d., making a total of £5,474 13s. 2d., for which items no particulars are given ?

Mr. Wade answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table in the form of a return.

2 MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Church of England Clergy Provident Fund (Sydney) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the amalgamation of the Clergy Widows and Orphans' Fund and the Clergy Superannuation Fund into one Fund, called 'The Clergy Provident Fund (Sydney)', and to provide for the administration of such Fund, and for payment of contributions thereto, and to vest the property thereof in a Board of Directors to be incorporated hereby ; 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.

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Sydney, 10th December, 1907.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

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

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

(2.) Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906 ; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

(3.)

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(3.) Companies (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to amend the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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F. B. SUTTON,
President.

COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10th December, 1907.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3. At end of clause add "Provided that the Attorney-General may, in his discretion, by notification in the *Gazette*, exempt any such company from making such list or from setting forth in such list any of the particulars aforesaid, and may in like manner revoke or amend any such exemption"

Page 2, clause 5, line 25. After "Office" insert "and the same shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any person requiring to inspect the same"

Page 2, clause 5, line 27. Omit "as prescribed."

Examined,—

H. N. MACLAURIN,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Promotions in the Department of Audit.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PUBLIC WORKS (INTEREST) BILL:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Works Act, 1900.

Question put and passed.

5. MINISTERS' SALARIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Price moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "now," and adding at the end thereof the words "this day six months."

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

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

	Ayes, 51.	
Mr. Cohen,	Dr. Arthur,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. James,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Treflé,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Brown,	Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Fell,	Mr. Mercer.
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Holman,	Tellers,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Barton.
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Robson,	

Noes, 15.
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Price,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Eddeu,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dooley.

Tellers,

Mr. Estell,
Mr. Maedonell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put.
The House divided.

	Ayes, 51.	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Barton,	Lieut.-Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. James,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Collins,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. McFarlane,	Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Fell,	Tellers,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Treflé.
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Moxham,	
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Robson,	

Noes, 13.
Mr. Estell,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. W. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

6. MINING (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 an amendment.

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

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

7. PUBLIC WORKS (INTEREST) BILL:—Mr. Lee, pursuant to leave obtained this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Public Works Act, 1900*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. LOCKHART TO CLEAR HILLS, *viâ* BOREE CREEK, RAILWAY BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

- (2.) Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills, viâ Boree Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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 Lockhart to Clear Hills, viâ Boree Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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9. NARROMINE TO PEAK HILL RAILWAY BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

- (2.) Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Narromine to Peak Hill; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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 Narromine to Peak Hill; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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10. DRUMMOYNE TO RYDE ELECTRIC TRAMWAY BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lee, *passed*.(2.) Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Drummoyne to Hatton's Flat, Ryde; 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 an Electric Tramway from Drummoyne to Hatton's Flat, Ryde; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 10th December, 1907.

11. WALLSEND TO WEST WALLSEND TRAMWAY BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lee, *passed*.(2.) Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Tramway from Wallsend to West Wallsend; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Tramway from Wallsend to West Wallsend; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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12. MINIMUM WAGE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wood, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide a minimum wage for certain persons; to make better provision in certain cases for the payment of overtime and tea-money; to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1896; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide a minimum wage for certain persons; to make better provision in certain cases for the payment of overtime and tea-money; to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1896; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Australian Jockey Club, and Proprietary Clubs :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that, with the exception of the Australian Jockey Club operating at Randwick, all other racecourses in the Metropolitan area are conducted by proprietary clubs, comprising a limited number of shareholders, who race for their own profit only?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the Australian Jockey Club set aside a shilling reserve for the use of poorer and other patrons of racing, and that no such concession is granted by any of the proprietary clubs?
 (3.) Will he take steps to insist that proprietary clubs give the same concessions to the public as are given by the Australian Jockey Club?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) In the Metropolitan area, as contemplated by the Gaming and Betting Act, the majority of the racecourses are conducted by proprietary clubs.
 (2 and 3.) There is no legislation under which such requirement could be enforced.
- (2.) Working Hours of Crew of Pilot Steamer "Captain Cook":—Mr. Stuart-Robertson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that, owing to the constantly-increasing number of vessels entering and leaving Port Jackson, the crew of the Pilot Steamer (not having been increased) are working excessively long hours in coping with the work, namely, firemen, 96 hours; and seamen, 120 hours on duty per week?
 (2.) Will he have a report made upon the matter with a view to shortening the hours?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) It is not a fact the crew of the Pilot Steamer are on duty for the times stated. The conditions of their employment provide for the men to be on board the vessel for 120 hours per week, during which time they are available for duty when required. The average number of hours daily during which the crew are actually employed is estimated at about twelve. The men are allowed forty-eight hours off the steamer per week for recreation, and four weeks' leave of absence annually.
 (2.) I understand that, owing to the growth of shipping, the duties of the crew have increased, and I will have inquiries made with a view of ascertaining whether any alteration in the present arrangements should be effected.

- (3.) Ballot for Land on Bunna Bunna, Narrabri :—Mr. Briner, for Mr. Collins, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that in the recent ballot for land on Bunna Bunna, which took place at Narrabri on 5th December, single girls were not permitted to take part by the Local Land Board?
 (2.) Have any instructions been issued from the Department to preclude these applicants from taking part in ballots for land?
 (3.) Will he see that in future girls are not so handicapped in their desire to make a start in life, and that equal opportunities are given to them with the men, in the direction indicated, providing their applications are *bona fide*?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) This is a matter which rests entirely with the Local Land Board—*vide* section 28, Crown Lands Amendment Act of 1905.

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- (4.) Commissions of Justices of the Peace :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Beeby*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that instructions have been issued to certain Justices of the Peace in country districts, who hold their commissions from the late Queen Victoria, not to act further on such commissions, but to wait until reappointed under commissions from the King?
 - (2.) If so, have these directions been issued to all Magistrates affected, or only to a proportion of them; and, if so, on what grounds has the distinction been made?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Maccabbee*, of *Yetholme*, and other Magistrates in small country centres, have received instructions not to act further on their commissions as Justices of the Peace; and, if so, on what authority?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) It has been ascertained in connection with the general revision of the J.P. List that some persons appointed prior to the demise of the Crown, 1901, have not been properly sworn.
 - (2.) Three have been communicated with. It is understood that full inquiry will show about eight others.
 - (3.) Those concerned have been informed that as they failed to take the oaths until after the demise of the Crown, although appointed before such event, their appointments have lapsed.
- (5.) Public Service Board :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) When was the Public Service Board first appointed, and what are the names of gentlemen who have permanently or temporarily occupied seats on the Board?
 - (2.) Was *Mr. Wilson* the only member outside the Public Service appointed to the position; if so, when was he appointed, and when retired?
 - (3.) Is *Mr. Wilson* now in receipt of a State pension; if so, what amount yearly, or, if not, what gratuity or retiring allowance did he receive?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) 15th January, 1896. As members—Messrs. G. A. Wilson, J. Barling, T. A. Coghlan, C. Delohery, E. H. Wilshire, C. J. Saunders. As deputy members—Messrs. W. Houston, J. Powell, F. Bridges, C. J. Saunders, F. W. Neitenstein.
- (2.) No. *Mr. James Powell*, who had been retired from the post of Collector of Customs, on 2nd December, 1896, acted as a deputy member of the Board from 26th April, 1897, to 31st December, 1897. *Mr. Wilson* was appointed to the Board on the 15th January, 1896, and resigned on 30th June, 1907.
- (3.) *Mr. Wilson* is not in receipt of a State pension, nor was he paid a gratuity or retiring allowance.

- (6.) Decorative Work, Franco-British Exhibition :—*Mr. McCoy* asked the Premier,—Was the decoration of the New South Wales Court at the recent Exhibition in New Zealand carried out satisfactorily by the Government Architect, and will he take steps to see that the decorative work of the New South Wales Court at the Franco-British Exhibition to be held next year is carried out by him, so that the Court may be in every respect representative of this State, and Australian in character?

Mr. Wade answered,—The decoration of the New South Wales Court at the New Zealand Exhibition was arranged by the Government Architect very satisfactorily. The State Court at the Franco-British Exhibition is portion of a separate building, which is being erected under contract from the Agents-General, and the decoration is being attended to locally.

- (7.) English Domestic Servants, Immigrants per S.S. "Miltiades":—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Carmichael*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the statement in the morning papers that the domestic servants to arrive by the "Miltiades" on Saturday have been led to believe they are to receive £4 more a month here than they were receiving in England?
- (2.) If so, will he cause inquiry to be made as to who is responsible for supplying such information to these girls, and take steps to prevent such information being given?

Mr. Wade answered,—This statement, which was published in a telegram from Melbourne, is an obvious misprint. No such undertaking has been given.

- (8.) Public Instruction Act, and Evening Public Schools :—*Mr. Price* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Education Act provides for the free education of the children of indigent parents in evening schools?
- (2.) If so, what remuneration is it intended to make to evening school teachers for carrying out this work, other than the salary allotted, and in view of the fact that the Department has discontinued the practice of paying the pupils' fees to the teacher?
- (3.) By whose authority were evening public schools ordered to be closed during the month of January in each year?
- (4.) In what way is it intended to give the teachers of these schools the full yearly salary prescribed by the regulations?
- (5.) Is it the practice with the Department to exempt children from day schools on condition that they attend an evening public school?
- (6.) In view of the fact that many of the pupils neglect or refuse to pay fees, what powers do the Department confer on the teachers for the recovery of fees owing in such cases?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) By a regulation under the Act, the Minister may relieve from payment of fees any pupil in cases where inability to pay is satisfactorily shown.
- (2.) No extra remuneration is proposed to be given.

(3.)

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(3.) Evening public schools are closed during the month of January by authority of the Minister of the Department, and by reason of the fact that the schools are in vacation almost entirely throughout that month.

(4.) The question of further regulating the salaries of evening school teachers has yet to be determined.

(5.) Yes ; in cases where, after proper inquiry, the circumstances of the parent warrant it.

(6.) The Public Instruction Act gives power to the teacher to recover fees in a summary way before any Justice of the Peace.

(9.) Entrance, Manning River Heads :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the following paragraph in the *Daily Telegraph*, of the 9th instant :—“ The crossing at the Manning Heads is shoaling up very considerably near the crane wharf, and efforts should be made to give relief immediately, in view of the approach of the Christmas holidays, when steamers are largely patronised along the coast ” ?

(2.) In view of the state of the crossing, and in order to facilitate the holiday traffic, will he take immediate steps to remedy the evil ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes ; the “ Dorus ” is now working on the shoal.

(10.) Report of the Royal Commission on Administration of the Lands Department :—Mr. Price asked the Premier,—

(1.) When will he give this Parliament an opportunity of dealing with the Report of the Royal Commission, and His Honor Judge Owen's Report ?

(2.) Will he be good enough to explain the reasons for delaying the consideration of this Report ?

(3.) Is he aware that the inquiry into the question of land exchanges granted between the years 1895 and 1906-7 has not been completed by the Royal Commission ?

(4.) Will he have those cases inquired into by the Royal Commission ; or, if necessary, appoint a new Commission to complete the inquiry ?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1 and 2.) The report has been open for discussion since 5th December, 1906.

(3 and 4.) No. The attention of the Honorable Member is invited to the reference to this matter on page 65 of the Report of the Commissioner, which was laid upon the Table of this House on 26th June, 1906.

(11.) Salary paid to Inspectors, Government Asylums :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Premier,—What is the maximum salary paid to inspectors in the different Asylums ?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Inspector-General of Insane, in charge of Lunacy Department, including Hospitals or Asylums for Insane, £1,000. The Inspector-General of Charities, in charge of Government Asylums for Aged and Infirm, £800. Chief Clerk and Inspector of Asylums, £400.

2. MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Perry, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Perry then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “ *An Act to declare the meaning of certain provisions of section 2 of the Mining Act, 1906 ; to amend sections 14, 15, 16, 25, 50, 106, 109, and 110, and Schedule Three of the said Act ; to amend section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 ; and for other purposes.* ”

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 meaning of certain provisions of section 2 of the Mining Act, 1906 ; to amend sections 14, 15, 16, 25, 50, 106, 109, and 110, and Schedule Three of the said Act ; to amend section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 ; and for other purposes,* ”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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3. LEASE CONVERSION AND LAW AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. E. M. Clark, pursuant to leave granted on 7th November, 1907, presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to enable persons who have certain leasehold interests in lands to acquire the freehold and other estates and interests in those lands, and to amend the law with regard to leases in certain respects ; and for other purposes,* ”—which was read a first time.

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

4. MINIMUM WAGE BILL :—Mr. Wood, pursuant to leave granted on 10th December, 1907, presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to provide a minimum wage for certain persons ; to make better provision in certain cases for the payment of overtime and tea-money ; to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1896 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,* ”—which was read a first time.

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

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year ended 30th June, 1907.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply, or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (5.) Gazette Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands under the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. PUBLIC WORKS (INTEREST) BILL.—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lee, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
- (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lee, passed.
Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Public Works Act, 1900.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Works Act, 1900,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 11th December, 1907.

7. MINISTERS' SALARIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wade, passed.
Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund an annual amount for the salaries of the Ministers of the Crown; to amend the Constitution Act 1902; and for other purposes.*"
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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund an annual amount for the salaries of the Ministers of the Crown; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 11th December, 1907.

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

(1.) Income Tax Deduction Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide certain deductions in respect of income tax; to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(2.) Stamp Duties (Amendment) Bill.—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the stamp duties on bills of exchange, promissory notes, drafts, and receipts; to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, and the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 11th December, 1907.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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9. COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, on a motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intitled " *An Act to amend the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes.*"

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Sydney, 11th December, 1907.

10. DARLING HARBOUR LAND TITLES BILL, *changed from REAL PROPERTY (CERTIFICATES OF TITLE) BILL* :—The Order of the Day having been read, on a motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intitled " *An Act to provide for the issue of certificates of title to certain land purchased, appropriated, or resumed by the Government; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 11th December, 1907.

11. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, on a motion of Mr. Moore, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had amended some, and agreed to the remainder, of the Council's amendments.

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

12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Railway, Cowra, via Canowindra, to Gregra* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a Line of Railway from Cowra, *via* Canowindra, to Gregra. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Railway, Kyogle to Coraki, via Casino* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a Line of Railway from Kyogle to Coraki, *via* Casino. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *Tramway, Sutherland to Cronulla* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a Line of Tramway from Sutherland to Cronulla. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *Deviation of Great Western Line to avoid portion of Lithgow Zig-zag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a deviation of the Great Western Railway Line to avoid that portion of the Lithgow Zig-zag between the Bottom Points and the Coal Stage at Eskbank, section "B." Debate ensued.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

(5.) *Railway, Cooma, via Nimitybelle, to Bombala* :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a Line of Railway from Cooma, *via* Nimitybelle, to Bombala as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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14. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Moore, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 5th December, 1907, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, which inserts new paragraph (d), but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting therefrom the words "only part of the estate being acquired" and inserting the words "the board recommending the acquisition of part only of any property,"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 5, page 3, line 9, which omits the word "and" and inserts the words "being in areas each," but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting therefrom the words "in areas each," and inserting the words "the property of one owner and,"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the amendment, page 3, which inserts a new clause to follow clause 6, but proposes to amend it by inserting at the commencement of paragraph (a) the words "Unless otherwise agreed between the Minister and the owner," and by inserting after the word "block" the words "or in areas separated only from each other by lands not owned by the person owning the area resumed,"—in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 15, page 5, lines 22-28, which omits the first proviso, and inserts a new proviso, but proposes to amend such new proviso, by omitting therefrom the words "or the resumption as the case may be,"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill.

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Sydney, 12th December, 1907, a.m.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1907.

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

COOMA TO BOMBALA, *via* NIMITYBELLE, RAILWAY BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lee, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Cooma to Bombala, *via* Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 10th December, 1907.

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

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Muswellbrook-Merriwa Railway :—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Report of the Railway Commissioners on the proposed Muswellbrook-Merriwa Railway, arising out of their recent inspection of the route, yet been presented to the Public Works Department?

(2.) If so, will he see that the proposal is advanced sufficiently to place before the Public Works Committee during the coming recess?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The fullest consideration will be given to this line when the Railway policy for the ensuing Session is being considered.

(2.) Tramway Extension, Balmoral Beach :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a line of tramway extension as an access to Balmoral Beach along Military Road, through the Military Reserve, been suggested or surveyed; if so, what is the distance by grade, and is it intended to consider same?

(2.) What is the immediate population along this route, and, as a line for pleasure traffic, would not the distance to be traversed necessitate a tram fare in excess of one penny?

(3.) Has a more favourable line been suggested as from the Spit Road, along Stanton to Mandalong Roads; if so, what is the distance, and is it intended to consider same?

(4.) Is there a good immediate population with considerable land for subdivision along the route, and the distance about one-third of that through the Military Reserve?

(5.) Will he, in dealing with these routes, give consideration to cheapening facilities for the residents of North Sydney and district for access to Balmoral Beach, as well as to the question of preserving those reserves to public use?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) A line of tramway has been surveyed along this route. The distance is about 2 miles, but it is not proposed to adopt it.

(2.) No information has been obtained by my Department with regard to the population.

(3.)

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- (3.) The route from the Spit Road along Stanton-street to Mandalong Road was examined and found impracticable.
- (4.) I am not aware.
- (5.) An investigation is now being made for the purpose of getting a tramway down to Balmoral Beach, but the actual route has not been decided upon.
- (3.) Sanitary Arrangements on Vessels in the Harbour :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,— Will he see that steps are taken by the Public-Health Department to enforce a rule that all sanitary arrangements on steamers and boats when at the wharfs should be properly sealed?
- Mr. Wood* answered,—The Department of Public Health has not the necessary controlling power. The matter is, however, engaging the consideration of the Harbour Trust.
- (4.) Appointment of Inspectors, Friendly Societies Act :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is there any statutory provision for the appointment of inspectors under the Friendly Societies Act?
- (2.) Is it intended to appoint inspectors; and, if so, when, and how many?
- Mr. Wood* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The matter has been receiving consideration.
- (5.) Passenger Ferry Services, Circular Quay :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) When will the leases of the ferry passenger services expire for the various jetties at Circular Quay?
- (2.) Has Fort Macquarie, apart from the horse-ferry service there, been set aside exclusively for picnic and pleasure traffic?
- (3.) Is it a fact that, notwithstanding the above arrangements for public safety, the Sydney Ferries Company insist on mixing both traffics at Circular Quay; and, if so, why is such permitted?
- (4.) Will the Harbour Trust take steps to prevent a continuation of the practice at once?
- Mr. Wade* answered,—The Harbour Trust Commissioners have furnished me with the following information :—
- (1.) Jetty No. 2, 30th June, 1909; No. 3, 13th January, 1909; Nos. 4 and 5, 31st May, 1908; Nos. 6 and 7, 31st July, 1908.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The Commissioners have been advised that so long as the vessels of the Ferry Companies are engaged on the recognised ferry routes, exception cannot be taken to the class of passengers carried.
- (4.) The Commissioners are taking steps to minimise, as far as possible, the volume of traffic in Sydney Cove.
- (6.) Ferry and Tramway Traffic, Circular Quay and Milson's Point :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the ferry traffic between Circular Quay and Milson's Point, between the hours of 5 to 6.30 p.m., is overcrowded; if so, will he take steps to inquire into the question with a view to provide any necessary remedy for public safety?
- (2.) Will he take similar steps in regard to the condition of the tramway traffic at Milson's Point between the same hours and for the same purpose?
- (3.) Will he, in view of the magnitude of this traffic, give this matter his earnest attention?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—
- (1.) Inspectors are employed in the Navigation Department whose duty it is to watch the traffic and report any cases of overcrowding, and I am informed by the Superintendent of the Department that there has never been any case reported of these ferry boats carrying more passengers than they are certificated for, nor of accident to the public on account of the numbers that travel.
- (2 and 3.) I am informed that the accommodation provided for tramway purposes at Milson's Point is considered reasonably adequate for present requirements, and that due provision will be made should any increase occur in the traffic.
- (7.) Land Prosecutions: Fees and Salary of Mr. Pollock :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is the Mr. Pollock who was paid fees to the extent of £100 5s. in connection with the land prosecutions identical with the Mr. Pollock who is Chief Crown Prosecutor; and, if so, will he furnish a reason for such payment?
- (2.) What is Mr. Pollock's official salary?
- Mr. Wade* answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Pollock is Crown Prosecutor at the Central Criminal Court. He has the right of private practice. The extra fees referred to were paid for services at the Police Court, which are outside the scope of his official duties.
- (2.) £900 per annum, formerly £1,000 per annum. I may mention that Mr. Pollock's duties are not confined to those of prosecuting.
- (8.) Preparation of Cases for Trial :—Mr. Briner, for Mr. Price, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the remarks made by various Judges as to the manner in which informations are drawn?
- (2.) Who is responsible for the manner in which legal cases are placed before the Courts?
- (3.) Is it a fact that such laxity is calculated to defeat the ends of justice and entail additional costs upon the Crown and litigants for second trials?
- (4.) Has his attention been drawn to the oyster-stealing cases; if so, what further action does he contemplate taking?
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Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) I know of no case in recent years where a prosecution has failed through a defective information. If a Judge is of opinion that an information is bad, his duty is to discharge the accused.
- (2.) Crown Prosecutors are responsible for the manner in which cases for trial are placed before the Courts.
- (3.) No laxity is known to exist in the preparation of cases for trial, or in presenting them to the jury.
- (4.) The purpose of the prosecution was to make the law known that oysters cannot be taken from Crown lands without permission. The prosecution has had a salutary effect.

(9.) Federal Capital Site:—Mr. Briner, for Mr. Price, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) What action does he contemplate taking in connection with the site of the Federal Capital?
- (2.) Has any decision been arrived at between the State and Federal Governments in regard to the site of such capital?
- (3.) Will he be good enough to place before Parliament the correspondence which has passed between the State and Federal Governments?
- (4.) Has he yet received a definite reply from the Federal Premier; if not, will he be good enough to expedite matters in connection therewith?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Realising that the most important question was to fix a date for the discussion of the Capital Site in the Commonwealth Parliament, I have been in correspondence with the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth for some weeks past for the purpose of obtaining an assurance that the question will be dealt with during the current Session of the Federal Parliament.
- (2.) Mr. Deakin pointed out that a definite promise was not practicable owing to the urgency of the Tariff and the large demands made by its discussion upon the time of the House.
- (3.) Appreciating the fairness of this objection, I then asked Mr. Deakin if he would give a definite undertaking to make this matter of the Capital Site the first business item of the next Session of Parliament.
- (4.) Our future attitude must be governed very largely by the nature of the reply which I am now awaiting from the Commonwealth. If the reply is received before this Session terminates, I will lay all the correspondence upon the Table of this House; and, in any case, I will make it known through the Press.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Perry laid upon the Table, Report by the Chief Inspector of Stock on the Mortality in Stock at Muswellbrook.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

5. COOMA TO BOMBALA, *via* NIMITYBELLE, RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Cooma to Bombala, *via* Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900; so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.

6. MOTOR TRAFFIC BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intitled "*An Act to provide for the regulation of motor vehicles and their drivers; to amend the Government Motor Omnibus Act, 1905; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 12th December, 1907.

FRANK SUTTON,
President.

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

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 12th December, 1907, a.m., in reference to the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Bill,—agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th December, 1907.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

- (2.) Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to make provision for pensions in certain cases of invalidity and accident; to amend the Old Age Pensions Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 12th December, 1907.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

INVALIDITY AND ACCIDENTS PENSIONS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th December, 1907.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 5, line 10. Omit "apparently"

Page 2, clause 5, line 26. Before "maintain" insert "adequately"

Page 3, clause 9. Omit clause 9 insert the following new clause :—

The granting authority shall inquire as to the matters set out in section five, and being satisfied that a *prima facie* case has been established, shall in all cases of invalidity, and also in cases of accident where the permanent incapacity for work is not manifest, direct an examination of the applicant to be made by a Government medical officer, who shall certify in the prescribed form whether the claimant is permanently incapacitated for any work, giving the prescribed particulars. In its final determination the granting authority shall be guided by the certificate of such officer.

Page 3, clause 12, line 23. Omit "Payments" insert "the investigation and determination of claims and payment"

Page 3, clause 12, line 25. Omit "payments" insert "the investigation and determination of claims and payment"

Page 3, clause 12. At end of clause add "Provided that where a claim for a pension under this Act is lodged within one month after the commencement of this Act, such pension, when granted, shall be deemed to have commenced on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eight. In all other respects the provisions of sections fourteen and fifteen of the Principal Act shall apply to pensions under this Act."

Page 3, clause 14, line 36. Omit "Subject to the control of the Colonial Treasurer" insert "(1)"

Page 3, clause 14, line 38. After "Act" insert "and its decision on any point shall be final, subject to the control of the Colonial Treasurer"

Page 3, clause 14, line 38. Omit "and" insert "(2)"

Page 4, clause 14, line 1. After "Act" insert "(3)"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

9. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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.
10. PAPER :—Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Schedules A to H, Estimates, 1907-1908.—Department of Public Works (Roads, &c.).
Ordered to be printed.
11. COOMA TO BOMBALA, *vid* NIMITYBELLE, RAILWAY BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day (*by consent*) having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Cooma to Bombala, *vid* Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
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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12th December, 1907.

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 Cooma to Bombala, *via* Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Cooma to Bombala, via Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

12. PARRAMATTA FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' HALL SITE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wood 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. Wood, 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. Wood, 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. Wood, *passed*.

Mr. Wood then moved That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Parramatta Friendly Societies' Hall Site Vesting Act*."

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 Parramatta Friendly Societies' Hall Site Vesting Act*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 13th December, 1907, a.m.

13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its

rising this day, do adjourn until Monday next.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at fifteen minutes after Twelve o'clock, noon, until *Monday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Improvement Leases Cancellation Board :—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. Price*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Improvement Leases Cancellation Board has granted an area of 614,230 acres 3 roods to the applicants for improvement leases in certain cases which were referred to the Royal Commission on the land scandals, in which subject cases corruption was alleged?

(2.) Do such leases range from 10,000 to 20,000 acres in extent?

(3.) Will the granting of such large areas in improvement leases shut up such lands from closer settlement; if so—(a) for what term of years; (b) what will be the total revenue per annum derived from the said 614,230 acres; (c) what will be the average revenue per acre for such lands?

(4.) Has he been advised that the total area of land disallowed has amounted to 602,465 acres 2 roods 30 perches; if so, is it a fact that in the area of lands so disallowed leases ranging from 10,000 to 20,000 acres in extent are included, and will he consider whether this is in the interests of closer settlement?

(5.) In view of the decision of the Board, will he consider whether the sale of such leases in their present proposed large areas is in the interests of closer settlement; if not, will he consider the advisability of—(a) obtaining the necessary legislative sanction to subdivide those large leases into suitable holdings, in the interests of closer settlement; (b) suspending the dealing with such leases pending the passing of the necessary legislation; (c) taking into serious consideration the provisions of the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, and passing a short amending Act vesting in the Minister the power to subdivide such leases?

(6.) Will he call for an immediate report on the question of the probable increase in revenue which would accrue from the subdivision of such leases; if not, will he kindly explain his reasons for not adopting this course?

(7.) Will he consider whether the granting of those improvement leases for a long term is in the best interests of closer settlement?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) The Improvement Leases Board regranted seventy-seven improvement leases—area, 587,940 acres. The Board also determined that four leases—area, 26,340 acres—be reoffered at auction.

(2.) The areas of seventy of the regranted leases range from about 200 to 1,500 acres, six from 1,500 acres up to 17,000 acres, and one over 20,000 acres. The four leases are being reoffered in areas of 5,100 acres, 5,600 acres, 6,000 acres, and 9,640 acres respectively, in accordance with the determination of the Improvement Leases Board, which is final and conclusive.

(3.) (a) The terms of the regranted leases are—eight for ten years, forty-five for fifteen years, one for seventeen years, one for twenty years, five for twenty-four years, seventeen for twenty-five years, but the right of withdrawal for settlement after from seven to ten years is provided for in every case where the term exceeds ten years; (b) the total rent per annum of the 587,940 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres will be £7,998 15s.; (c) average rate of rental per acre will be about 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.(4, 5, 6, and 7.) Seventy-eight leases—area about 602,465 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres—were disallowed. Thirty-six of these leases ranged in areas from 590 to 5,000 acres, nineteen from 5,000 acres to 10,000 acres, twelve from 10,000 acres to 15,000 acres, nine from 15,000 acres to 20,000 acres, and two over 20,000 acres. The Honorable Member is evidently under some misapprehension, as there has been no proposal to reoffer these lands in such areas; on the contrary, steps are now being taken to make the 602,465 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres (exclusive of any necessary reserves) available for settlement in suitable areas as early as possible.

(2.)

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- (2.) Windsor to Sackville Reach Tramway:—*Mr. Fleming*, for *Mr. Brinsley Hall*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have a survey made without delay of the route of the proposed Windsor to Sackville Reach Tramline?

Mr. Lee answered,—A survey will be made as soon as a surveyor can be spared for the purpose.

- (3.) South Coast Railway Deviation between Clifton and Waterfall:—*Mr. Nicholson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has the survey for deviation on the South Coast Railway between Clifton and Waterfall been completed; and, if so, is the survey and report favourable for the deviation to be made?
 - (2.) If not, have the Commissioners decided upon any other means of alleviating the inconvenience and danger to locomotive-drivers and firemen of coal trains on the up journey?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the survey between Otford and Waterfall is not yet completed.
- (2.) Consideration has been given to the question of ventilating the Otford tunnel, and machinery for the purpose is being obtained.

- (4.) Public Service Regrading, 1906,—Appeals, North Coast:—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. Brown*, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) When will the result of the appeals from officers along the North Coast against the Public Service Regrading of 1906 be made known, and how many of such appeals are undecided?
 - (2.) Will the successful appellants receive their increases, if any, at once; if not, when?
 - (3.) How many of such appellants have passed the higher grade or Police Magistrates' examinations, or both, and what is their average salary?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The results will be notified as soon as possible. Eleven are undecided.
- (3.) One has passed both examinations. His salary is at the rate of £180 per annum, ranging under Public Service Regulation 149 to £200 per annum.

- (5.) Extra Subsidy for Roads, North Coast Timber Districts:—*Mr. Briner* asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the major portion of the damage to roads in the North Coast districts, particularly in timber districts, is caused by the hauling of timber?
 - (2.) What was the net revenue from the Forestry Branch for the year ended 30th June, 1907?
 - (3.) Will the Government grant an extra subsidy to Shires where there is any timber trade, and base the amount of such subsidy upon the amount of royalty collected within each Shire?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) I am unable to say.
- (2.) I am informed by the Forestry Department that the total revenue was £50,397 16s. 4d., and total expenditure £20,259 12s. 5d.
- (3.) In view of the large endowments to the Shires principally concerned in the timber trade, viz., the Bellingen and Dorrigo Shires, such a subsidy as that suggested cannot be granted.

- (6.) Amendment of Section 14 of Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1905:—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Does the Department so interpret section 14 of the Crown Lands Amendment Act of 1905, that the holder of a special lease of any area, or of allotments in unproclaimed towns, villages, or cities, is debarred from acquiring a conditional purchase lease?
- (2.) Is it a fact that as Marrickville, Coramba, and Macksville are unproclaimed towns, a man holding an allotment of a quarter of an acre therein, may not acquire a conditional purchase lease, while a man holding acres of land in proclaimed cities or towns, say, in Sydney, Grafton, or Bellingen, or Coff's Harbour, can acquire a conditional purchase lease?
- (3.) In view of the proposal to make areas of Crown land available shortly will he introduce, and endeavour to carry through this Session, a short Bill remedying this apparent defect in the Act of 1905 and the Principal Acts?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes.
- (3.) It is proposed to amend the section, and provision therefor will be made in the amending Land Bill to be introduced early next Session.

- (7.) Dam at Mingay, Upper Murrumbidgee:—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact, as stated in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 10th instant, that there is a very eligible site for a dam at Mingay, and, moreover, that it would impound the waters of the Upper Murrumbidgee as well as the Tumut and their affluents, and that it would have a considerably-increased catchment area far beyond that of the Upper Murrumbidgee, and will he consider the desirability of abandoning the building of the Barren Jack dam for that on Mingay?
- (2.) Should he decline to do this, will he call for a report upon Mingay and its possibilities in comparison with that of Barren Jack?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) A storage that may be found practicable at Mingay would be a valuable addition to that at the junction of the Murrumbidgee and Goodradigbee Rivers, but would not involve the discontinuance of the scheme already in hand.
- (2.) The possibilities of the area have been under investigation for some time, and are now being further explored.

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2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Employees, Tenants, and Dwellings in the Observatory Hill (Rocks) Resumed Area.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Water Supply for Railway Purposes at Linden.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with Murrumbidgee Northern Irrigation.

(2.) By-laws in connection with the Water Supply for the Municipality of Albury, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Further Return respecting cost of Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES (PUBLIC WORKS FUND), AND LOAN ESTIMATES, FOR 1907-8 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th Section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the following :—

(1.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*—Additional Estimates of Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the financial year ending 30th June, 1908.(2.) *Public Works Fund*—Additional Estimates of Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1907-8.(3.) *Loans*—Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1907-8, proposed to be provided for by Loan.State Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1907.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1907, 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 certain resolutions.

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

The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1907-8.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. I.—SCHEDULES TO THE CONSTITUTION ACT, No. 32 OF 1902.

(3.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,250, as supplement to Schedules to the Constitution Act, for the year 1907-8.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1907-8.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,030, for Legislative Council, for the year 1907-8.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,872, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1907-8.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,300, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1907-8.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,088, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1907-8.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,166, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1907-8.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1907-8.

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No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

- (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,403, for Colonial Secretary, for the year 1907-8.
- (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,373, for Auditor-General, for the year 1907-8.
- (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,498, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1907-8.
- (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £459,651, for Police, for the year 1907-8.
- (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £138,493, for Lunacy, for the year 1907-8.
- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,198, for Master-in-Lunacy, for the year 1907-8.
- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £193, for Medical Board, for the year 1907-8.
- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £78,173, for Department of Public Health, for the year 1907-8.
- (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,463, for Registry of Friendly Societies and Trade Unions, for the year 1907-8.
- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61,010, for Government Asylums for the Infirm, for the year 1907-8.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,616, for Department of Fisheries, for the year 1907-8.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,296, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1907-8.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,081, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1907-8.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £891, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1907-8.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,192, for Government Domain (Outer), for the year 1907-8.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,258, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1907-8.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,483, for Centennial Park, for the year 1907-8.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £208, for Swimming Baths, Woolloomooloo Bay, for the year 1907-8.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,150, for Electoral Office, for the year 1907-8.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £136,371, for Stores Supply and Tender Board, for the year 1907-8.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,653, for Labour and Industry Branch, for the year 1907-8.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £98,382, for Endowment to Hospitals, &c., and other Charitable Services, for the year 1907-8.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £39,113, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1907-8.

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,772, for Treasury, for the year 1907-8.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,300, for Stamp Duties, for the year 1907-8.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £34,600, for Land and Income Tax, for the year 1907-8.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £85, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1907-8.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1907-8.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £73,879, for Government Printer, for the year 1907-8.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,758, for Explosives, for the year 1907-8.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,640, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1907-8.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75,862, for Navigation, for the year 1907-8.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, for Australian Coast Lighthouses, for the year 1907-8.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,785, for Lifeboats, &c., for the year 1907-8.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,120, for Administration of Old-age Pensions Act, for the year 1907-8.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,733, for Resumed Properties, for the year 1907-8.

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- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £83,990, for Sydney Harbour Trust, for the year 1907-8.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,725, for Agent-General for New South Wales, for the year 1907-8.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,384, for Public Library of New South Wales, for the year 1907-8.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,100, for Department of Intelligence and Bureau of Statistics, for the year 1907-8.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £145,487, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1907-8.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000, for Advance to Treasurer, for the year 1907-8.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £650,000, in aid of Public Works Fund, for the year 1907-8.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200,000, in aid of Closer Settlement Fund, for the year 1907-8.

No. V.—RAILWAYS.

- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,318,359, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines, Working Expenses, for the year 1907-8.

No. VI.—DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND OF JUSTICE.

- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £39,054, for Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, for the year 1907-8.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,237, for The Judges, for the year 1907-8.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,325, for Prothonotary and Registrar-in-Divorce, for the year 1907-8.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,925, for Master-in-Equity, for the year 1907-8.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,025, for Registrar-in-Bankruptcy, for the year 1907-8.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,735, for Probate and Intestate Estates Office, for the year 1907-8.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,666, for Sheriff, for the year 1907-8.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,377, for District Courts, for the year 1907-8.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,910, for Coroners, for the year 1907-8.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £84,053, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1907-8.
- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £89,923, for Prisons, for the year 1907-8.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £43,376, for Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents, for the year 1907-8.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,043, for Public Service Board, for the year 1907-8.
- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,145, for Industrial Arbitration, for the year 1907-8.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,584, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1907-8.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £291,020, for Department of Lands, for the year 1907-8.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,679, for Western Land Board, for the year 1907-8.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,797, for Pastures Protection Act, for the year 1907-8.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,363, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1907-8.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, for Special Services—Labour Settlements, for the year 1907-8.

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £86,803, for Establishment, for the year 1907-8.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £292,050, for Public Works and Services, for the year 1907-8.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £223,185, for Local Government, for the year 1907-8.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,636, for Labour Bureau, for the year 1907-8.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £131,231, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1907-8.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,002, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1907-8.

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No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £968,747, for Public Instruction, for the year 1907-8.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £69,905, for State Children Relief Department, for the year 1907-8.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,045, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1907-8.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,198, for Observatory, for the year 1907-8.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,934, for Australian Museum, for the year 1907-8.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,068, for National Art Gallery, for the year 1907-8.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,000, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1907-8.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,300, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1907-8.

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £57,200, for Department of Mines, for the year 1907-8.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,848, for Stock and Brands Branch, for the year 1907-8.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,932, for Agriculture Branch, for the year 1907-8.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1907-8.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,675, for Exports and Cold Storage Branch, for the year 1907-8.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £970, for Miners' Accident Relief Board, for the year 1907-8.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for Commercial Agents, for the year 1907-8.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,657, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1907-8.

No. XI.—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1907, FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1906-7, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1906-7, SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,987 12s., in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1906-7, Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Public Works Fund.

No. XII.—PUBLIC WORKS FUND ESTIMATES, 1907-8.

- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £776,778, for Works and Services to be provided for out of Public Works Fund.

No. XIII.—PUBLIC WORKS FUND, STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1907, FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1906-7, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1906-7, SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

- (100.) Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,080 19s. 9d., on account of Services of the year 1906-7, in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1906-7, Public Works Fund.

Closer Settlement Fund.

No. XIV.—CLOSER SETTLEMENT FUND ESTIMATES, 1907-8.

- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400,000, to provide for the Acquisition of Land for the purposes of Closer Settlement and Contingent Expenses.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1907-8.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Legislative Assembly."
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £109, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Legislative Council and Assembly."
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Parliamentary Library."

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £77, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Auditor-General."
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Lunacy." (107.)

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- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £161, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Department of Fisheries."
 (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £113, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Registry of Friendly Societies and Trade Unions."
 (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £750, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Stores Supply and Tender Board."
 (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,200, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Endowments to Hospitals, &c., and other Charitable Services."
 (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,851, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £103, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "The Treasury."
 (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £233, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Navigation."
 (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Resumed Properties."
 (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Agent-General for New South Wales."
 (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £173, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Public Library of New South Wales."
 (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,539, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. VI.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND JUSTICE.

- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "The Judges."
 (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Petty Sessions."
 (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Prisons."
 (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £909, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents."
 (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £675, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Industrial Arbitration."

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Department of Lands."
 (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,583, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £392, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Establishment."
 (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33,218, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Public Works and Services."
 (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,412, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage."
 (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £754, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board."

No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £238, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Public Instruction."
 (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions."

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

- (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Department of Mines."
 (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,063, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Stock and Brands Branch."
 (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,670, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Agriculture Branch."
 (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,000, to defray additional charge for the year 1907-8 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

Public Works Fund.

No. XII.—PUBLIC WORKS FUND—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1907-8.

- (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £92,265, for Works and Services to be provided for out of Public Works Fund.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

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

(1.) Lockhart to Clear Hills, *via* Boree Creek, 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 Lockhart to Clear Hills, via Boree Creek ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

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F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(2.) Narromine to Peak Hill 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 Narromine to Peak Hill ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(3.) Drummoyne to Ryde Electric Tramway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Drummoyne to Hatton's Flat, Ryde ; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1907.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(4.) Wallsend to West Wallsend Tramway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Tramway from Wallsend to West Wallsend ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1907.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(5.) Mining (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the meaning of certain provisions of section 2 of the Mining Act, 1906 ; to amend sections 14, 15, 16, 25, 50, 106, 109, and 110, and Schedule Three of the said Act ; to amend section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 ; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1907.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(6.) Public Works (Interest) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Works Act, 1900,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1907.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(7.) Ministers' Salaries Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund an annual amount for the salaries of the Ministers of the Crown ; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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

(1.) Darling Harbour Land Titles Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the issue of certificates of title to certain land purchased, appropriated, or resumed by the Government; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1907.

(2.) Stamp Duties (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the stamp duties on bills of exchange, promissory notes, drafts, and receipts; to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, and the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(3.) Income Tax Deduction Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 29.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide certain deductions in respect of income tax; to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1907.

(4.) Companies (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 30.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Estell, on behalf of Mr. G. A. Jones, Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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 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:—

(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty,—

(a) For the Service of the financial year 1907-8, the sum of £8,707,122 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(b) In adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1906-7," for Services of the financial year 1906-7, the sum of £44,987 12s. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty,—

(a) For Works and Services, the sum of £869,043 be granted out of the Public Works Fund of New South Wales.

(b) In adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1906-7," for Services of the financial year 1906-7, the sum of £6,080 19s. 9d. be granted out of the Public Works Fund of New South Wales.

(5.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Services, the sum of £400,000 be granted out of the Closer Settlement Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

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9. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 3, 4, and 5), to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1907, to the 30th day of June, 1908, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1906-1907," for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907, inclusive of both dates; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; to adjust the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, Public Works Fund, 1906-7," for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907, inclusive of both dates; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.
- (2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1907, to the 30th day of June, 1908, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1906-1907,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907, inclusive of both dates; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Public Works Fund, 1906-7,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907, inclusive of both dates; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the day.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1907, A.M.

10. COOMA TO BOMBALA, *via* NIMITYBELLE, RAILWAY BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lee, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
- (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lee, passed.
Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Line of Railway from Cooma to Bombala, via Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
Question put and passed.
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 Cooma to Bombala, via Nimitybelle; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day (*by consent*) having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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, 1907-8.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER SERVICES, TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN.

For the completion of works already begun under sanction of Parliament from Loan Votes.

TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(136.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £39,850, for the Sydney Harbour Trust, towards Construction of Works generally, and for the Improvement of the Port—further sum.

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SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(137.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £30,000, for the Purchase of Wire Netting or other Material and Plant for the Destruction of Rabbits, under section 30 of Act 111 of 1902—further sum.

SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(138.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £266,500, for Railway Construction; being £30,000 for Narrabri to Walgett, with Branch towards Collarendabri—further sum; £30,000 for Manilla to Barraba—further sum; £44,000 for Temora to Barellean—further sum; £56,500 for Bogan Gate to Bulbodney—further sum; £1,000 for Extension of Railway at Necropolis—further sum; £35,000 for Mudgee to Dunedoo Railway—further sum; £20,000 for Belmore-Chapel Road Railway—further sum; £50,000 for North Coast Railway (Maitland to South Grafton)—further sum.

(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £131,000, for Tramway Construction—Tramways generally.

(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for Harbours and Rivers—Port Kembla Harbour Works.

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £16,700, for Sewerage Construction; being £700 for Stanmore Road Storm-water Channel—further sum; £15,000 for Newcastle Sewerage—further sum; and £1,000 for Sewerage Construction generally.

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £60,500, for Water Supply; being £12,500 for Improvements to Sydney Water Supply and Storage Dam, Cataract River, including Land Resumptions—further sum; and £48,000 for 20-inch Main, Wallsend to Buttai—further sum.

(143.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £85,000, for Miscellaneous—New Public Abattoir at Homebush Point—further sum.

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage (to be carried out by the Board); being for Water Supply—£48,000 for Extension and Improvement of General Reticulation, Purchase of Water Meters, Reservoirs at Randwick, Ashfield, Bellevue Hill, and North Sydney, Screens' Pipe Head, Raising and Lining Lower Canal, Pumping Main, Pumps, Buildings, Land, Surveys, and Works generally—further sum; and for Sewerage—£52,000 for Construction and Ventilation of Reticulation Sewers generally, City, Northern, Eastern, and Western Suburbs, Lands, Pumps, Relief Sewers, Buildings, Compensation, Surveys, and Works generally—further sum.

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £4,000, for Hunter River District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—Water Supply, Extension of Reticulation—further sum.

New Works.

TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £40,000, for Sydney Harbour Trust, towards Construction of Works generally, and for the Improvement of the Port—further sum.

RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

(147.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,000,000, for Railways; being £700,000 for Rolling Stock, to meet the large Additional Traffic and the Opening of new Extensions; £300,000 for Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, and Buildings, and for other purposes.

(148.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £250,000, for Tramways; being £10,000 towards Duplication of portions of Existing Lines; £75,000 for Additions to Lines, Workshops, and Buildings, and for other purposes, including an Additional Unit for Ultimo Power House; £61,000 for Rolling Stock required to meet Increased Traffic; and £104,000 towards City and Suburban Station and Car Sheds.

SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(149.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £13,031, for Railway Construction—Extension of the Strathmerton towards Tocumwal Railway to Tocumwal—moiety of cost.

(150.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £210,000, for Tramway Construction—Tramways generally.

(151.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for Harbours and Rivers—Newcastle Wharfage and Shipping Appliances.

(152.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for Water Supply—Compensation Weirs on Nepean River.

(153.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £10,000, for Miscellaneous—New Street, George-street to Regent-street, for Tramway purposes.

(154.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan a sum not exceeding £150,000, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; being £48,000 for Water Supply—Extension and Improvements to General Reticulation, and Works generally; and £102,000 for Sewerage—Construction and Ventilation of Reticulation Sewers generally, and Works generally.

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(155.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £21,400, for Hunter River District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, being— for Water Supply, £12,000 for Extension of Water Supply to Cessnock; £4,000 for Store Advance Account; £4,000 for South Maitland Water Supply; £900 for Additions to Pumping Machinery, Walka; and for Sewerage, £500 for Extensions and Reticulation.

Repayment of Loans.

(156.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1907-8, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,500,000, to meet 4 per cent. Debentures falling due 1st July, 1908, issued under Loans Acts 38 Vic. No. 2, 40 Vic. No. 12, and 41 Vic. No. 4.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

12. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day (*by consent*) having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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 :—

(6.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £3,970,981 be raised by the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding £4 per centum per annum, or pending the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, by the issue of Treasury Bills, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding £4 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services, and for other purposes.

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

13. LOAN BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 6), to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and *now* read a second time.

(3.) 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 Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, 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. Waddell, *passed*.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes*.”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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14. PAPERS :—Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Schedules 1 to 6, Estimates 1907-1908, Department of Public Works (Construction).

(2.) Schedules 1 to 6, Additional Estimates, 1907-1908, Department of Public Works.

(3.) Schedules A to H, Additional Estimates, 1907-1908, Department of Public Works (Roads, &c.).

(4.) Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended 30th June, 1907; together with Appendices and Photographs.

(5.) Return to an Order made on 10th July, 1907,—“*North Shore Bridge*.”

(6.) Return showing the Amount of Rate levied by each of the respective Shire Councils, with Summary.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

15. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—

(1.) Mr. Wade moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill to amend the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905; to validate certain Acts, proclamations, and notifications, and to declare the law in certain respects; and for other purposes,—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wade then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill to amend the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905; to validate certain Acts, proclamations, and notifications, and to declare the law in certain respects; and for other purposes,—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. John Miller,
Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. McFarlane,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Mahony,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Robson,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Nobbs,	Colonel Onslow.

Nocs, 23.

Mr. Scobie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Meagher.
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. McLaurin,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. McGarry,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

(1.) Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 31.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(2.) Liquor (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th Section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905; to validate certain Acts, proclamations, and notifications, and to declare the law in certain respects; and for other purposes.

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

17. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Wade moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905; to validate certain Acts, proclamations, and notifications, and to declare the law in certain respects; and for other purposes.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Estell,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Gillies,
Colonel Ryrie,	Sir James Graham,

Nocs, 18.

Mr. Morton,
Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Davidson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Robson,
Mr. James.

Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Page,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Levien.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. G. A. Jones.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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(2.) Whereupon Mr. Wade moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905; to validate certain Acts, proclamations, and notifications, and to declare the law in certain respects; and for other purposes.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Wade,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. James,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Gilbert,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Fleming,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Meehan,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. McLaurin.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Macdonell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 that the Committee had come to a resolution.

The Chairman moved, That the resolution be now received.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Levy,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. James,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Davidson,	
Colonel Ryrie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Sir James Graham,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Robert Jones,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Meehan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Nicholson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905; to validate certain Acts, proclamations, and notifications, and to declare the law in certain respects; and for other purposes.

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

(3.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905; to validate certain Acts, proclamations, and notifications, and to declare the law in certain respects; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Wade moved, That the Bill be printed and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. James,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Cann,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Latimer,	Colonel Rylie.
Mr. Oakes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Barton.
Sir James Graham,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Briner,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Robson,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Treffé,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Macdonell.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Peters.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(4.) Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

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

19. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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 without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, 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. Waddell, passed.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1907, to the 30th day of June, 1908, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1906-1907,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907, inclusive of both dates; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Public Works Fund, 1906-7,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907, inclusive of both dates; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1907, to the 30th day of June, 1908, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1906-1907,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907, inclusive of both dates; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Public Works Fund, 1906-7,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907, inclusive of both dates; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1907, a.m.*

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at one minute after One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Sydney Meat Preserving Company, and the Price of Meat:—
- Mr. E. M. Clark*
- , for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Regarding the high price for meat, is it a fact that an agent of the pastoralists or Sydney Meat Preserving Company is always present at the Homebush sale-yards to bid up for the stock sold, and thus raise the price of meat?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Company referred to does not trouble about dividends, but that the pastoralists who own it are well paid through having in the market a buyer who keeps prices firm?

(3.) Is he aware that such a practice is in restraint of trade, and therefore illegal?

(4.) Does he propose to stop the practice referred to?

(5.) Has his attention been directed to the answer given to Mr. O'Sullivan by Mr. Carruthers (then Premier) on these matters, in which a promise was made that the matter would receive the fullest investigation?

(6.) Is he aware that such promise was never kept?

(7.) Will he now promise to have such an investigation made within a month from date, in order that the public may have a chance of getting their meat cheaper?

(8.) Has his attention been directed to the following figures in *The Bulletin* for 5 September, 1907, concerning the finances of the Sydney Meat Preserving Company :—

	Business Profit.	Pastoralists' Subsidy received.	Written off.	Added to Reserves.	Reserves.
	£	£	£	£	£
June, 1902	280	4,827	.....	5,107	68,917
Dec., 1902	Loss. 3,732	3,222	5,000	.....	63,407
June, 1903	4,366	3,718	5,000	.....	57,759
Dec., 1903	9,494	5,581	.....	.....	53,846
June, 1904	7,824	4,028	.....	.....	50,050
Dec., 1904	4,367	4,549	.....	182	50,232
June, 1905	6,315	3,619	.....	.....	47,536
Dec., 1905	4,390	4,529	.....	139	47,675
June, 1906	4,229	4,401	.....	172	47,847
Dec., 1906	4,949	5,663	.....	714	48,561
June, 1907	Profit. £930	.....	.....	930	49,491

- (9.) What steps does the present Government propose to take with regard to the meat-ring whose operations are raising the price of meat?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I have not yet had time to inquire fully into this matter, but will do so as soon as possible, and should it then be found necessary to take any action it will be taken. I may remind the Honorable Member that when the reply was given to his Question of the 3rd October, 1906, he was asked to favour the late Treasurer with any facts in his possession about the matter, and was informed that they would receive Mr. Carruthers most earnest consideration, but up to the present no information has been furnished by the Honorable Member other than that contained in to-day's Question. If the Honorable Member has any further information on the subject, I shall be glad if he will communicate it to me without delay, and he can rely upon it getting the most careful attention.

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- (2.) Convictions under the Liquor Act :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Will he have prepared, and laid upon the Table of this House early in the next Session of Parliament, a return showing,—(1) the number convicted for sly-grog selling for the two years prior to the present Liquor Act coming into operation ; (2) similar information for the years 1906 and 1907 to the end of December, during which the Act has been in operation ?

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

- (3.) Crown-street to Phillip-street Tramway, and Victoria Park Racecourse :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the proposed Crown-street to Phillip-street tramway extension has been decided upon solely because of the proposed establishment of the Victoria Park Racecourse in the locality ?

(2.) Will the tramway, when constructed, serve patrons only of the proposed racecourse mentioned ?

(3.) What is the estimated revenue therefrom as distinguished from the revenue expected from other sources ?

(4.) How far distant will the tramway terminus be from the Victoria Park Course ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) No estimates of revenue have been made.

(4.) Sixty chains.

- (4.) Sydney Ferries Company, Limited :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he inquire if it is a fact that men employed in the Sydney Ferries traffic are, on alternative Sundays, worked continuously seventeen and a half hours ; and, if so, will he, in the interest of the men and the safety of the travelling public, take steps, by regulation or legislation, to remedy such a condition of affairs ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I will have inquiry made.

- (5.) Sydney Ferries Company, Limited :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Sydney Ferries Company, Limited, refused to run their pleasure traffic from the wharfs set aside for the purpose at Fort Macquarie unless facilities were given them to erect turnstiles for the purpose of collecting passengers' fares ; if not, why is this Company's traffic to Clifton Gardens and Middle Harbour run from the Neutral Bay and Mossman passenger wharfs ?

(2.) Is it a fact that negotiations are in progress, or have been completed between the Company and the Harbour Trust, to lease that portion of the Quay now used by the Government boats for the purpose of running picnic traffic ; and, if so, what is the term of lease, rental, and special reasons for further congesting this kind of traffic at Circular Quay ?

(3.) Has this Company been permitted to erect turnstiles upon the ladies' lavatories on one or more jetties for the purpose of making charges ; and, if so, has it been done with the approval of the Harbour Trust ?

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

(1.) No. The Commissioners have been advised that the Company's traffic to Athol Bight, Clifton Gardens, Balmoral, and The Spit, does not come within the category of picnic traffic.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes.

- (6.) Tramway Facilities, Milson's Point :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to his reply to Mr. E. M. Clark on the 12th instant, that the accommodation provided for tramway purposes at Milson's Point is considered reasonably adequate for present requirements, will he consider whether, at the hours mentioned, trams stopping over 100 yards from a ferry are adequate for the requirements of a rapid and crowded service ?

(2.) Is it a fact that some years ago a loop was proposed for the purpose of relieving this traffic, and will the Railway Commissioners give the matter early consideration as a provision for present and future traffic ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

(1.) That passengers to and from trams at Milson's Point are not required to walk any greater distance than passengers to and from railway trains at the same place, and not so far as at the Central Railway Station, Sydney, or several other places where passengers are required to tranship. The arrangements are considered reasonably adequate.

(2.) The question of a loop was under consideration, but the advantages to be derived were not commensurate to the expense that would be involved.

- (7.) Railway and Tramway Traffic, Milson's Point :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What, approximately, are the numbers of passengers carried annually by trams to Milson's Point ?

(2.) What, approximately, are the numbers of passengers carried annually by rail to Milson's Point ?

(3.) What annual number of season tickets are issued on the North Shore line between Milson's Point and Hornsby ?

(4.) If all or any part of the above information is not available, will steps be taken to obtain it ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Two and a half millions.

(2.) The number of tickets issued to Milson's Point for the twelve months ended 30th September, 1907, was 373,850.

(3.) The number of season tickets issued between Milson's Point and Hornsby during the year ended 30th June, 1907, was 9,286.

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- (8.) Foreshores, Sydney Harbour :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Will he, as a matter of public policy, submit to the Cabinet the question that no further alienation by sale, lease, or renewal of lease shall take place in regard to the foreshores in Sydney Harbour and other waters suitable for purposes of public use; or will he appoint a Commission to report upon the best means to secure the reservation or resumption by the Crown of all foreshores in Sydney Harbour required for such use?
 - (2.) If he will not agree to the foregoing proposals, will he permit the resolution standing in the name of the Honorable Member for Sturt to be discussed this Session, that a Committee of Parliament may be appointed for the purpose, with power to sit during the recess?
- Mr. Wade answered,—The matter will be submitted to the Cabinet as requested.
- (9.) Breweries License levied by the State :—Mr. Barton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he take into consideration during the coming recess the advisability of relieving the brewers of the State breweries license, which license, in addition to the Federal license, is now paid in this State only?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—Yes.
- (10.) Mr. Bonthorne and Mr. Balcombe, Public Service :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) What position did Mr. Bonthorne occupy in the Public Service before he was appointed Registrar of the District Court?
 - (2.) Has he ever passed any public examination qualifying him for any legal position?
 - (3.) Was he appointed by the Justice Department to examine the officers of the Equity Court as to their knowledge and capacity?
 - (4.) Did Mr. Balcombe, Chief Clerk in the Equity Court, set the papers and correct same at Mr. Bonthorne's request?
 - (5.) Was Mr. Bonthorne subsequently appointed to report as to Mr. Balcombe's qualifications, and as to whether he was entitled to an increase of salary?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) Chief Clerk, Water Police Office.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) Mr. Bonthorne was appointed by the Public Service Board to act as one of the Examiners in connection with the grade test of certain junior officers in the offices of the Master in Equity, Registrar of Probates, and Registrar of the District Court.
 - (4.) The Registrar of Probates and the Chief Clerk in Equity set and corrected the papers on the practice of their respective offices, at the request of the Examiners.
 - (5.) Not as to Mr. Balcombe's qualifications, but he was one of three senior officers who were appointed to inspect and compare the work and salaries of the staffs of the several Supreme Court offices.
- (11.) Sydney Cricket Ground Trust :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. John Miller, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have any steps been taken towards reorganising the Cricket Ground Trust so that the ground members can have representation thereon?
- Mr. Moore answered,—No.
- (12.) Inspectors, Shearers Accommodation Act :—Mr. Peters, for Mr. Lynch, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisability of making inspectors under the Shearers Accommodation Act, all police in control of patrol districts, and thus relieve much of the duties that at present devolve upon officers in charge of police districts?
- Mr. Wood answered,—At present constables, senior-constables, and police officers of other grades are appointed inspectors under the Shearers Accommodation Act, as well as officers in charge of police districts. Where police in control of patrol districts are not already appointed inspectors under the Act there will be no objection to their being so appointed.
- (13.) Police Service in Western Division :—Mr. Scobie asked the Colonial Secretary,—Seeing that the new Regulations of the Public Instruction Department provide that twelve months' service in the Western Division shall count as eighteen months' service, will he make the same provision in favour of the police officers stationed in the same division of the State?
- Mr. Wood answered,—The Inspector-General of Police informs me that this could not be done. Police have a most liberal retiring allowance and must serve in accordance with the actual terms laid down by the Act. There have been many transfers of police from the back country during the past few years.
- (14.) Ganmain Holding :—Mr. McLaurin asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a ballot was recently held for land on the Ganmain Holding?
 - (2.) Is it also a fact that the successful applicant, according to his own application, possesses an area of 1,700 acres of land in Victoria (near Wodonga)?
 - (3.) Will he consider whether it is within the spirit of the Act for men in such a position to compete against landless men in our own State?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) Yes; for a conditional purchase lease.
 - (2.) I am informed that the successful applicant does not own land in Victoria, but rents 1,700 acres. I will have full inquiry made into the matter.
 - (3.) I certainly would not regard it as being within the spirit of the law for a person possessing such an area in Victoria to be recognised as a qualified applicant for a conditional purchase lease in this State.

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2. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Applications for the Position of Engineer, Fitter, and Turner in the Government Printing Office ; together with Copies of Testimonials.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Proclamation and Regulations under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report of the National Park Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1907.
(2.) Amended Regulations under the Dentists Act.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1907.
(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board with regard to the Appointment of Mr. Stephen Murphy as Clerk of Petty Sessions and Chamber Magistrate, Central Police Office.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
(3.) Further Correspondence between the Commonwealth Government and the Government of New South Wales respecting the Federal Capital Site. (*In supplementation of Documents laid upon the Table during Sessions 1905 and 1906.*)
Ordered to be printed.
3. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905 ; to validate certain Acts, proclamations, and notifications, and to declare the law in certain respects ; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905 ; to validate certain Acts, proclamations, and notifications, and to declare the law in certain respects ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1907.*
4. INVALIDITY AND ACCIDENTS PENSIONS 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 make provision for pensions in certain cases of invalidity and accident ; to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1907.*
5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.
Question put and passed.
6. POOR PRISONERS DEFENCE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the defence of poor prisoners ; and for other purposes connected therewith.*"
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1907.*
7. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. G. A. Jones, as Chairman, brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee.
8. ELECTRIC TRAMWAY, DULWICH HILL TRAMWAY TERMINUS TO ASHFIELD :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a Line of Electric Tramway from the Dulwich Hill Tramway Terminus to Ashfield.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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9. **ELECTRIC TRAMWAY, THE SPIT TO MANLY**:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing an Electric Tramway from The Spit to Manly.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. **BREAKWATER ON NORTHERN SIDE OF ENTRANCE TO THE CLARENCE RIVER**:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a Breakwater on the Northern Side of the Entrance to the Clarence River, as recommended by the late Sir John Coode.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **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 Public Works and Services, and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1907.
- F. B. SUTTON,
President.
- (2.) **Appropriation Bill**:—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1907, to the 30th day of June, 1908, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1906-1907,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907, inclusive of both dates; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Public Works Fund, 1906-7,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907, inclusive of both dates; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1907.
- F. B. SUTTON,
President.
- (3.) **Liquor (Amendment) Bill**:—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905; to validate certain Acts, proclamations, and notifications, and to declare the law in certain respects; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1907.
- F. B. SUTTON,
President.
12. **OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S BRANCH, CHANCERY SQUARE**:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of completing the scheme of Office Accommodation for the Registrar-General's Branch in Chancery Square.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES,
to wit.

(L.S.)

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

By His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being "An Act to Consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution," it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor of New South Wales may prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now, therefore, I, Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the fourth day of February next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven, and in the seventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

W. H. WOOD.

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(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, 20 DECEMBER, 1907.)

QUESTION :—

1. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to ask THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
- (1.) Are Messrs. Lawson and Wilkes, clerks, employed by Mr. W. H. Palmer, Official Assignee?
 - (2.) Do the names "Lawson, Wilkes, and Company," or "Lawson and Company," appear in accounts filed by Mr. Palmer, in the Bankruptcy Court?
 - (3.) Do such accounts show that Messrs. Lawson, Wilkes, and Company were allowed 10 per cent. commission on debts collected?
 - (4.) Were any such debts paid in at the Official Assignee's office?
 - (5.) Who audits the accounts filed by the Official Assignee?
 - (6.) Is there any record in the Bankruptcy Court to show the amount of remuneration received by Mr. Palmer in estates which are released under section 35?
 - (7.) Is Mr. Palmer entitled to be paid a higher remuneration than is allowed by the Bankruptcy Act of 1898?
 - (8.) Should all moneys received by Mr. Palmer, whether it be for remuneration or any other purpose, be paid into court?
 - (9.) Are all such moneys paid into court?
 - (10.) Is Mr. Palmer frequently appointed liquidator of companies wound up in the Equity Court?
 - (11.) What remuneration does he receive in connection with this work?
 - (12.) Is Mr. Palmer also an Auditor for the Bank of New South Wales?
 - (13.) Will he consider whether it is desirable that an Official Assignee should be closely identified with an institution whose interests might clash with his duty as Official Assignee?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
3. Motor Traffic Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. Wood.*]
4. Minimum Wage Bill ; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Wood.*]
5. New Lambton, Hartley Vale Colliery, and Australasia Coal Company Railways Resumption Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Moore.*]
6. Crown Lands Acts (Amendment) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the conversion of certain tenures under the Crown Lands Acts into certain other tenures ; to otherwise amend the Crown Lands Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto. [*Mr. Moore.*]
7. Pure Food Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Wade.*]
8. Necropolis (Amendment) Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Moore, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Coupon System.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Edden, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Dooley, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Meehan, and the Mover.
2. MR. LEVY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed, with extensive powers, to inquire into and report on the means of avoiding unnecessary delay and expense, and of making improvements, in the administration of justice and in the working of the law.

3. **MR. E. M. CLARK** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Richard Augustus Willoughby Green, in respect to certain lands known as Brumby's Grant, Gore Estate, Willoughby.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Fell, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. McCoy, and the Mover.
4. **MR. PRICE** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to agricultural holdings, and to amend such other Statutes as may be necessary to give effect to the same.
5. **MR. PRICE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The cost of the Superior Public School, Annandale, including the value of the land and furnishing and school requisites.
 - (2.) The number of pupils provided for.
 - (3.) The cost of the Public School, North Annandale, including land, furnishing, and school requisites.
 - (4.) Date when the Public School of North Annandale was opened.
 - (5.) Whether both schools are situated in the same street, viz., Johnston-street, Annandale.
 - (6.) Whether the two schools are within about eight minutes' walk of each other.
 - (7.) Whether there were sufficient pupils to fill the North Annandale Public School, and whether 400 pupils were withdrawn from the Superior Public School by the new school at North Annandale.
 - (8.) Whether it was found necessary to withdraw a portion of the teaching staff from one school to the other.
 - (9.) Who were the Members of Parliament who recommended the establishment of this school at North Annandale, and the names of the officers who recommended such establishment.
 - (10.) Whether it is a fact that prior to the opening of the North Annandale School there were nearly 1,100 children on the rolls of the Superior Public School, Annandale; and whether the number has fallen to 700.
 - (11.) The cost of keeping up the establishment of the Superior Public School, Annandale, at the present time, including all expenses; the like information regarding North Annandale Public School; and the total cost of the upkeep of both schools at the present time per annum.
 - (12.) The cost of running the Superior Public School, Annandale, prior to the opening of the North Annandale Public School.
 - (13.) The present accommodation provided in excess of the requirements of the district.
6. **MR. MEAGHER** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the operation of the Gaming and Betting Act since its inception, including the matter of the allocation of days to horse and pony racing respectively, and the action of proprietary clubs in obtaining increased revenue from bookmakers by means of increased license-fees.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. Edden, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gillies, Mr. McLaurin, and the Mover.
7. **MR. BEEBY** to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to secure to tenants of agricultural lands held under lease from private owners compensation for improvements made by them on their holdings, and to enable leaseholders of agricultural lands to acquire the freehold thereof, and to facilitate the compulsory sale or leasing of agricultural lands held out of use in certain prescribed areas, and for other purposes relating thereto.
8. **MR. BEEBY** to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Employers' Liability Act, and to provide for compensation to all workmen injured in the course of their employment.
9. **MR. HOLMAN** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of any cables which have recently passed on the question of immigration between the Government and the Agent-General, and also copies of correspondence which has passed between the Government and persons, whether residents of New South Wales or not, who have been desirous of promoting the entry of aliens to the State.
10. **MR. HOLMAN** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The total cost during the last three years of assisted passages granted to (a) immigrants from Great Britain; (b) people coming from other parts of Europe.
 - (2.) The total amount of refunds to persons of both classes who had paid their own passages.
 - (3.) The total number of people to whom refunds and assisted passages had been granted.
 - (4.) Of the total number, what number had previously followed (a) the occupations of agriculture; (b) other occupations.
 - (5.) Whether assistance has been granted to new arrivals in the shape of reduced railway fares; if so, what is the total amount expended under this head during the last three years.
11. **MR. HOLMAN** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the conditions affecting the meat supply of this State, and the causes of the recent high prices of meat.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Oakes, Mr. Mercér, Mr. Price, Colonel Ryrie, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Henley, Mr. Dacey, Mr. John Miller, Sir James Graham, and the Mover.

12. **MR. DAVID STOREY** to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) Every effort should be made by the Government to assist in settling the Federal Capital Site question.
 - (2.) A joint sitting of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly should take place and the Government propose a definite site for consideration and recommendation.
 - (3.) Such site when determined upon should be offered to the Federal Government as the choice of the majority of the people of New South Wales.
13. **MR. DAVID STOREY** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the Electoral Act should be amended, making provision for a second ballot, where more than two candidates are nominated and the successful candidate does not receive a majority of the votes recorded.
14. **MR. BROUGHTON** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the suspension and claim of Robert Roberts, late bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Department.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Briner, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Levy, Mr. Kelly, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hollis, Mr. McNeill, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1901, the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1902, and the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1905, together with the Proceedings of the Committees, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.
15. **MR. MCNEILL** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of ex-Senior-sergeant Vaughan for reinstatement in the Police Force of this State.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Parkes, Mr. McGarry, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Briner, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1896, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.
16. **MR. HOLLIS** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) How many electric motor drivers are employed on the Government Tramways of New South Wales.
 - (2.) How many conductors are there in the same Service.
 - (3.) How many electric motor drivers suffered loss of conduct holidays for the year ended 30th June, 1905.
 - (4.) The same information for the year ended 30th June, 1906.
 - (5.) How many conductors suffered loss of conduct holidays in each of these two years, showing each year separately.
17. **MR. PARKES** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon a scheme for using the channels and waters of the Nepean and George's Rivers, to relieve the Sydney Water Supply and for the purposes of manufacture and irrigation, and also for the production of electricity for traction and light.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. Ball, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Downes, Sir James Graham, Mr. Moxham, Mr. Nobbs, Colonel Ryrrie, and the Mover.
18. **MR. PARKES** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient, in the interests of the State, that the inquiry into the affairs connected with the estate of the late S. M. Swift, now standing partly made, should be completed, and a final report submitted to the Government.
19. **MR. HOLLIS** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the grievances of Henry Harding, William Stephen Stead, and others, arising from alleged negligence and error on the part of the Registrar-General in connection with Certificate of Title, volume 61, folio 224, dated 4th February, 1868.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Holman, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Broughton, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Reports from the Select Committees of the Second Session of 1904, and of Session, 1906, together with the Proceedings of the Committees, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.
20. **MR. MEAGHER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, inasmuch as coal is the primary basis of the whole industrial and commercial organism, and as the State controls the railways, the main arteries of transportation, trade, and commerce, and is thereby the principal local consumer of coal, it is essential that the State should possess coal-mines for the supply of its railways and other State-owned services.
21. **MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the people of New South Wales should be given an opportunity of expressing, by referendum, their views as to the advisability of abolishing the State Legislatures, Civil Services, and Gubernatorial Establishments, and of vesting the whole Government of Australia in the hands of an Australian Parliament.
22. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the reason why the Reverend Dr. Zillman was struck off the roll of persons eligible to perform marriages.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. Holman, Mr. Barton, Mr. Price, Mr. James, Mr. Norton, Mr. Peters, Mr. Morton, and the Mover.

23. **MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the advisability of resuming for public purposes certain areas along the foreshores of Port Jackson and other waters in the vicinity.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Oakes, Mr. Latimer, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Page, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. John Storey, Mr. David Storey, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Fell, and the Mover.
24. **MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government ought not to permit the present Session to close without first inviting Parliament to enact legislation to protect the public from the indiscriminate and uncontrolled distribution of opiate, alcoholic, narcotic, and other poisonous compounds in the guise of patent medicines.
25. **DR. ARTHUR** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Dentists Act, 1900, and the Jury Act, 1901, and for other purposes connected therewith or consequent thereon.
26. **MR. PARKES** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the advisability of constructing zone and military lines of railway around the City of Sydney, connecting the present radiating main lines.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Colonel Ryrie, Colonel Onslow, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Henley, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Cann, and the Mover.
27. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no new Land Law will be satisfactory unless it provides for the giving of five years' grace in the matter of deposits, yearly instalments, survey fees, &c., as well as the granting of monetary assistance for the purchase of implements, &c., such five years' instalments to be paid by the selector at the end of the term allowed for the purchase of the land; and such monetary assistance and fees to be repaid within seven years from the settlement on the land.
28. **MR. BARTON** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report whether the time has arrived for the erection of Grain Elevators in conjunction with our railway system, so as to afford producers in this State the most economical method of handling and exporting grain in bulk, and thus enable them to compete with other grain-growing countries.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Perry, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Treflé, Mr. McGarry, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Ball, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Levien, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1906, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.
29. **MR. MEAGHER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the full reflection of democracy in true representation cannot be attained without the adoption in our Electoral Law of the Hare-Spence system of voting.
30. **MR. DACEY** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present method of granting and allocating endowments to Municipalities and Shires.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. Cann, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Robson, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Henley, Mr. Page, Mr. Fallick, and the Mover.
31. **MR. ESTELL** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Government Architect's Branch of the Public Works Department.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Ball, Mr. Collins, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Davidson, and the Mover.
32. **MR. HOLLIS** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return (referring to the return) Claims of Retired Civil Servants, laid upon the Table of this House on 13th December, 1906, page 13) showing,—
 (1.) The date of first appointment to the Service of each person named in that list.
 (2.) The average annual salary and emolument of office paid to each of them for the last three years of service.
 (3.) The amount deducted in each case for the 4 per centum per annum on salary received, prior to 1885.
 (4.) The respective amount in each case owing to the Superannuation Fund, 30th September, 1907.
 (5.) What amount would be required to be placed on the Estimates for a sum equal to the total amount owing to the fund by these persons, and also for compensation in lieu of leave of absence due, but not given prior to their retrenchment in 1896.
33. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the operation of the system of Old-age Pensions.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Brown, and the Mover.
34. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the complaints of unfair treatment made by Madame Bell against the Public Instruction Department.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Peters, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Barton, Mr. Levien, Mr. Norton, Mr. Lynch, and the Mover.

35. MR. BRINER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with Cudgel Creek Cutting, including particulars of the failure of the regulator, and all claims for damages made against the Crown.
36. MR. MEAGHER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when reduction of fees should be made in the University and the wider establishment of Scholarships and Bursaries, and the Constitution of the Senate of the University should be so altered that it shall last for a specific term, on an elective basis, and provision be made for representation of the State thereon.
37. MR. MEAGHER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the appointment of Honorary Ministers is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, and is a cheap method of placating the vanity of surplus supporters.
38. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the granting of an extension of lease by the late Minister of Lands, Mr. T. H. Hassall, to the proprietary of the Kensington Race Club, as also the terms and conditions of such lease; to examine books of account, including the accounts, banking and otherwise, of the late Peter Collinson Close.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Briner, Mr. Norton, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Cann, Mr. Lynch, and the Mover.
39. MR. DOWNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, and documents in connection with charges recently made against the Public School Teacher at Cabramatta.
40. MR. DACEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The names of every member of the Police Force.
 (2.) The date of joining.
 (3.) The date of appointment to the different ranks.
 (4.) Present age.
41. MR. BRINER to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) The existing system of party Government does not provide for any clear expression of public opinion upon definite issues.
 (2.) The Constitution should be so amended as to provide (a) that every Parliamentary representative be elected by an absolute majority of votes polled; (b) that upon the assembling of Parliament after each General Election, each and every Minister shall be elected by a majority of the whole House, and shall hold his portfolio only so long as he retains the confidence of a majority of Members of the House.
42. MR. NORTON to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) A Royal Commission, having powers similar to, or identical with, those possessed by the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the administration of the Lands Department, should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the administration of the Municipal Council of Sydney, in all its branches, and in every particular.
 (2.) Such Royal Commission consist of not less than five persons—three of whom shall be appointed by the ratepayers, one nominated by the City Council, and the fifth—who shall be President or Chairman—to be appointed by the Government.
 (3.) Such Commission be empowered to make Progress Reports from time to time.
 (4.) Such Reports, as soon as received, be produced, and laid before Parliament, before being printed, or communicated to the Press.
43. MR. BRINER to move, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing or Sessional Order, for submission to this House hereafter, for the purpose of fixing time-limits to the speeches of Honorable Members, and making distinctions in fixing same between the various classes of debate which take place in this House.
44. MR. BRINER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The total amount of claims by returned officers and soldiers.
 (2.) The total amount admitted as proved.
 (3.) The total amount paid.
 (4.) The amount paid in each case, and the name of the payee.
45. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law of Libel, and for other purposes incidental thereto.
46. MR. MACDONELL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Shearers' Accommodation Act should be administered by inspectors, other than police, appointed specially for that purpose.
47. MR. LATIMER to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) The inconvenience caused to residents of the Western and Eastern Suburbs, and to the public, by reason of the termination of the Railway System being located at the southern end of the City should be removed at the earliest opportunity.
 (2.) The Railway System should be extended to a suitable position in the direction of Circular Quay, and thence by branch lines so designed as to serve the people of the Eastern Suburbs.
48. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon and examine books of accounts, papers, bank accounts, &c., in the estate of the late E. M. Young; to ascertain and report upon the amount of commission paid in respect of the sale of Myall Creek Estate, and to ascertain to whom such commission was paid.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Henley, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Norton, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover.

49. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon matters affecting the Western Lands Royal Commission of 1900; the work and report of such Commission, and the introduction of the Western Lands Bill (based on the report of such Commission); the methods adopted to secure the passage of that Bill; the effects of the Act upon the general taxpayer; the results which accrued under same to the Crown tenants or their mortgagees.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Downes, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Fallick, and the Mover.
50. MR. G. A. JONES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, documents, &c., relating to the mortgage and foreclosure on mortgage, and subsequent sale and transfer of Settlement Lease No. 875, Land District of Moree, confirmed to A. W. F. Carrigan.
51. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Norman Selve in connection with designs supplied by him to the Government for the North Shore Bridge.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Ball, Mr. Briner, Mr. Fell, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.
52. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence respecting Conditional Purchase portion 3, 640 acres, parish Stowell, county Gloucester, originally selected as a Mineral Conditional Purchase by Andrew Armstrong and later during consideration of declaration by the Department of Lands, reselected by an official of the Lands Department under Conditional Purchase Application No. 86-6, Newcastle.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Servants Registry Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, "That this Bill "be now read a second time."
2. Lease Conversion and Law Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]
3. Church of England Clergy Provident Fund (Sydney) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Fell.*]
4. Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science Incorporation Bill; second reading. [*Sir James Graham.*]
5. Totalizator Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Levien.*]
6. Maternity Homes and Midwives Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration of lying-in homes, and for the examination and certification of obstetric nurses, and for purposes pertinent thereto. [*Mr. Meagher.*]
7. Testator's Family Maintenance Bill (No. 2); second reading. [*Mr. Arthur Griffith.*]
8. Confectionery Shops Sunday-trading Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable certain shops for the sale of confectionery, fruit, and other refreshments to be kept open during certain hours on Sundays, and to amend certain Acts relating to Sunday-trading. [*Mr. Levien.*]
9. Gun License Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Broughton.*]
10. Patent Medicines Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that all Patent Medicines and Preparations for application to the human body, imported into, sold, or offered for sale in the State, shall legibly set forth, in English, the contents with their exact proportions upon a label affixed to the bottle, box, or container, and if containing any poisonous ingredient specially setting forth same. [*Mr. Meagher.*]
11. Accountants Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Broughton.*]
12. Unclaimed Moneys Bill; second reading. [*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.*]
13. Testators' Family Maintenance Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, "That 'this Bill be now read a second time.'
 Upon which Mr. Price had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry "and report.
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. John Miller, "Mr. Moxham, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.
14. Crown Lands for Settlement, Eastern and Central Divisions; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. McFarlane, "That, in the opinion of this House,—
 "(1.) With a view of assisting and inducing people to settle on the lands of the State, immediate "steps should be taken to appoint competent persons to inspect and report upon the land in the "Eastern and General Divisions for the purpose of classifying the land and furnishing information "as to what the land is suitable for, and mapping out the areas suitable for closer settlement "purposes.
 "(2.) The price of such land should be fixed according to classification."
15. Shearers Accommodation (Amendment) Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr Macdonell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

Legislative Assembly Office,
 Sydney, 20th December, 1907.

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

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT
DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1907.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D.	33	44	.....	77
Ball, Richard Thomas, Esq.	39	40	.....	79
Barton, Charles Hampden, Esq.	36	48	.....	84
Beeby, George Stephenson, Esq.	36	40	.....	76
Briner, George Stuart, Esq.	21	19	.....	40
Broughton, Ernest Clement Vernon, Esq.	26	24	.....	50
Brown, William, Esq.	25	31	.....	56
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq.	33	38	.....	71
Cann, John Henry, Esq.	35	37	.....	72
Carmichael, Ambrose Campbell, Esq.	33	44	.....	77
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector	2	3	.....	5
Charlton, Matthew, junior, Esq.	40	46	.....	86
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq.	28	32	.....	60
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	34	.....	.....	34
Collins, Albert Ernest, Esq.	32	39	.....	71
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq.	30	40	.....	70
Davidson, Robert, Esq.	39	45	.....	84
Donaldson, Robert Thomas, Esq.	27	37	.....	64
Dooley, James, Esq.	14	17	.....	31
Downes, Frederick William Arthur, Esq.	36	39	.....	75
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	29	37	.....	66
Estell, John, Esq.	40	46	.....	86
Fallick, James, Esq.	42	48	.....	90
Fell, David, Esq.	27	34	.....	61
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	42	48	.....	90
Fleming, William Montgomerie, Esq.	15	4	.....	19
Gilbert, Owen, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	29	33	.....	62
Gillies, John, Esq.	22	31	.....	53
Graham, Sir James, Kt., M.D.	34	28	.....	62
Grahame, William Calman, Esq.	32	39	.....	71
Griffith, Arthur, Esq.	26	28	.....	54
Hall, Brinsley, Esq.	30	27	.....	57
Henley, Thomas, Esq.	35	46	.....	81
Hindmarsh, George Thomas, Esq.	35	39	.....	68
Hogue, The Hon. James Alexander, Esq.	42	46	.....	86
Hollis, Robert, Esq.	35	49	.....	84
Holman, William Arthur, Esq.	32	32	.....	64
Horne, Henry Edwin, Esq.	19	18	.....	37
Hunt, John Charles, Esq.	35	49	.....	84
James, Augustus George Frederic, Esq.	39	50	.....	89
Jones, George Alfred, Esq.	29	33	.....	62
Jones, Robert, Esq.	31	43	.....	74
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq.	33	32	.....	65
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq.	38	49	.....	87
Lee, The Hon. Charles Alfred, Esq.	41	51	.....	92
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	19	1	.....	20
Levy, Daniel, Esq.	35	41	.....	76
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq.	36	43	.....	79
Lynch, John Patrick, Esq.	33	36	.....	69
Macdonell, Donald, Esq.	36	37	.....	73
Mahony, William Henry, Esq.	38	35	.....	73
McCourt, The Hon. William, Esq. (<i>Speaker</i>)	.....	.....	.....	.....
McCoy, Richard Watson Walker, Esq.	36	40	.....	76
McFarlane, John, Esq.	34	28	.....	62
McGarry, Patrick, Esq.	38	42	.....	80
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq.	42	40	.....	82
McLaurin, Gordon Ranald, Esq.	14	28	.....	42
McNeill, John, Esq.	27	36	.....	63
Meagher, Richard Denis, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	25	24	.....	49

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Meehan, John Charles, Esq.	37	50	.....	87
Mercor, James Ballantine, Esq.	36	45	.....	81
Millard, William, Esq.	40	46	.....	86
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	36	47	.....	83
Miller, John, Esq.	31	31	.....	62
Moore, The Hon. Samuel Wilkinson, Esq.	41	50	.....	91
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq.	36	41	.....	77
Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq.	31	36	.....	67
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq.	35	42	.....	77
Nielsen, Niels Rasmus Wilson, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>).	40	46	.....	86
Nobbs, John, Esq.	42	51	.....	93
Norton, John, Esq.	20	11	.....	31
Oakes, The Hon. Charles William, Esq.	41	49	.....	90
Onslow, Colonel James William Macarthur... ..	40	50	.....	90
O'Sullivan, The Hon. Edward William	31	29	.....	60
Page, Frederick Joseph, Esq.	34	47	.....	81
Parke, Varney, Esq.	34	37	.....	71
Perry, The Hon. John	40	44	.....	84
Peters, Henry John Frederick, Esq.	38	37	.....	75
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq.	17	8	.....	25
Robson, William Elliott Veitch, Esq.	35	32	.....	67
Ryrie, Colonel Granville de Laune	22	29	.....	51
Scobie, Robert, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	31	41	.....	72
Storey, David, Esq.	18	21	.....	39
Storey, John, Esq.	34	38	.....	72
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James, Esq.	41	49	.....	90
Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq.	35	46	.....	81
Treché, John Louis, Esq.	33	35	.....	68
Waddell, The Hon. Thomas, Esq.	42	51	.....	93
Wade, The Hon. Charles Gregory, Esq., K.C.	42	50	92
Wood, The Hon. William Herbert, Esq.	42	49	91

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1907.
(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1907.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
2. Select Committees:—										
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	1					
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	0					
3. Standing Committees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
4. Public Bills:—										5
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	20					
Reserved	...	...	...	...	0					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	19					
					39					
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	1					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	1					
					2	...	...	...	...	41
5. Private Bills:—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	0					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	0					
					0					
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	0					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	1					
					1	...	...	...	...	1
6. Petitions received:—										
Printed	...	...	...	...	2					
Not Printed	...	...	...	...	2					
					4					
7. Divisions:—										
In the House	...	...	...	...	42					
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	51					
					93					
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2):—										
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...					33
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	...					362 h. 47 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...					115 h. 37 m.
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...					10 h. 59 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	0					
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	0					
					0					
9. Votes and Proceedings:—										
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	334					
Of Questions answered	...	...	...	...	372					
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...					706
Entries in Notice Paper—										
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	642					
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	1,779					
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	536					
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	0					
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...					2,957
10. Contingent Notice Papers	...	...	...	...	...					89
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...					0
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	...					1
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...					0
14. Papers laid upon the Table:—										
By Message	...	...	...	...	32					
By Command	...	...	...	...	164					
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	...	2					
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	0					
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	...	...	...	...	12					
Ordered to be Printed	...	...	...	...	75					210
Not ordered to be Printed	...	...	...	...	135					
					210					

15. **Sittings of the House:—**

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Second Session of 1907, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings.

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Mid-night.	Entries in Votes.
1	2 October	Wednesday	12 noon	2:30 o'clock p.m.	h. m. 2 30	h. m. ...	7
2	9 "	"	10:30 o'clock a.m.	12:19 "	1 49	...	12
3	10 "	Thursday	4 "	10:58 "	6 58	...	3
4	15 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:41 "	7 41	...	5
5	16 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:26 "	7 26	...	4
6	17 "	Thursday	4 "	12:31 "	8 31	0 31	3
7	22 "	Tuesday	4 "	3:10 "	11 10	3 10	6
8	24 "	Thursday	4 "	5:59 "	25 59	17 59	19
9	29 "	Tuesday	4 "	23 Oct. } p.m.	7 14	...	12
10	30 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:0 "	7 0	...	17
11	31 "	Thursday	4 "	2:30 "	10 30	2 30	19
12	5 November	Tuesday	4 "	1:34 "	9 34	1 34	11
13	6 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:10 "	7 10	...	7
14	7 "	Thursday	4 "	11:40 "	7 40	...	14
15	12 "	Tuesday	4 "	3:10 "	11 10	3 10	7
16	13 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:55 "	7 55	...	9
17	14 "	Thursday	4 "	12:15 "	8 15	0 15	7
18	19 "	Tuesday	4 "	5:43 "	13 43	5 43	7
19	20 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:29 "	7 29	...	6
20	21 "	Thursday	4 "	12:15 "	8 15	0 15	11
21	25 "	Tuesday	4 "	3:5 "	11 5	3 5	13
22	27 "	Wednesday	4 "	1:32 "	9 32	1 32	8
23	28 "	Thursday	4 "	10:50 "	6 50	...	13
24	3 December	Tuesday	4 "	8:10 "	16 10	8 10	6
25	4 "	Wednesday	4 "	12:43 "	8 43	0 43	7
26	5 "	Thursday	4 "	4:52 "	12 52	4 52	9
27	6 "	Friday	2 "	10:18 "	6 18	...	15
28	9 "	Monday	4 "	6:41 "	4 41	...	10
29	10 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:54 "	7 54	...	12
30	11 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:11 "	7 11	...	15
31	12 "	Thursday	4 "	1:2 "	9 2	1 2	13
32	16 "	Monday	4 "	12:15 "	20 15	12 15	20
33	19 "	Thursday	4 "	13 Dec. } p.m.	57 1	49 1	13
				19 Dec. }	6 48	...	
				10:48 o'clock p.m.			
Total					362 47	115 37	706

Average length of sitting daily, 10 hours 59 minutes.

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