

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1876.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION:—The House met at Twelve o'clock at noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the twenty-third day of October, 1876.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

"NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON,
" to wit. } Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael
" (L.S.) } and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony
" HERCULES ROBINSON, } of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the
" Governor. } same.

" WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the thirty-first day of October instant: Now I, SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the twelfth day of December now next ensuing: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim, that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid twelfth day of December next, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

" Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and in the fortieth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

" By Command,

" JOHN ROBERTSON.

" GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

2. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a Certificate under the hand of His Excellency the Governor of the return of the Writ of Election issued for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of the University of Sydney, together with the Writ, on which the Returning Officer has certified that William Charles Windeyer, Esquire, M.A., was duly chosen the Member for the said Electoral District.
3. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF MUDGEES:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess Stephen Stiles Goold, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee, died; that he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Goold; and that such Writ had been returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer that Richard Rouse, of Guntawang, Esquire, had been duly chosen as Member for the said Electoral District.
4. MEMBER SWORN:—William Charles Windeyer, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of the University of Sydney.

5. ASSENT TO BILLS (*passed last Session*):—The following Messages, received in the recess from His Excellency the Governor, were read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend 'The Sydney Sewerage Act of 1853' to make provision for imposing a more equitable Sewerage Rate,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House.

Sydney, 20th September, 1876.

(2.) Legalization of certain Conditional and other Purchases Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to legalize certain Conditional and other Purchases,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 20th September, 1876.

6. MEMBER SWORN:—Richard Rouse, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.
7. PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN A COURT OF LAW:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess the Clerk received a Summons to appear at the Court-house, Mudgee, and produce the Writ and Electoral Rolls used at the late Election for the Electoral District of Mudgee; and that he had authorized the Clerk to attend and produce the said documents, which he did accordingly, without relinquishing possession of them.
8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered the following Message:—
- "MR. SPEAKER,
"It is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do attend His Excellency "immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber."
The House went, and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at half-past Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

9. PAPERS:—

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Final Return to an Address adopted on 2nd May, 1876, in reference to the mission to England of the Honorable William Forster.
- (2.) Papers respecting an application from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly for Leave of Absence.
- (3.) Return to an Order, made on 7th March, 1876, in reference to the Mortality of Children.
- (4.) Application for the issue of a Writ for the election of a Member to represent the University of Sydney in the Legislative Assembly.
- (5.) Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Corporation of the City of Sydney for the year 1875.
- (6.) Report on Prisons, for 1875.
- (7.) By-law under Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
- (8.) By-laws, under Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875, of the Borough of Goulburn.
- (9.) By-laws, under Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875, of the Borough of Newcastle.
- (10.) By-law of the Borough of Parramatta, in reference to the care and management of the Public Roads of the Municipality.
- (11.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Deniliquin, in reference to the management of Town Commons.
- (12.) Regulations for the Volunteer Head Quarters Band Corps.
- (13.) Further Return to an Order, made on 21st June, 1876, in reference to the number of Premises rented by the Government.
- (14.) Final Return to an Order, made on 30th April, 1875, in reference to the cost of the last General Election.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional Regulations under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
- (2.) Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock, on Live Stock, for the year 1875.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.
- (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes in accordance with the 5th section of the same Act.
- (5.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages declared under the 4th section of the same Act.

Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 15th August, 1876, in reference to Railway Extension—Bathurst to Orange.
- (2.) Return to Orders, made on 22nd February, 1876, and 7th March, 1876, in reference to Railway Statistics.
- (3.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 23rd November, 1875, in reference to Money received and spent in the Upper Hunter Electorate.
- (4.) Return to an Order, made on 1st August, 1876, in reference to the Old Lake Road, Port Macquarie.

Ordered to be printed.

10. **ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:**—Mr. Robertson presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for confirming the Transfer to the Secretary of War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance thereof certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council 1840,*"—which was read a first time *pro forma*.
11. **THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:**—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House, as follows:—

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

1. The unusual length of the last Session of Parliament, and the inexpediency of interfering unnecessarily, at a season when they most require attention, with the avocations of those of your number who reside in the interior, have prevented me from calling you together at an earlier period. Apart from the consideration due to your convenience, the settlement of many important matters of administration, and the preparation of measures to be submitted to you, rendered it difficult to shorten the recess.

2. I am gratified to be enabled to repeat the hearty congratulations which I offered to you at the close of last Session on the continued prosperity of the Colony. The expectations which had been formed of the Public Revenue have been fully borne out, and although a large portion of the increase arises from the sale of public lands, yet in all branches of the Revenue there are also satisfactory proofs of growing prosperity.

3. The necessary steps were taken immediately after the prorogation of Parliament for the embodiment of the additional Battery of Permanent Artillery, the formation of which had been sanctioned during last Session; and the recommendations of the Defence Commission have been to a considerable extent carried out.

4. The negotiations which have taken place for the purpose of securing a duplicate cable for Telegraphic communication with Europe have not up to the present time resulted in the acceptance of any definite proposal to effect this desirable object; but the Government will, it is hoped, at an early date, be prepared to submit a scheme to Parliament for the accomplishment of this work.

5. The arrival of the eminent Hydraulic Engineer who is to advise the Government on the difficult question of securing a permanent and abundant supply of Water for the Metropolis, and on other matters relating to the public health, is a subject of much satisfaction. All necessary information to enable this officer to discharge his responsible duties effectively has been carefully prepared, and placed in his hands.

6. You will be informed as soon as possible of negotiations which have taken place between the Contractors for the Pacific Mail Service and the Governments of New Zealand and of this Colony concerning a modification of the existing arrangements. The papers relating to this matter will be laid upon the Table of both Houses of the Legislature, and an expression of the opinion of Parliament upon this subject will be invited.

7. I am glad to be able to inform you that the Government has for some time been engaged in the preparation of a scheme for the consolidation of the Debt of the Colony, which, when matured, will be submitted for your consideration.

8. I learn with much satisfaction that Railway communication is steadily progressing. Since the close of last Session, 27 miles have been opened upon the Great Western Line from Bathurst to Blayney, and the line has been opened to Binalong on the Great Southern Railway, a distance of 21 miles from Yass, within the contract time allotted for the performance of that service. The works on the Great Northern Line from Murrurundi to Quirindi have not yet been completed, although the contract time has expired; the heaviest portion of this work being at the Murrurundi end of the line has doubtless considerably retarded the progress of the permanent way; meanwhile, the penalties provided for in the bond have been in this as in all other cases enforced, and there is strong ground for believing that the line will be completed to Tamworth by the date of the extended contract time, namely, 30th September, 1877. The works now in course of construction are those from Binalong to Wagga Wagga, 96 miles, 20 of which, to Murrumburrah will, it is expected, be opened in February next; from Blayney to Orange, 20 miles, which will probably be opened also in February; and from Murrurundi to Tamworth, 62 miles, 24 of which to Quirindi will, it is feared, not be opened till March next—making 64 miles to be opened within the next three months.

9. During the recess plans and books of reference of 265 miles of Railway for which provision was made by Parliament during last Session have been in course of preparation, and will be submitted for the approval of both Houses as required by the Railway Act. You will also be asked to concur in proposals for further Railway Expenditure.

10. The revision and reduction of the Railway Rates which have been made will, it is believed, induce a larger traffic, and prove alike beneficial to the producer and the Railway Revenue.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

11. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure will be prepared and presented to you without unnecessary delay.

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AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

12. One of the earliest measures to which your attention will be invited will be the Bill for the Amendment of the existing Electoral Law. The necessity for early and careful legislation upon so grave a question will be universally admitted.

13. Bills will be submitted for your consideration for the regulation of Public Charities, for the Amendment of the Municipalities Act of 1867, for the Amendment and Consolidation of the Laws affecting the Municipality of Sydney, for the Amendment of the Customs Laws, for the better Administration of the Law relating to Public Education, for the regulation of the Civil Service, for the Amendment and Consolidation of the Laws relating to the Insane, for the Amendment of the Mining Law, and for the regulation of the Military Service of the Colony.

14. The very important Bill for the Consolidation and Amendment of the Criminal Law, which was one of the results of the Law Reform Commission, will be proceeded with at as early a period as may be found convenient.

15. In inviting your attention to these important Bills, and to other measures which will be submitted to you, I pray that your deliberations may, with God's blessing, conduce to the prosperity of the Country, and to the happiness of the people.

Mr. Baker then moved, and Mr. Lynch seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Gray, Mr. James Watson, Mr. Long, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Lynch, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

To His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

The various measures to which Your Excellency refers, and particularly the Bill to amend the Electoral Law, shall receive our most careful consideration.

We join with Your Excellency in congratulations on the continued prosperity of the Colony, and in the hope that under Divine Providence our labours may aid in advancing the general prosperity.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Parkes moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words to stand as paragraph 3,—

"It is a matter of regret that your Excellency, in view of the exigencies of the Public Service, and the many questions on which legislation is admitted to be necessary, has not been advised to call Parliament together at an earlier date. The time now at our disposal before the close of the year renders it impossible to make legal provision for the Public Service without resorting to the expedients of temporary Supply Bills, which at all times are constitutionally objectionable. For this, and for reasons arising out of the conduct of affairs during the recess, we cannot refrain from expressing our dissatisfaction with the Government of the Colony."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1876, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned till to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1876.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
PAPER:—Mr. Lucas laid upon the Table,—Regulations for the Inspection and Regulation of Mines, other than Coal and Shale Mines.
Ordered to be printed.
2. CUSTOMS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
HERCULES ROBINSON, *Message No. 3.*
Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws for the regulation of the Customs.
Government House,
Sydney, 13th December, 1876.
Ordered to be printed.
3. AD EUNDEM AND HONORARY DEGREES BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without examination.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Windeyer presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without examination,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
4. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Pilcher moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Property of Married Women.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Pilcher presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the property of Married Women,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
5. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to Notice, That James Squire Farnell, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Farnell made his acknowledgments to the House.
6. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. MR. JOHN GARSEED :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of this House of Documents, as per annexed numbers, in possession of the Lands Department, and bearing on a case between that Department and Mr. John Garsed; also a letter, marked A, dated 13th October, 1876, from John Garsed, Esq., to Hon. Thomas Garrett, Minister for Lands :—

56- 7,709 Lands	62- 9,252 S.G.
10,317 S.G.	6,048 Lands
8,314 Lands	13,399 S.G.
9,102 S.G.	64- 1,114 S.G.
12,089 S.G.	65- 7,577 S.G.
14,113 S.G.	3,481 Lands
7,358 Lands	4,067 Lands
9,567 S.G.	8,322 Lands
57- 5,538	8,085 Lands
3,352 } S.G.	66- 1,011 Lands
3,576 }	75- 5,928 Misc.
1,897 Lands	76- 5,311
6,666 S.G.	5,836
5,861 }	6,751 } Misc.
6,331 }	7,157 }
6,854 } S.G.	8,982 }
7,320 }	8,949 }
9,585 }	

Question put and passed.

8. TRADES UNIONS FUNDS PROTECTION BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to protect the Funds of Trades Unions from embezzlement and misappropriation.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cameron presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to protect the Funds of Trades Unions from embezzlement and misappropriation,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 19th December.

9. PUBLIC PLACE DEFINITION BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to define the term "Public Place."

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Terry presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to define the term Public Place,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 22nd December.

10. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Baker, That the following Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech be now adopted by this House :—

"*To His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

"The various measures to which Your Excellency refers, and particularly the Bill to amend the Electoral Law, shall receive our most careful consideration.

"We join with your Excellency in congratulations on the continued prosperity of the Colony, and in the hope that under Divine Providence our labours may aid in advancing the general prosperity."—

Upon which Mr. Parkes had moved, that the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand as paragraph 3 :—

"It is a matter of regret that Your Excellency, in view of the exigencies of the Public Service, and the many questions on which legislation is admitted to be necessary, has not been advised to call Parliament together at an earlier date. The time now at our disposal before the close of the year renders it impossible to make legal provision for the Public Service without resorting to the expedients of temporary Supply Bills, which at all times are constitutionally objectionable. For this, and for reasons arising out of the conduct of affairs during the recess, we cannot refrain from expressing our dissatisfaction with the Government of the Colony."

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. McElhone.
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. Stephen Brown,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Moses,	

Noes, 32.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wright,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. R. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. W. H. Suttor.
Mr. Davies,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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. Robertson informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech at a quarter after Four o'clock to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1876.

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

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

And, being returned,—

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

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I thank you for this Address.

I am gratified to learn that the various measures about to be laid before you will receive your careful consideration.

Government House,

Sydney, 14th December, 1876.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Wages of Railway Employés:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Porters and Employés on the Southern, Northern, and Western Railways receive their increase of pay, as promised last Session; and is it true that a large number of the Porters are only receiving 6s. per day?

Mr. Lackey answered,—As promised by me last Session, further inquiry has been made, and the wages of all the men who were recommended by the Traffic Manager have been increased. Those men who receive 6s. per day, and there are not a large number paid at that rate, will receive an increase of wages directly the value of their services is, by the experience they acquire, increased.

- (2.) Agreements Validating Act:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many persons have arrived in the Colony under the provisions of the Agreements Validating Act, passed in April last?

(2.) The names of the ships in which such persons have arrived, and the numbers of persons in each ship?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Honorable Member must be aware, as he is acquainted with the Law, that the Government have no means of knowing what people arrive under it, as there is no provision in it for that purpose. It is merely a Validating Agreements Act. No doubt, in the course of time, when we get the returns from the officers appointed to witness the agreements, we shall be able to know how many agreements have been witnessed, but we shall never be able to know what number have come out under it, or by what ships they have come.

- (3.) Clara Donoghue:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is Clara Donoghue, found not guilty of the murder of her child, about a year ago, on the ground of insanity, confined in any Lunatic Asylum; if so, will he state if any medical man says, or has ever said, she is insane?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Yes, she is confined in the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta, and I presume, being there, she must necessarily have been examined under the Law. I know the Board of Visitors who visit the Asylum have reported against her release, on the ground of her not being in a fit state to be released.

(4.)

- (4.) Streets of Morpeth.—Punt-house, Hinton :—*Mr. Scholey*, on behalf of Mr. Bennett, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What amount of money has been granted to the Municipality of Morpeth for forming, making, and repairing Tank and other streets within the said Municipality?
 - (2.) The cost of the new Railway Station-house near the Court-house, Morpeth?
 - (3.) The cost of the Hinton Punt-house, as per tender?
- Mr. Lackey* answered,—
- (1.) Two sums of £250 each.
 - (2.) The cost at present has been £407; a small amount remains to be charged.
 - (3.) No tender has been accepted.
- (5.) Railway Trial Survey—Dubbo to Bourke :—*Mr. F. B. Suttor* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government any intention of completing the Trial Railway Survey from Dubbo to Bourke, and if so, when?
- Mr. Lackey* answered,—The survey of this length will be resumed as soon as the services of competent Railway Surveyors can be spared from the present authorized Extensions.
- (6.) Wharfage Rates :—*Mr. J. Watson* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to take any action with a view to a revision and more equitable adjustment of the Wharfage Rates at present collected in Sydney?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—The subject is now engaging the attention of the Government.
- (7.) Quarter Sessions, Grenfell :—*Mr. J. Watson* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the promise made last Session of Parliament, and establish a Court of Quarter Sessions at Grenfell, and if so, when will the necessary steps be taken to carry such promise into effect?
- Mr. Robertson* answered,—The same difficulty is still in the way of opening the Court, namely, that the Court-house is incomplete; but I am informed by my Honorable friend, the Secretary for Works, that every effort is being made to complete it. I think the plans are in the hands of the architect, and the money is appropriated.
- (8.) Post and Telegraph Office, Murrumburrah :—*Mr. J. Watson* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of Post and Telegraph Offices at Murrumburrah, for which funds were voted last Session of Parliament?
- Mr. Lackey* answered,—I am unable to say when Tenders may be invited, as plans have not yet been prepared, in consequence of the great mass of work occasioned by the lateness of the time at which the Estimates were passed.
- (9.) Court-house, Murrumburrah :—*Mr. J. Watson* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, in compliance with the prayer of the Petition recently presented to him, and carrying out a promise then made to a Deputation, to place on the Estimates for 1877 a sum of money for the erection of a Court-house at Murrumburrah?
- Mr. Robertson* answered,—It is the present intention of the Government to make provision in the coming Estimates.
- (10.) Lock-up at Grenfell :—*Mr. J. Watson* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Referring to a question put by the Member for the Lachlan early last Session of Parliament, and the reply thereto by the Colonial Secretary, to the effect that instructions had been given for the immediate erection of a Temporary Lock-up at Grenfell, and no steps having been apparently yet taken,—Is it his intention to carry out the intimation then made, and if so, when?
- Mr. Lackey* answered.—The Colonial Architect has just furnished the necessary plan, and tenders will be invited as soon as possible.
- (11.) Lock-up at Marengo :—*Mr. J. Watson* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, in compliance with the prayer of the Petition recently presented to him, and carrying out a promise then made, to place on the Estimates for 1877 a sum of money for the erection of a Lock-up at Marengo, or, if not, will he give instructions that same shall be immediately erected out of the Vote for the erection of Public Buildings not provided for?
- Mr. Robertson* answered.—This matter is in precisely the same position as that respecting which I answered my Honorable friend just now.
- (12.) Bridge over Cunningham Creek :—*Mr. J. Watson* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, in anticipation of the early opening of the Railway to Murrumburrah, to take steps for the erection of a Bridge over Cunningham Creek, near Murrumburrah, and so facilitate traffic to and from the Railway there?
- Mr. Lackey* answered,—A sum of money has been submitted on the Estimates to carry out this work.
- (13.) Council of Education :—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Whether the Council of Education at present consists of the full number of members provided for by law; and if not, how long any vacancy in the Council has existed?
- Mr. Robertson* answered,—The position of the Council of Education with regard to the number of members will hardly enable me to give a definite answer to the questions in the form in which they are put. No doubt the law contemplates that there shall be five members. The law says that on a member resigning he shall tender his resignation to the Governor. That has not been done. One of the members of the Council has written a letter expressing his desire to retire, and that has been acknowledged. It was not considered wise to press forward this matter of his complete retirement, in the hope that some other provision might be made. That is how the matter stands. There are at present five members in the sense I have mentioned. The letter was written some considerable time back—I should think two months.

(14.) Fisheries Act:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is he aware that offences for breaches of the Fisheries Act are not being enforced or prosecuted by the Police, and that large quantities of small fish are constantly being destroyed; if so, will instructions be given to the Police to enforce such Act?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I believe that small fish are often destroyed, as stated, but no official representation has been made on the subject. The matter will be brought under the immediate attention of the Police authorities, with a view to the enforcement of the law.

(15.) Inspectors of Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Scholey, on behalf of Mr. Bennett, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The names and salaries of the Inspectors of Conditional Purchases?

(2.) Similar information with regard to the Commissioners?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) J. C. Page, £350; P. W. Street, £350; J. Higgins, £350; R. C. Franks, £350; T. Argent, £350; J. Wild, £350; D. Keele, £350; H. J. Geary, £350; R. C. Lord, £350; Geo. Smith, £200 (£350 when engaged on certain duties); Edwin Evans, £350; Charles Cropper, £350; Frank Trollope, £350; Ernest Smith, £350.

(2.) A. O. Moriarty, £100; W. Johnson, £500; G. O'M. Clarke, £500; Henry Burne, £500; Thos. J. Hawkins, £500; H. J. Bolding, £500; J. G. King, £500; A. C. S. Rose, £500; J. Delaney, £500; S. Blythe, £500.

(16.) Appointments in the Post Office:—Mr. Scholey, on behalf of Mr. Bennett, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—The names and salaries of persons appointed in his Department during the recent Parliamentary recess?

Mr. Burns answered,—I intend to cause a return to be prepared and laid upon the Table.

(17.) Appointment of Mr. Lipmann as a Magistrate:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a person named Lipmann, a clerk in a usurer's office in Sydney, been appointed a Magistrate of the Colony?

(2.) On whose recommendation was this person appointed?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that Mr. Lipmann is in the employment of a usurer in Sydney, nor am I aware that he is in the employment of anyone, but I will make inquiry. As to who Mr. Lipmann is, or was, I may say that I am pretty well acquainted with him; I knew him many years ago, when he was a man of fortune. I know him to be a highly educated gentleman, and as such he was put in the Commission of the Peace.

(2.) I appointed him.

(18.) Toll-bar at Blayney:—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to have the Toll-bar at Blayney abolished; and if so, when.

Mr. Lackey [answered,—A collector is now at this Bar testing the receipts, which at present amount to about £5 per week. The Government have in contemplation the desirability of abandoning the collection of tolls at this place.

3. MR. THOMAS ANDREW JOHNSTON:—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from Thomas Andrew Johnston, of Hartfell, near Gunnedah, landholder, alleging that in the month of April, 1875, he conditionally purchased, for his children, certain lands in the County of Buckland; that his children entered upon the lands, and endeavoured to maintain possession of them against the lessee; that the lessee commenced legal proceedings against him, by which he was put to great expense; and praying the House to take his case into consideration.
Petition received.

4. THE BASSETT DARLEY ESTATES BILL:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Alexander Stuart, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Trustees of the Marriage Settlement of Mrs. Bassett to sell and dispose of certain lands at Manly Beach and elsewhere in the Colony of New South Wales.

And Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Illawarra Mercury*, and the *Cumberland Times*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. ELECTORAL BILL:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.
Question put and passed.

6. LUNACY BILL:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Insane.
Question put and passed.

7. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867.
Question put and passed.

8. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for despatch of business at Four o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week.
Question put and passed.

9. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
Question put and passed.
10. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays, General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
Question put and passed.
11. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session,—
- (1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill, to which, on the Question being put from the Chair "Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal' Motion or Order of the Day," no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
 - (2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it, to have the above question put with reference thereto, and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
 - (3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any such "Formal Motions or Orders of the Day," or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
 - (4.) That, in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions, or the reception of Notices of Motions.
 - (5.) That no motion for the appointment of a Select Committee shall be held to be a "Formal" Motion.
Question put and passed.
12. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
13. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
14. TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.}
15. BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session:—
- (1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
 - (2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper, and the Clerk shall place such list so initialled on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
Question put and passed.
16. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.
Question put and passed.
17. VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes exercise a second or casting vote.
Question put and passed.
18. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, "Mr. Burns," Mr. Fitzpatrick, "Mr. Greville," Captain Onslow, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862

Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the names of Mr. Burns and Mr. Groville, with a view to inserting in place thereof the names of Mr. Hay and Mr. Windeyer. Question proposed,—That the names proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put and passed.

19. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Gray, Mr. Lackey, Captain Onslow, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council. Question put and passed.

20. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Hay, Mr. Lord, Mr. Davies, "Mr. Phelps," 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.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended, by inserting after the name of Mr. Phelps the names of Mr. Hill and Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*).

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the names proposed to be inserted be there inserted,—put and passed.

And Mr. Piddington requiring that the Committee be appointed by ballot,—

Question,—That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, 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,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed,—Mr. Robertson, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. Piddington, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Driver, and Mr. Windeyer.

21. **MEETING OF THE HOUSE (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session that the Bell be rung two minutes prior to Mr. Speaker taking the Chair.

Question put and passed.

22. **AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL** ,—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Audit Act of 1870.

Question put and passed.

23. **CUSTOMS BILL** :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws for the regulation of the Customs.

Question put and passed.

24. **TURKISH OUTRAGES IN BULGARIA** :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House has heard of the outrages and atrocities perpetrated by the Turks in Bulgaria with unqualified horror.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government of England might have used its great power and influence to arrest a state of things which has outraged every sentiment of humanity, and is degrading to the age in which we live.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid before Her Majesty the Queen.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by the addition at the end of paragraph (1) of the words "and on behalf of its constituents desires to express its sympathy with the people of the United Kingdom in urging the Imperial Government to demand reparation for the wrongs perpetrated, and to obtain adequate securities against their possible occurrence in the future,"—and by the omission of paragraph (2).

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Wisdom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. W. C. Browne.

Noes, 12.

Mr. J. S. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. Baker,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	
Mr. Rouse,	
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Macintosh,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—

Question,—That paragraph (2), proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Main Question then put,—

- (1.) That this House has heard of the outrages and atrocities perpetrated by the Turks in Bulgaria with unqualified horror, and on behalf of its constituents desires to express its sympathy with the people of the United Kingdom in urging the Imperial Government to demand reparation for the wrongs perpetrated, and to obtain adequate securities against their possible occurrence in the future.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid before Her Majesty the Queen.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.	Noes, 23.
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Buchanan,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Scholcy,	Mr. Lynch,
<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hortley</i> .)	Mr. Macintosh,
	Mr. Farnell,
	Mr. Bawden,
	Mr. Rouse,
	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
	Mr. Jacob,
	Mr. Davies,
	Mr. Wisdom,
	Mr. Driver,
	Mr. H. H. Brown,
	Mr. Cameron,
	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Mr. Baker,
	Mr. W. H. Suttor.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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

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

“Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire,

“James Squire Farnell, Esquire,

“Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire,

“Robert Henry Mariner Forster, Esquire,

“Captain Arthur Onslow, R.N.,

“William Henry Suttor, junior, Esquire,

“James Watson, Esquire,

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

“Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney, this fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

“G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
“Speaker.”

26. SUPPLY:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Question put and passed.
27. WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 Question put and passed.
28. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Macintosh moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate continued.
 Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and negatived.
 Original Question put, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 18.	Noes, 10.
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. H. C. Dangar.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
	Mr. Lynch,
	Mr. Stuart,
	Captain Onslow,
	Mr. J. S. Smith,
	Mr. Garrett,
	Mr. Macintosh,
	Mr. W. C. Browne,
	Mr. Davies,
	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Mr. Baker,
	Mr. Fitzpatrick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr.

Mr. Buchanan moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

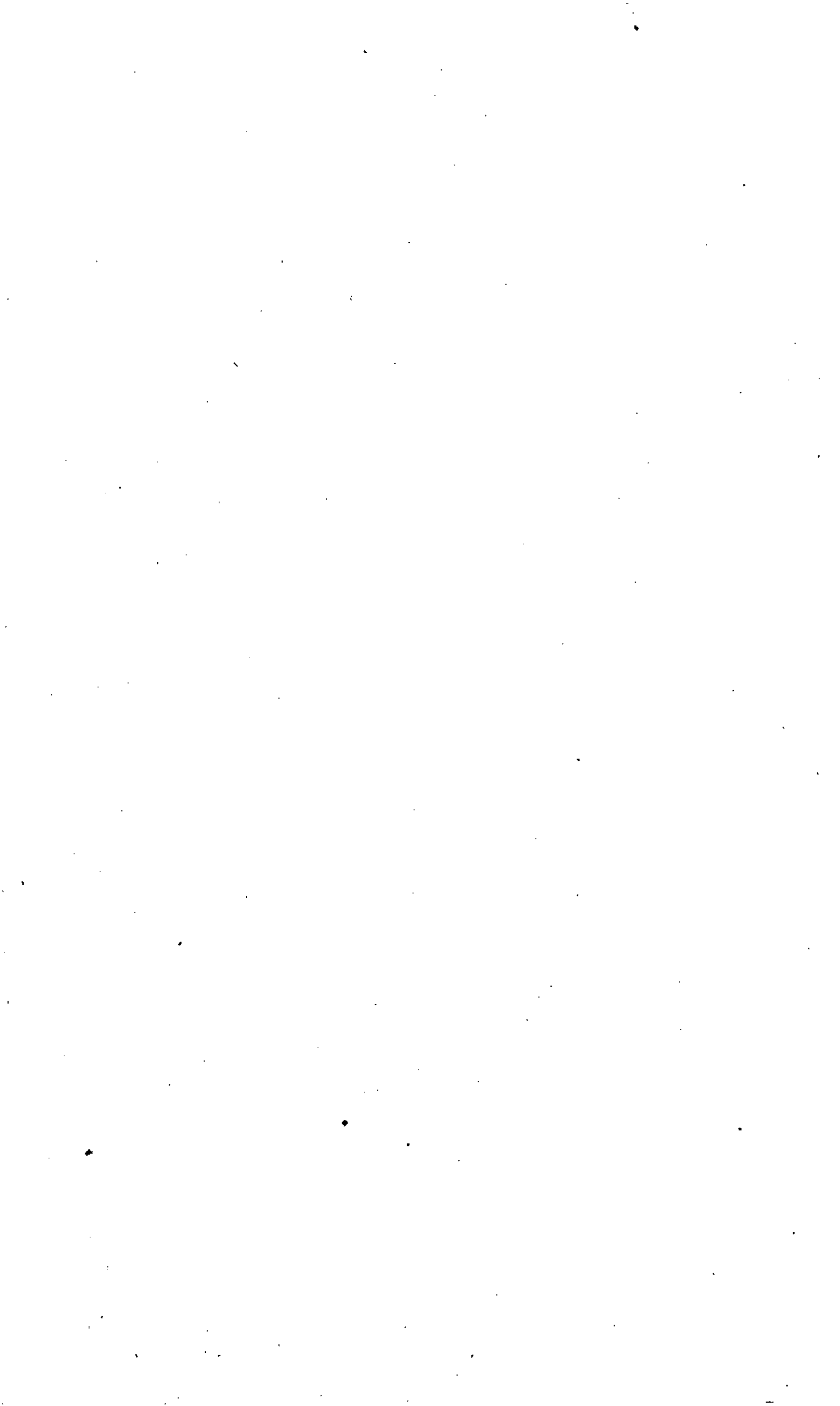
Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 22nd December.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1876.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Duty on Gold :—Mr. Baker asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to abolish the Duty on Gold ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—When I make the Financial Statement I will be able to answer the Honorable Member's question more particularly.

(2.) Post and Telegraph Office, Carcoar :—Mr. Lynch asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to call for Tenders for the erection of the Post and Telegraph Office at Carcoar, for which funds were voted last Session ?

Mr. Burns answered,—Instructions have been given to the Colonial Architect to prepare the plans and specifications, and when completed Tenders will be invited for the erection of the office.

(3.) Post and Telegraph Office, Molong :—*Mr. Long*, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to call for Tenders for the erection of Post and Telegraph Office at Molong ?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Colonial Architect has reported that he has not yet been able to prepare the plans and specifications. Tenders will be invited for the erection of the building when the plans and specifications are furnished.

(4.) Electoral Rolls :—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make arrangements for the more general and systematic mode of collecting the Electoral Rolls for 1877 ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Honorable Member has already information of my intention to move to bring in an Electoral Bill, and that being so, I fancy he might have imagined that there would be some provision with reference to the Electoral Rolls. I must decline to go into detail, by way of question, on the provisions of the Bill. It will be time enough when we bring in the Bill.

(5.) Gaol at Tamworth :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will Tenders be invited for the erection of the new Gaol, Tamworth ?

(2.) The site whereon it is intended to erect the same ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) A plan has been prepared, and is at present under consideration by the Government.

(2.) The site for the Gaol approved by the Government is allotment 1 of section 56, containing 5 acres, in the town of Tamworth.

(6.) Police Buildings, Singleton :—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of the Police Buildings at Singleton, the money for which has twice been voted by this House ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The money voted by Parliament is not sufficient for this purpose ; but so far as the money is voted we will carry out the work, under the impression that, it being the desire of the Parliament that the work shall be performed, the Government will not be wrong in proceeding with it, and that any additional sum that may be needed will be provided.

(7.)

- (7.) Parramatta Lunatic Asylum—the case of Kelly:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has it been reported to the Colonial Secretary that a criminal lunatic patient in the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum, named Kelly, was allowed to leave the Asylum in the month of November, to spend the day with his wife, without any person being in charge of him, and during the evening of that day entered the house of a female named Lesina, and assaulted her, for which the Medical Superintendent has received notice of action from a solicitor in Sydney?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—It has been represented by the Superintendent that Kelly is not mad, but that he is perfectly sane, and that opinion is borne out by Dr. Waugh and Dr. Rutter, and supported by the Board of gentlemen who are appointed to visit the institution. He was allowed on Saturday to visit his wife, who lives in the neighbourhood, and it appears that a woman who had insulted his wife was perforce by him driven from his house. However, I do not at all mean that I am satisfied with these answers, and therefore I have ordered further inquiries to be made.
- (8.) Bonus for Manufacture of Iron and Hydraulic Cement:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Returns ordered by this House, relating to bonuses for the Manufacture of Iron and Hydraulic Cement, be laid upon the Table?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—I will lay them on the Table shortly, probably this afternoon.
- (9.) Free Passes to Railway Workmen:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it usual to give the men on the Government Railways a Free Railway Pass during their annual holiday week?
 - (2.) Will the men employed as fettlers have the same privilege extended to them?
 - (3.) Will he give instructions that they shall be granted the same privilege as their fellow-workmen in other branches of the service?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) It is not usual.
 - (2 and 3.) The fettlers on the Railway have the same privileges as the other workmen in regard to free passes.
- (10.) Appointment of Mr. J. F. Plunkett as a Magistrate:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Who recommended Mr. J. F. Plunkett, of Gulgong, to be placed on the Commission of the Peace?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government is never in the habit of disclosing the names of gentlemen who make recommendations of this kind, otherwise no one would make recommendations at all. Suffice it, that this gentleman was recommended by a number of gentlemen, including two Members of Parliament, and that I know him to be a man of considerable ability myself.
- (11.) Free Public Library:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Lending Branch of the Public Library is to be open to the public only between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.?
 - (2.) As such an arrangement will preclude the working classes of Sydney from participating in the benefits of the institution, will he take steps to have it opened in the evening, in order that this objection may be removed?
 - (3.) As the Library is situated at a part of the city very inconvenient to a large proportion of our suburban population, will the Government have any objection to take steps to establish branches of the Lending Department in more centrally situated premises?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—
- (1.) Yes, as may be seen in the regulations of 17th November last.
 - (2.) The arrangement, it is thought, will not preclude the working classes of Sydney from participating in the benefits of the Institution, as the Library will be kept open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., including the dinner hour, in addition to which the Library will be open for the issue of books for the whole day on Saturdays up to 4 o'clock p.m. Provision has also been made in the Regulations by which any working man holding a ticket can send a member of his family, or other messenger, to receive and change books.
 - (3.) It is thought a trial should first be made as to whether the system of issuing books free to the public is successful before other branches are established in a more central part of the city.
- (12.) Land Sale at Deniliquin:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Hay, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) At whose request was the land sale advertised to take place at Deniliquin on the 22nd November last postponed?
 - (2.) What was the date of the order for postponement of sale?
 - (3.) How many selections were made on Thursday the 23rd and Thursday the 30th November of the land advertised to be sold on the 22nd?
 - (4.) By whom were the selections taken?
 - (5.) How many acres were there in each selection?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—
- (1.) At the request of William Henry Jones, selectors agent.
 - (2.) 22nd November, 1876.
 - (3.) Two on 30th November.
 - (4.) Joseph High and William Henry Jones.
 - (5.) Joseph High, 119 acres 1 rood; William Henry Jones, 40 acres.
- (13.) Flood Boats for Maitland:—Mr. Scholey asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Flood Boats be delivered to the East Maitland Municipal Council, as promised nearly two years ago, or the amount as granted by Parliament?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—Some difficulty has arisen about these Flood Boats. I have authorized the Corporation of the Municipality to buy them themselves, and have given them the money.

- (14.) Wallis Creek Water Reserve :—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to open the Wallis Creek Water Reserve, as petitioned for by the inhabitants of East Maitland twelve months ago, December, 1875, and applied for month after month to the Lands Office ; and if so, when ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The question has been submitted to the Crown Law Officers for legal advice, and the necessary opinion has not yet been received.

- (15.) Police Magistrate for Molong :—*Mr. Long*, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for a Police Magistrate at Molong ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—My Honorable Friend asked me this question some time ago, when I told him that, so far as I had heard, the Police Magistrate at Orange was quite able to attend to the duties at Molong. Of course the Government would have no difficulty in appointing a Police Magistrate at Molong if it were at all warrantable, but if the Police Magistrate at Orange can do the work, it is questionable whether another appointment should be made.

- (16.) Court-house and Lock-up at Cooranbong :—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of a Court-house and Lock-up at Cooranbong, for which money was appropriated last Session of Parliament ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A plan has been prepared, and tenders will be invited at once.

- (17.) Conditional Purchase made by Henry Deong :—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Jacob, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Order of this House, made on 20th July last, that a certain return in reference to the conditional purchase of Henry Deong, should be laid upon the Table of the House, been yet complied with ; if not, when is it likely to be ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—It will be laid upon the Table next week.

2. DISCOVERY OF GOLD :—Mr. Nelson presented a Petition from William Tom, the younger, John Hardman Australia Lister, and James Tom, alleging that they are the discoverers of the first payable Gold Field in Australia, and claiming to be recognized as such ; and praying for the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the matter.

Petition received.

3. PAPER :—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 27th July, 1876, in reference to Railway Bars—Plate Iron for Locomotives—Hydraulic Cement.

Ordered to be printed.

4. DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH :—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 13th December, 1876, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering James Squire Farnell, 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 was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

“ *By His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.*

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ *Greeting :*

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

“ Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and in the fortieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ HERCULES ROBINSON.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*
“ JOHN ROBERTSON.”

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Nelson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for Mining on Private Property for Gold and Silver.

Question put and passed.

7. USURY LIMITATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to limit Usury.

Question put and passed.

8. THE BASSETT DARLEY ESTATES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Trustees of the Marriage Settlement of Mrs. Bassett to sell and dispose of certain Lands at Manly Beach and elsewhere in the Colony of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

9. CIVIL SERVICE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Robertson*, on behalf of *Mr. Stuart*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the Regulation of the Civil Service.
Question put and passed.
10. USURY LIMITATION BILL:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to limit Usury*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. THE BASSETT DARLEY ESTATES BILL:—*Mr. Farnell* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Trustees of the Marriage Settlement of Mrs. Bassett to sell and dispose of certain lands at Manly Beach and elsewhere in the Colony of New South Wales*,"—read a first time.
12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 12th January, 1877.*
(2.) Married Women's Property Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 5th January, 1877.*
13. EMPLOYMENT OF FEMALES BILL:—*Mr. Cameron* moved, pursuant to Notice for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Employment of Females in Workrooms and Factories.
Question put and passed.
14. MR. THOMAS ANDREW JOHNSTON:—*Mr. Cameron* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th December, from *Thomas Andrew Johnston*, be printed.
Question put and passed.
15. ELECTORAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Robertson*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.
On motion of *Mr. Robertson*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
16. LUNACY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Robertson*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Insane.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Insane.
On motion of *Mr. Robertson*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
17. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Robertson*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867.
On motion of *Mr. Robertson*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
18. CUSTOMS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Robertson* 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 and consolidate the Laws for the regulation of the Customs; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor in reference thereto be referred to the Committee.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws for the regulation of the Customs.
On motion of *Mr. Robertson*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1876.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Windsor Road Trust:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The names of the persons appointed as Commissioners of the Windsor Road Trust from Parramatta to Rouse Hill?
 - (2.) What number of miles have they under their charge?
 - (3.) What is the amount per mile granted by the Government for the repair and maintenance of the above road?
 - (4.) Is he aware that one mile of the above road lies within the boundaries of the Municipality of Parramatta, and the Windsor Road Trust have not expended one shilling on the above mile of road, either from the Government grant or the proceeds of the toll-bar, which is allowed them for doing so, for the last four years?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) James Byrnes, Neil Stewart, John Lackey, and Andrew Payten.

(2.) Twelve.

(3.) £10.

(4.) The one mile of road referred to is within a municipal boundary, and trustees have been instructed not to expend moneys voted for minor roads on portions of road contained in municipal limits.

- (2.) Police Magistrate for Parramatta and Liverpool:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Police Magistrate for the Town and District of Parramatta and Liverpool?

Mr. Robertson answered,—It is not the present intention of the Government to do so.

- (3.) Circular Quay:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, and if so when, to proceed with the erection of the proposed Wharf at the Circular Quay, for which the funds have been voted, Tenders have been repeatedly called for, and the works most urgently required?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Plans for this work, in stone, concrete, iron, and wood, with estimates for each, have been prepared, but as considerable difference of opinion exists as to which material should be employed, it is not the intention of Government to proceed with the works until an expression of the opinion of Parliament shall have been obtained upon the subject, as was promised by the late Secretary for Works. The plans will be laid upon the Table at an early date.

- (4.) Australian Museum:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that the Australian Museum is, on account of the hours at which it is open to the public, practically closed to the whole of the people engaged in business pursuits?

(2.) Will he inform the House whether it is the intention of the Government to take any steps to afford increased facility for public inspection, by opening the building at night, or any other time, when the parties above alluded to may avail themselves of its benefits?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—I desire to say that in giving the answers to these questions, as well as in replying to those having reference to the Free Public Library the other day, I give only the views of the Trustees, without in any way holding myself responsible for their opinions, or as approving them. I have been informed by the Trustees of the Museum that the Australian Museum is open every day in the year, all holidays included, except Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday—during the summer months (from September 1st to April 30th) from 12 noon to 5 p.m., and during the winter months (from 1st May to end of August) from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The few hours each day during which the Museum is closed are scarcely sufficient to enable the taxidermists to attend properly to the collections and perform other necessary duties. A large number of business men and of the working classes visit the Museum on Saturday afternoons. The cost of laying on the gas to all the rooms and galleries of the Museum would be large, and the expense for gas consumed would probably amount to £100 per annum for every hour per diem during which the institution was so lighted. Lengthening the hours for the admission of the public would necessitate an increased staff of employes. The funds at the disposal of the Trustees are insufficient for them to incur the extra expenses which would be entailed by opening the building at night.

- (5.) Railway Workshops:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of the Rules and Regulations which have to be observed by the Workmen in the Railway Workshops?

Mr. Lackey answered,—There is no objection, and a copy of the Rules and Regulations will be laid upon the Table.

- (6.) Wages of Railway Workmen:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that some of the labouring men employed on the Permanent Way have lately had their wages reduced?

(2.) What is the nature of the said reduction, and for what reason has it taken place?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The wages of the labouring men employed on the Permanent Way have not been reduced.

- (7.) Friendly Societies:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Davies, asked the Colonial Secretary pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint an Actuary, or some competent Board, to inquire into the financial stability of the various registered Friendly Societies?

Mr. Robertson answered,—So far as I have been able to confer with my colleagues, they appear to me to be favourable to such a course, but it has not been determined.

- (8.) Light on Nobbys:—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Jacob, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Did the Government take into consideration during the recess, in fulfilment of the promise made by him (the Treasurer) on 23rd June last, the subject of the obscuration of the light at the Light-house at Nobbys, at Newcastle; if so, with what result?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government have taken the matter into their consideration, and they have, both by writing and personally, communicated with the manager of the copper works in the vicinity of Newcastle. The Government seem to be powerless at the present time to do anything towards the removal of this evil. There is no law by which we can compel the owners of smelting works to consume either their own smoke or the fumes—and it is more from the fumes of the copper than from the smoke that the obscuration occurs. The obscuration occurs only when certain winds prevail. I think when the wind is about north-west, or rather when there is very little wind. So far as I can gather, the fumes from the roasting of the copper ore seem then to settle down very low. The Government have communicated with the authorities in England, and the same difficulty is felt to prevail in the copper smelting districts there. Various attempts have been made, we understand, by copper smelters at Swansea to correct the evil, but although very large sums of money have been expended in experiments none have as yet been successful. The works are of considerable importance; they employ about 130 people, and in that way circulate a large amount of wages in the neighbourhood of Newcastle; and if any ulterior measures have to be taken, the question will come to be whether the public interests affected are of sufficient importance to justify the destruction of an industry that is valuable in many respects to the district.

- (9.) Public School at Ilford:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a Tender accepted for the erection of a Public School at Ilford, and what is the contract time allowed for its completion?

(2.) What is the cause of delay?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have received some information from the Council of Education, but as I am not satisfied with it, I do not intend to give it to the House until I have an opportunity of conferring with the Secretary.

- (10.) Sewage and Health Board:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will a copy of the proceedings and Final Report of the Health and Sewage Board be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I cannot precisely say when it will be ready, but so soon as it is I will lay it upon the Table.

- (11.) Mining Bill:—Mr. R. Foster asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Mining Bill be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Lucas answered,—I cannot fix the exact date, but as early as possible.

(12.) Reclamation of Land at Rushcutter's Bay:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the reclamation of twenty-three acres of Rushcutter's Bay, the money for which was voted last Session of Parliament?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No time can be named until the arrangements which are now in hand shall have been made with the owners of the adjoining waterside properties.

(13.) Tolls on Dunmore and other Bridges:—Mr. Cohen asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Whether any, and if so what, decision has been arrived at with reference to the Tolls collected on the Belmore, Pitnacree, and Dunmore Bridges, respecting which a question was asked by him on August the 8th last?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The question has been under reference to more than one Attorney General, and the effect of the last opinion is clear, that if the tolls are leased the lessees can insist on collecting toll at each bridge, and no agreement to the contrary would be binding on them. The opinion, however, of the present Attorney General has been asked for.

(14.) Salaries of Civil Servants:—Mr. Scholey asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to pay the Civil Servants, on or before the 24th of December, the salaries due to them?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Whatever money is due to the Civil Servants will always be paid to them, whether to the 24th December or any other date.

(15.) Gatekeepers on Northern Railway:—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to grant any increase of pay for the long hours employed by the Gate-keepers upon the Great Northern Railway Line, as promised some time ago?

Mr. Lackey answered,—In accordance with the promise made, the pay of the Gate-keepers referred to was increased in July last. The increased allowance from that date will be paid forthwith.

(16.) Land Agent at Gunnedah:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The name of the Land Agent, Gunnedah?
- (2.) The name of the person who officiates as Assistant Land Agent, Gunnedah?
- (3.) Has John George Stewart been appointed Assistant Land Agent, Gunnedah, by the Government?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) T. K. Abbott.
- (2 and 3.) There is no Assistant Land Agent at Gunnedah, but the Land Agent has been informed that there is no objection to his making the arrangement proposed by him, and recommended by the Bench, for the performance of his duties while absent from same on leave, viz., by Mr. John Gordon Stewart, Registrar of Births, &c.

(17.) Court-house, Boggabri:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of Court-house and Police Station, Boggabri?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A plan has this day been submitted, and as soon as it shall have been approved of Tenders will be invited.

2. ORANGE GAS-LIGHT BILL:—Mr. Nelson presented a Petition from Thomas Dalton, Chairman, and John Creagh, Secretary, of the Orange Gas-light Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Orange Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Orange.

And Mr. Nelson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Western Advocate*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

3. MR. GERARD KREFFT:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Davies, presented a Petition from Gerard Krefft, of Kellet-street, in the City of Sydney, relative to a sum of money voted by Parliament to meet a claim made by him, which money he alleges he has been unable to obtain from the Government; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, and to make such order thereon as may be deemed just and necessary.
Petition received.

4. EMPLOYMENT OF FEMALES BILL:—Mr. Cameron presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the Employment of Females in Workrooms and Factories*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 19th January, 1877.

5. BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL:—Mr. W. H. Suttor presented a Petition from Charles Macphillamy, Henry Butterworth, and others, praying for leave (*under Standing Order 64b*) to proceed with the Bathurst Presbyterian Church Trustees Enabling Bill in this Session of Parliament.
Petition received.

6. CIVIL SERVICE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly a Bill for the regulation of the Civil Service.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th December, 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

7. BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL (*See entry 5 on page 3*):—Mr. W. H. Suttor *presented* this Bill, and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question put and passed. Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of Land situated in George-street Bathurst in the Colony of New South Wales to sell the said Land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of such sale*,"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 12th January, 1877.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

- (1.) Municipalities Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 5.

In accordance with the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with an amendment of the Municipalities Act of 1867.

*Government House,
Sydney, 19th December, 1876.*

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Lunacy Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 6.

In accordance with the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with an amendment and consolidation of the Law relating to the Insane.

*Government House,
Sydney, 19th December, 1876.*

Ordered to be printed.

- (3.) Electoral Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 7.

In accordance with the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with an amendment and consolidation of the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.

*Government House,
Sydney, 19th December, 1876.*

Ordered to be printed.

10. CONTRACTORS DEBTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for better securing the payment of Debts due to Workmen. Question put and passed.

11. INSOLVENCY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Insolvency; and to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill. Question put and passed.

12. NO LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to legalize the establishment of No Liability Mining Companies. Question put and passed.

13. COMMON LODGING HOUSES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the regulation of Common Lodging Houses. Question put and passed.

14. DISCOVERY OF GOLD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 15th December, from William Tom, junior, J. H. A. Lister, and James Tom, by William Tom, his agent, relative to their claim for first discovery of a payable Gold Field in this Colony, be printed. Question put and passed.

15. GUNPOWDER STORED AT GOAT ISLAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Charles, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all Powder and other Explosives now stored in Goat Island Magazine. Question put and passed.

16. CONTRACTORS DEBTS BILL:—Mr. W. H. Suttor *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for better securing the payment of Debts due to Workmen*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 12th January, 1877.

17. **LUNATIC ASYLUM, PARRAMATTA** :—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the management of the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Hill, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Davies, Mr. Long, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Progress Report of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of last Session, be referred to the said Committee.
 And Mr. Long requiring that the Committee be appointed by ballot,—
 Question,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the management of the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta.
 (2.) That the Progress Report of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of last Session, be referred to the said Committee,—
 put and passed.
 Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed,—Mr. Taylor, Mr. Long, Mr. Davies, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Driver, Mr. Hill, Mr. Parkes, and Mr. McElhone.
18. **EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN** :—Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, and to make visits of inspection, to inquire into and report upon the employment of young persons in trades, professions, and callings unsuited to their years, and calculated to be injurious to their physical and moral development.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Stuart, Mr. F. B. Suttor, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Evidence taken before the Committee on "Employment of Children," appointed last Session of Parliament, be referred to the abovenamed Committee.
 Question put and passed.
19. **CONDITION OF THE ABORIGINES** :—Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the condition of the Aboriginal Inhabitants of the Colony.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Hill, Mr. Gray, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Hay, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Terry, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
20. **HIS EXCELLENCY SIR HERCULES ROBINSON** :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of this Colony, in leaving the Colony for so long a time without swearing in the Lieutenant-Governor, and so making provision for the due performance of the duties of Governor in his absence, was detrimental to the best interests of this Country.
 (2.) That although the absence of Sir Hercules Robinson was ostensibly to visit the neighbouring Colony, it was in reality to visit the Melbourne and other horse races.
 (3.) That in consequence of the Governor's absence serious injury has resulted to the public interest by the delay in calling Parliament together, and also through no officer being empowered to act for His Excellency, the consideration of the cases of three men under sentence of death was unnecessarily delayed.
 (4.) That the foregoing resolutions be transmitted by Address to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put,—
 And Division called for,—
 But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had,—and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.
21. **ELECTORAL BILL** :—Mr. Robertson presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 10th January, 1877.
22. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. Robertson presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 11th January, 1877.
23. **CLAIM OF WILLIAM HENRY BARON** :—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of William Henry Baron.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Jacob, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the proceedings of, and papers referred to, the Select Committee of Session 1873-4 be referred to the said Committee.
 Question put and passed.
24. **THE BASSETT DARLEY ESTATES BILL** :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Bassett Darley Estates Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Baker, Mr. Moses, Mr. Davies, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Terry, Mr. W. C. Brown, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
25. **PAPER** :—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Papers relating to proposed modification of Contract for San Francisco Mail Service.
 Ordered to be printed.
26. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Trades Unions Funds Protection Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday next*.
 (2.) Usury Limitation Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 29th December*.

27. CIVIL SERVICE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart 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 for the Regulation of the Civil Service; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor in reference thereto be referred to the Committee. Question put and passed.

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

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of the Civil Service.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1876.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Extension—Murrurundi to Tamworth:—Mr. Cohen asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The average number of men employed daily on the Great Northern Railway Extension from Murrurundi to Tamworth in each month from May to November, 1876, both inclusive?
 (2.) The total amount paid in each of these months for wages to the men so employed?
 (3.) The total length of permanent way laid on such extension?
 (4.) The total amount paid under the contract for this extension?
 (5.) The total amount of penalties enforced under such contract to present date?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) In May there were 433 men employed.
 In June no return received.
 In July there were 488 men employed.
 In August " 477 "
 In September " 404 "
 In October " 385 "
 In November " 371 "

- (2.) The Department has no information on this point, as the men are paid by the contractor.
 (3.) On the 13th November, the date of last report, there were 10 miles of permanent way laid.
 (4.) The total amount paid is £130,145.
 (5.) The penalties enforced amount to £2,000.

- (2.) Mineral Selections at Mitchell's Creek:—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Davies, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What action has he taken in reference to the mineral selections of Mr. Thomas Cox, at Mitchell's Creek?
 (2.) Has the Minister received any additional correspondence in connection with Mr. Thomas Cox's and Messrs. Winter and Morgan's mineral selections at Mitchell's Creek; if so, has he any objection to lay such papers upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lucas answered,—

- (1.) The whole case is before the Cabinet.
 (2.) Yes, I have received correspondence, and have no objection to lay it upon the Table.

- (3.) Police Magistrate for Carcoar:—Mr. Lynch asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Police Magistrate for Carcoar this Session?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The position of this district—which is a very important one—is not precisely the same as it was a little while ago. Some time ago there seemed to be a great additional population at the mines; that has greatly fallen off. Therefore, I cannot say that the Government will this Session propose that a Police Magistrate be appointed for Carcoar.

- (4.) Board of Health:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government this Session to introduce a Bill into Parliament having for its object the establishing of a Board of Health or Board of Works in the Metropolitan District of Sydney and Hamlets?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Yes.

(5.)

(5.) Government Banking Account:—*Mr. Piddington*, on behalf of *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—The amount of money which has been withdrawn from the Bank of New South Wales and paid into other Banks, showing the date of each deposit, and the amounts deposited in each Bank?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

Date.	Bank in which deposited.	Amount.	Total.
1876.	AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
May 15	Deposited	75,000 0 0	
June 30	Do.	50,000 0 0	
July 26	Do.	50,000 0 0	
Oct. 27	Do.	25,000 0 0	200,000 0 0
	CITY BANK.		
May 15	Deposited	50,000 0 0	
Nov. 3	Do.	100,000 0 0	
Dec. 11	Do.	25,000 0 0	175,000 0 0
	ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.		
May 15	Deposited	50,000 0 0	
Oct. 24	Do.	150,000 0 0	200,000 0 0
	BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.		
May 15	Deposited	50,000 0 0	
June 15	Do.	50,000 0 0	
Nov. 16	Do.	25,000 0 0	125,000 0 0
	LONDON CHARTERED BANK.		
May 15	Deposited	30,000 0 0	
June 15	Do.	20,000 0 0	
July 12	Do.	50,000 0 0	
Aug. 18	Do.	25,000 0 0	125,000 0 0
	MERCANTILE BANK.		
May 15	Deposited	25,000 0 0	
June 15	Do.	25,000 0 0	
July 15	Do.	10,000 0 0	
Aug. 7	Do.	10,000 0 0	
Sept. 15	Do.	30,000 0 0	
Oct. 27	Do.	25,000 0 0	125,000 0 0
	UNION BANK.		
May 16	Deposited	25,000 0 0	
June 16	Do.	25,000 0 0	
July 15	Do.	25,000 0 0	
Aug. 15	Do.	25,000 0 0	
Nov. 3	Do.	25,000 0 0	125,000 0 0
	ENGLISH SCOTTISH AND AUSTRALIAN CHARTERED BANK.		
May 16	Deposited	40,000 0 0	
July 5	Do.	30,000 0 0	
July 7	Do.	30,000 0 0	
Nov. 16	Do.	25,000 0 0	125,000 0 0
		£	1,200,000 0 0

(6.) Commission of the Peace:—*Mr. Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was *Mr. J. F. Plunkett*, of *Gulgong*, recommended to be placed on the Commission of the Peace by the late Minister for Lands, *Mr. Farnell*?

(2.) Was *Mr. M. Molony* also recommended at the same time by the same gentleman; if so, will he have any objection to state whether that gentleman was placed on the Commission of the Peace, and if he was not placed on the Commission, will he have any objection to give the reason?

Mr. Robertson answered,—It is not the practice of Governments to give information of this kind.

(7.) Small-pox:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to send *Dr. Dansey*, City Health Officer, to Quarantine, as he was the person who examined the man on the "Brisbane" steamer said to be suffering from Small-pox?

(2.) Is it certain that the disease this man died of is Small-pox?

(3.) Do the Government intend to pay wages to the working men and other persons who have been taken away from their homes, and sent to Quarantine?

(4.) Did the Health Officer board the steamer "Brisbane" before she came to the wharf; if not, why not?

(5.) Is it a fact that vessels are often many hours in port before they are boarded by the Health Officer?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) This matter is usually dealt with by the Health Officer of the Port, and he is of opinion that there is no necessity to deal with these persons in the manner in which the Honorable Member appears to desire.

(2.) I cannot say; the medical men say it is; they are sometimes wrong.

(3.) Yes, and they have already been informed so; it is the usual practice.

(4.) The "Brisbane" not being a vessel coming under the law, of course was not boarded, but all vessels coming under the law are boarded.

(5.) I am informed that it is not a fact.

- (8.) Municipality of Sydney:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Bill, promised in the Governor's Speech, for the Amendment and Consolidation of the Laws affecting the Municipality of Sydney be introduced and proceeded with?

Mr. Robertson answered,—So soon as it can be finally revised by the Cabinet; that will not be many days, I hope. I should not be surprised if the Honorable Member should see it to-morrow.

- (9.) Police Stables, Wellington:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have Tenders been accepted for the Police Stables, Wellington; if so, who was the successful Tenderer?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders have been received, but as they are in excess of the estimate, and considered too high, it is proposed to modify the plan and invite fresh offers for the work.

- (10.) Claims against the Colonial Government Bill:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government received a Despatch from the Secretary of State in reference to the reserved Bill, passed last Session, intituled "An Act to enforce Claims against the Colonial Government and to give costs in Crown Suits"?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Government have received no such Despatch.

- (11.) Report on Railways:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Hoskins, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether he is aware that the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways in Victoria has made a Report to the Government of that Colony of the result of his observations on the construction, permanent way, and rolling stock of Railways in America, Great Britain, and the Continent of Europe?

(2.) If so, will the Government apply to the Government of the Colony of Victoria for a copy of such Report, with the view of having the same printed and distributed to Members of the Legislature of this Colony, for their information upon such an important subject?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes, and at my request the Government of Victoria furnished this Government with copies of same.

(2.) I will presently lay a copy upon the Table of the House.

- (12.) Deniliquin and Moama Railway:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Hoskins, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways made any Report to the Government of the result of his inspection of the construction, permanent way, and rolling stock of the Deniliquin and Moama Railway?

(2.) If so, will he have any objection to have such Report printed and distributed to Members of the Legislature of this Colony?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Engineer-in-Chief has reported upon the Deniliquin and Moama Railway, and I will presently lay a copy of the Report upon the Table of the House.

- (13.) Railway from Sydney to Wollongong:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit any proposition upon the Estimates this Session for the construction of a Railway between Sydney and Wollongong?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No, not this Session.

- (14.) Parliamentary Draftsman:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What amount of money is appropriated to the payment of a Parliamentary Draftsman?

(2.) Who is the person employed or appointed to act as Parliamentary Draftsman?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) £600.

(2.) No Parliamentary Draftsman has been appointed, but three Barristers have been employed, viz., Mr. Stephen, Mr. Oliver, and Mr. Tarleton.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways on the Deniliquin and Moama Railway.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Particulars of Schedule A in Electoral Bill.

(2.) Returns under the Real Property Act, for 1875.

(3.) By-laws under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.

(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Parramatta.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ORANGE GAS-LIGHT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Orange Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Orange.
Question put and passed.

4. MR. GERARD KREFFT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Davies, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on 19th December, from Mr. Gerard Krefft, be printed.

Question put and passed.

5. **MINING BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Mining.
Question put and passed.
6. **QUARANTINE LAWS AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Pilcher moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Quarantine Laws in certain particulars.
Question put and passed.
7. **ORANGE GAS-LIGHT BILL**:—Mr. Nelson having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Orange Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Orange,*"—read a first time.
8. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—
 - (1.) Supply; House to resolve itself into Committee.
 - (2.) Ways and Means; House to resolve itself into Committee.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1876.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Penny Postage to Parramatta:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. Taylor*, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government considered, during the recess (as promised by the Postmaster General), the advisability of extending the Penny Postage to Parramatta; if so, what decision have they arrived at?

Mr. Burns answered,—The question of extending the Penny Postage to Parramatta has been considered by the Government during the recess. The present arrangement for the Penny Postage extends to all towns within a radius of nine miles of Sydney, and it has been found by experience that it is attended by a considerable loss of revenue. The extension of the reduced rate to Parramatta would involve the necessity of also extending it to other places within the same radius as that place, and would lead to a much greater loss of revenue, besides departmental inconvenience and dissatisfaction on the part of other towns which would not quite come within the radius.

- (2.) Forfeited Lease, Hill End:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Was an application received in Warden's Office, Hill End, for a forfeited lease, No. 1,154?
 (2.) Was any objection made against the issue of said lease; if so, who was the objector, and did he pay into the Court the deposit required by the 43rd section of the Mining Act?
 (3.) What sum was paid in, and does the Warden purpose to hold an investigation; if so, when?

Mr. Lucas answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes; by Australian Joint Stock Bank, on whose behalf the deposit was paid.
 (3.) £5. The Warden purposes to hold an inquiry as soon as survey of the land has been made.

- (3.) Recreation Reserve at Ashfield:—*Mr. Hill* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to the deputation from Ashfield that waited upon the Government to urge the necessity of purchasing a piece of land as a recreation reserve for that suburb, has the Government come to any conclusion on the matter; and if so, will he inform the House what decision has been arrived at?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The proposal made by the deputation was only yesterday taken into consideration by the Government, and it has been decided not to accede to it at present.

- (4.) Municipal Council of Paddington:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of *Mr. Sutherland*, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has he paid to the Municipal Council of Paddington the sum ascertained by a Committee of this House to be due to that body, and recommended to the Government for payment, viz., £165 11s. 4d., through an error in application for endowment, and £210 15s. withheld from last half-year's endowment; total, £376 6s. 4d.?
 (2.) If not already paid, will that sum be placed on the Estimates to carry out the intention of this House?
 (3.) What steps, if any, have been taken by the Government to ascertain the amount due to the sixteen Municipal Councils named in the evidence taken before the Committee. If the amounts due to these bodies are not already ascertained, when will they be, and the amounts paid?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The amounts referred to have not been paid, and cannot be paid under the present Municipal Law. It is not proposed to place a sum upon the Estimates to carry it out, because the Government have provided for it in the Municipal Bill now before the Assembly.

(5.)

- (5.) Immigration:—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How many Immigrants have arrived in the Colony at the public expense during the present year from the United Kingdom?
 - (2.) How many are now on their way hither from the same place?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for 1877 under the head of "Immigration"; if so, how much?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—
- (1.) 1,413.
 - (2.) 341, in the ship "Kapunda," which left England on the 20th November, 1876.
 - (3.) It is. The amount will be seen to-morrow, when the Estimates will be laid upon the Table.
- (6.) Defalcations in Department of Prisons:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a considerable sum of either Government or prisoners money has recently been stolen in the Department of Prisons?
 - (2.) The name of the delinquent, with particulars and result of the inquiry, if any?
 - (3.) Was there a considerable sum of money missing in the Department some few years ago, and how was it repaid, and the name of the delinquent?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that a deficiency of £109 7s. 5d. was recently ascertained to exist in confiscated moneys passing through the Prisons Office.
 - (2.) The moneys in question it was the duty of the late Mr. D. Kennedy (formerly 2nd clerk, but at the time of examination deceased) to pass to the Sheriff's Office. It was determined that the Chief Clerk, Mr. W. G. Beverley, was responsible, and he has been surcharged in the amount.
 - (3.) Defalcation by a former accountant, G. F. Ackroyd, by intercepting sums passed to him for payment in the years 1869–70–71, to the amount of £164 12s. 10d., was discovered at the commencement of 1872. It was made good to the claimants by Executive authority. Further defalcations by the same person, to the amount of £65 4s. 8d., have since been ascertained, and provision for these claims is to be provided. The defaulting accountant, Ackroyd, was put on his trial for embezzlement, but was not convicted.
- (7.) Supply of Coal for Railway Purposes:—Mr. Bennett, on behalf of Mr. Scholey, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government accepted Tenders for the supply of Coal for the use of the Railway Engines upon the Southern, Western, Richmond, and Great Northern Railways for the year 1877; if so, at what price, and the name of each Contractor?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders have not yet been accepted, nor will they be until the coals from the different mines have been thoroughly tested. These tests are now being made.
- (8.) Exhibits in Supreme Court:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Were exhibits put in evidence by the Crown Prosecutor, in the Supreme Court, Criminal Jurisdiction, in the year 1859, deposited with the information filed by Her Majesty's Attorney General in the Supreme Court Office, or deposited with the depositions taken at the Police Office in the Crown Law Office, Macquarie-street?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—Exhibits put in evidence on behalf of the Crown in criminal cases at Darlinghurst are, I am informed, retained by the officer of the Court until the termination of the case, and then, if any points of law are reserved, forwarded to the Supreme Court Office with the Information, to be referred to on the argument. If points of law are not reserved, the exhibits are, I am informed, usually returned to the Crown Solicitor, and, if of value, ultimately returned to the persons by whom they were originally produced.
- (9.) Leave of Absence to Civil Servants:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Colonial Secretary lay upon the Table of this House the Return promised last Session in reference to leave of absence given to Civil Servants and Ecclesiastics by the present Ministry, showing the time, and the terms upon which leave is given?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—I am told the papers will be ready to be laid upon the Table in about a fortnight.
- (10.) Australian Museum:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What sums per year have been paid on account of the Australian Museum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the year 1876 and the four preceding years?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

1872.			1875.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Annual Endowment	1,000	0 0	Annual Endowment	1,000	0 0
To supplement Endowment...	200	0 0	To supplement Endowment...	200	0 0
Salary of Curator	475	0 0	Salary of Curator	500	0 0
			Formation of Gallery of Art	*500	0 0
1873.			1876,		
Annual Endowment	1,000	0 0	to 21st December.		
To supplement Endowment...	200	0 0	Annual Endowment	1,000	0 0
Salary of Curator	500	0 0	To supplement Endowment...	200	0 0
			Salary of Curator	458	6 8
1874.					
Annual Endowment	1,000	0 0			
To supplement Endowment...	200	0 0			
Salary of Curator	427	15 6			
Formation of Gallery of Art	*500	0 0			

* Expended under the supervision of the Trustees of the Academy of Art.

(11.)

(11.) Post Office, Armidale:—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of additional accommodation to the Post Office, Armidale?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I am unable to say exactly when Tenders will be invited for this work. The plans are now being prepared by the Colonial Architect.

(12.) Conveyance of Mails between Millfield and East Maitland:—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Cunneen, asked the Postmaster-General, pursuant to Notice,—Have any Tenders been sent in for conveyance of the Mails from 1st January next, between Millfield, Ellalong and East Maitland; if so, has any Tender been accepted; if not, what provision has been made for the conveyance of the Mails in these localities from the 1st January next?

Mr. Burns answered,—Tenders were not invited for the conveyance of Mails between Millfield, Ellalong, and East Maitland from the 1st January, in consequence of its appearing on inquiry that the continuation of the service beyond the term of the present contract was unnecessary. Millfield will, from the 1st January, be served by the direct line from West Maitland, and Ellalong by a branch mail from Millfield.

(13.) Pemberton's Hill:—*Mr. Macintosh* on behalf of Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a grant of £300 made some time since for reducing the gradient over Pemberton's Hill, on the road between Mangrove Creek and the Blood-tree?

(2.) Has the amount been expended upon the work for which it was granted; if not, what steps, if any, are intended to be taken to carry out this very necessary work?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes, a sum was promised from the Unclassified Vote.

(2.) Some surveys are required, which have not yet been made, the pressure of other duties has been so great. The surveys will be put in hand as soon as possible.

(14.) Fence on Recreation Reserve at Newcastle:—Mr. Windeyer asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Are the Government aware of the erection of a most unsightly paling fence at the top of the cliff fronting the Recreation Reserve at Newcastle, completely obstructing the view from the same; and will the Government take steps for its removal?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This reserve was fenced at the instance of a Coroner's Jury, who denounced it as dangerous to the public. It was intended to be a palied fence, but on the representation of the Municipal Corporation of Newcastle it was directed that the paling should be omitted. The work had, however, been going on in the meantime, and the contractor had fixed the palings, but he has since had instructions to have them removed.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

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

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.

(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Victoria.

(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Redfern.

(5.) By-laws of the Borough of The Glebe—under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.

(6.) Report of the Inspector General of Police on Chinese and their Dwellings.

Ordered to be printed.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant Reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 14th December, 1876, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee; and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.

(2.) *Members of Committee Sworn*:—Whereupon Henry Emanuel Cohen, James Squire Farnell, Michael Fitzpatrick, and William Henry Suttor, junior, Esquires, came to the Table, and were severally sworn by the Clerk as Members of the said Committee.

4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising to-morrow do adjourn until Tuesday, the "9th" January next.

Mr. J. S. Smith moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word "9th," with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "twenty-third."

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. McElhune,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Long,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Nelson.
Mr. Buchanan,	

Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Bonnett,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Lord,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original

Original Question put, That this House at its rising to-morrow do adjourn until Tuesday, the 9th January next.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Long,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Davies.
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Windey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 20th July, 1876, in reference to a Conditional Purchase made by Henry Deong.
Ordered to be printed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday, 10th January, 1877:—
 - (1.) Supply; House to resolve itself into Committee.
 - (2.) Ways and Means; House to resolve itself into Committee.
7. ORANGE GAS-LIGHT BILL:—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That the Orange Gas-light Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Davies, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lackey, Mr. W. H. Suttor, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at fifteen minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1876.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Professors at Sydney University:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Macintosh*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Upon how many days during the year 1876 did the several Professors give an attendance to their professional duties at the University of Sydney?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am informed that the Professors of Classics, Mathematics, Chemistry and Experimental Physics, and Geology and Mineralogy lectured daily, except on Saturdays, during Lent Term, that is, from the first Monday in March to the third Saturday in May; during Trinity Term, that is, from the first Monday in June to the last Saturday in August; and during Michaelmas Term, that is, from the first Monday in October to the third Saturday in December. In consequence of Professor Pell's illness he was continually prevented from attending during the early part of Trinity Term; but since the appointment of a temporary substitute, at the latter end of that term, there has been no interruption of the attendance.

(2.) Defence of the City of Sydney:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. Hoskins*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government applied to the Commodore in command of the Naval Squadron in the South Pacific Ocean for his advice and suggestions as to the most effectual means of defending the City of Sydney from the attack of a hostile fleet of ships-of-war?

(2.) If so, has any advice been given to the Government by the said officer, and have the Government taken prompt steps to give effect to such advice?

Mr. Robertson answered,—No, but the Commodore has visited the whole of the Forts, accompanied by the Colonel Commandant and the Colonial Secretary. The Colonial Secretary has endeavoured to induce the Commodore to allow himself to be placed on the Defence Commission; not yet with success.

(3.) Gate-keepers on Northern Railway:—*Mr. W. C. Browne* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What remuneration do the Gate-keepers employed on the Great Northern Railway receive?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The wages vary according to the duties to be performed—from 6s. a day without quarters to 1s. a day with quarters. In the latter cases, wives of permanent-way men keep the gates, and have the advantage of good substantial houses to reside in free.

(4.) Glennie's Creek Platform:—*Mr. W. C. Browne* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the farmers residing near the Glennie's Creek Platform, on the Great Northern Railway, have been unable to send their produce to market for the last ten days in consequence of not being able to procure trucks?

(2.) Is it a fact that all the available trucks are employed in conveying wool from Murrurundi to Morpeth or Newcastle?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Traffic Manager informs me, by telegram to-day, that the wool is coming in very rapidly, and our rolling stock is severely taxed to meet requirements. There were, however, four trucks at Glennie's Creek yesterday, and no previous intimation had been received that trucks were required at that place. Every effort is being made to meet all demands.

(5.) Survey of Conditional Purchases in District of Singleton:—*Mr. W. C. Browne* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The name of the Licensed Surveyor in charge of the Singleton District?

(2.) Is he aware that a large number of Conditional Purchases, selected more than eighteen months ago, are not yet surveyed; and if so, will he give instructions to have them surveyed forthwith?

Mr.

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) H. F. Madsen. He was appointed to the District on 19th June last, on the death of Mr. Biden. Since then he has measured 4,912 acres and furnished fifteen reports; 2,238 acres out of this area were measured for Conditional Purchase.

(2.) Yes. The arrear was unavoidable under the circumstances, but Mr. Madsen will be directed to make every effort to clear it off, and also to meet all requirements for the future.

(6.) Immigration:—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—At what cost per head were the 1,463 Immigrants brought to the Colony; are any of them in the Government Depôt now; and at what rates of wages have they been employed?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The cost per head was £13 16s. 3d., including gratuities paid to Surgeon and Officers, but excluding cost of bedding, &c. There are not any immigrants at present in the Government Depôt. It cannot be stated at what rate of wages the immigrants were engaged, as almost all of them engaged through their friends.

2. **SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS:**—Mr. Davies presented a Petition from Sons of Temperance, Good Templars, and other Residents in the Town of Young, in favour of closing Public-houses on Sundays.
Petition received.
3. **CIVIL SERVICE BILL:**—Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the regulation of the Civil Service,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 18th January, 1877.

4. **ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1877, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1876 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 8.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1877, together with Supplementary Estimates for the year 1876 and previous years.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1876.

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

5. **PAPERS:**—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order, made on 30th May, 1876, in reference to Courts of Petty Sessions.
(2.) Return to an Address, adopted on 8th August, 1876, in reference to the case of Mr. John Garsed.
Ordered to be printed.
6. **LUNACY BILL:**—Mr. Robertson presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Insane,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 10th January, 1877.
7. **PUBLIC PLACE DEFINITION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Terry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Motion made (Mr. Cohen) and Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day four weeks.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Burns,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Long,	Mr. Coben,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hill.
Mr. Pilcher,	
Mr. Driver,	

Mr. Nelson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Charles.
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. Bennett,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 19th January, 1877.
9. **CUSTOMS REGULATION BILL:**—Mr. Robertson, on behalf of Mr. Stuart, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws for the Regulation of the Customs,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 10th January, 1877.

10. **INSOLVENCY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Nelson, 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 consolidate and amend the Law relating to Insolvency, and to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Insolvency; and that an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

11. **COMMON LODGING HOUSES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the Regulation of Common Lodging Houses. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Common Lodging Houses.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

12. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Trades Unions Funds Protection Bill postponed until Friday, 19th January, 1877.

13. **MINING BILL**:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Mining.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Mining.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Mining*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 19th January, 1877.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Robertson moved, "That" this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Driver (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Resolution come to yesterday by the House 'That this House at its rising to-morrow 'do adjourn until Tuesday, the 9th of January next,' be rescinded, and that this House do now 'adjourn until Tuesday, the 16th January next.'"

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Burns,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Nelson.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Wisdom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pilcher.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Cameron,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at thirteen minutes after Nine o'clock, until Four o'clock on *Tuesday, the 9th day of January next*.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 JANUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Purchase of Land near Parramatta for Railway Workshops:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government purchased any, and what, quantity of land, near Parramatta, for the purpose of erecting Railway Workshops thereon?

(2.) The name of the vendor, the price per acre, and the Vote from which the purchase money was taken, and the total amount thereof?

(3.) Who owns the land joining such purchase on each side?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The Government have purchased 85 acres 2 roods and 33 perches of land at Duck River, in the district of Liberty Plains.

(2.) Mr. Shepherd Smith was the vendor; the price per acre, £40; total amount paid to Mr. Smith, £3,429 10s.; and the Vote from which the purchase money was paid was the Vote for Treasurer's Advance Account.

(3.) Bounded by Duck River on the west, Parramatta Road on the north, and Chisholm's estate on the east and south.

(2.) Mr. Wells, Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, Mudgee:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will Mr. Wells be paid for services performed by him in the various offices in conjunction with the Police Court, Mudgee, in July and August last, pending the appointment of a successor to the late Mr. G. Leary?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am informed that on the 22nd of December last the sums of £4 7s. 6d. and £23 11s. 7d. were paid from the Treasury into the Australian Joint Stock Bank, Sydney, and transferred to the Branch of that Bank, Mudgee, on same day, to the credit of Mr. Wells, in respect of services rendered by him as Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions from 17th July to 12th September, 1876.

(3.) Yanko and Colombo Creek Reserves:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the number of new Reserves made out of the Yanko and Colombo Creek Reserves, the area of each Reserve, the total area of such Reserves, on whose runs were they made, and the date of making each Reserve?

(2.) Is he aware that the lessees are improving these Reserves, and will he put a stop to these Reserves being improved?

(3.) Will the Minister cancel or withdraw these Reserves from lease, and make them public Reserves for the use of the general public?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) A Return has been prepared which will afford the information asked for, and which I will lay upon the Table.

(2.) No definite information on the subject, but inquiry shall be made.

(3.) Inquiry will be made as to the necessity of making any further public reservations from lease.

(4.) Provisional School at Bridgman:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has any, and if so what, decision been arrived at by the Council of Education with reference to an application for the establishment of a Provisional School at Bridgman?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am informed that aid was granted by the Council of Education to the Provisional School at Lower Goorangoola (Bridgman) from the 1st of December last.

(5.)

(5.) Improvement of Land opposite Singleton Gaol:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the promise made by the late Government in fencing and planting with ornamental trees the vacant piece of Government land opposite the Singleton Gaol; and if so, when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I have made inquiry, but cannot hear of any promise having been made by the late Government in this matter.

(6.) Public School at Elderslie:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has any, and if so what, decision been arrived at with reference to an application for the establishment of a Public School at Elderslie?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am informed that a final decision has not yet been arrived at by the Council of Education with reference to the application for a Public School at Elderslie.

(7.) Sewage and Health Board:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will a copy of the proceedings and Final Report of the Sewage and Health Board be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have learned that the Board are waiting for the Report of the Engineering Committee on the question of Sewerage, which will probably be brought up on Thursday next, and that it will be then submitted to the consideration of the full Board, who will lose no time in reporting to the Colonial Secretary.

(8.) Debt on Public Schools:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—(1.) The number of Public Schools on which a debt existed prior to the passing of Mr. Parkes's Resolution of 20th April, 1875, and now unpaid?

(2.) The names of such schools, with the amount due on each on 20th April, 1875, for building purposes only?

(3.) The names of such schools, with the amount of any such debt now due thereon, respectively?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have a memorandum from the Council of Education, in which they say the necessary information is not in their possession; but I have given instructions that inquiry be made, that I may be in a position to answer the questions of the Honorable Member.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Despatch relative to the Massacre of the Crew of the schooner "Dancing Wave."

(2.) Returns relating to Leave of Absence to Civil Officers, &c.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulations for the Storage and Transit of Explosives.

(2.) Amended Regulations Glebe Island Abattoirs.

(3.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

3. PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN A COURT OF LAW:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a Summons to appear, on the 15th instant, before the Court of General Quarter Sessions at Mudjee, in a case of voting twice at an Election, to produce the Writ and Electoral Rolls used at the Election for Mudjee, held on the 5th day of October last,—

And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such Summons without the leave of the House,—

Put the Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said Summons personally, or by one of the officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

4. COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL:—Mr. Cameron presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill for regulating Common Lodging-houses,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 2nd February.

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Robert Henry Mariner Forster, Esquire, and James Watson, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

6. PUBLIC SCHOOL AT BROKE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Applications, Letters, Memos., and other Papers, having reference to the establishment of a Public School at Broke. Question put and passed.

7. MR. JOHN GARSEED (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Correspondence between Mr. John Garsed and Mr. John Williams, Crown Solicitor, respecting exhibits which cannot be found, and put in evidence on behalf of the Crown, in the matter of the prosecution of the Queen against John Garsed, for perjury, on the 5th of October, 1859; the Crown Solicitor's letters dated 23th and 29th November and 1st December, 1876, in reply to John Garsed's letters of 27th, 29th, and 30th November, 1876; also copy of Information, Queen v. John Garsed, sent from the Supreme Court Office to Crown Solicitor's Office, 27th November, 1876; also copy of Archibald Ashdown and Charles Pearson Pritchard's joint affidavit, filed in the Supreme Court Office, 2nd March, 1858. Question put and passed.

8. RAILWAY FROM WALLERAWANG TO MUDGEES:—Mr. Rouse moved, pursuant to Notice,—That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the Town and District of Mudjee in point of wealth and population demands the construction of a Railway from Wallerawang to Mudjee without delay.

(2.)

(2.) That the Government should therefore proceed at once with all reasonable energy in the construction of this work.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended, by the addition, at the end of the second Resolution, of the words "and that a Plan of the Line and Book of Reference be prepared and laid upon the Tables of both Houses of Parliament this Session."

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

Debate continued.

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

Main Question put,—That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the Town and District of Mudgee in point of wealth and population demands the construction of a Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee without delay.

(2.) That the Government should therefore proceed at once with all reasonable energy in the construction of this work, and that a Plan of the Line and Book of Reference be prepared and laid upon the Tables of both Houses of Parliament this Session.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Wisdom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. W. H. Suttor.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Driver,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Hoskins,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. R. Forster moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Wisdom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Hill.
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Farnell,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Jacob.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twenty-four minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 JANUARY, 1877.

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

CLAIMS AGAINST THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 9.

In pursuance of the provisions of the 33rd section of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor signifies to the Legislative Assembly that the Bill passed by the Parliament of New South Wales in 1876, and intitled "An Act to enforce Claims against the Colonial Government and to give costs in Crown Suits,"—has been laid before the Queen in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th January, 1877.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Case of the Prisoner Thynne:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the prisoner Thynne, found guilty of rape and sentenced to death—sentence afterwards reduced to twelve years imprisonment—has been liberated?
- (2.) Were there other prisoners found guilty of rape on the same woman and sentenced to the same punishment as Thynne, namely, death, afterwards reduced to twelve years imprisonment?
- (3.) What are the names of those other prisoners, and have they been liberated along with Thynne; or, if not, is it the intention of the Government to liberate them?
- (4.) Will the Colonial Secretary state what has led to the liberation of Thynne, and to the detention of the others found guilty of the same crime, if they are detained, and also how much of his sentence has Thynne suffered?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) John Heappy and John Quye. They have not been liberated, and it is not the present intention of the Government to liberate them.
 - (4.) The liberation has taken place because the punishment which the prisoner has already undergone has been deemed sufficient. The case of Thynne differs from that of the two prisoners who were found guilty of the same offence. He had, as a matter of fact, committed only an indecent assault, and, as the prosecutrix swore, was not present at the actual commission of the capital offence by Heappy and Quye. The learned Judge before whom the case was tried reported that Thynne was no doubt convicted because he was tried with the other prisoners.
- (2.) Mineral Lease at Inverell:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Warden put a Mr. Legge in possession of two blocks of land, 209 and 210, in the district of Inverell?
 - (2.) Had this land been applied for and given to Messrs. Brickwood and Woods?
 - (3.) Did the Warden decide in favour of giving the land to Legge, on the grounds that Messrs. Brickwood and Woods had taken up the land at the wrong office, and that no notice had been posted up outside the Warden's Office or Post Office?
 - (4.) Did the Minister for Mines refer the case back to the Warden for further consideration; and is it true that the Warden again recommended Legge to get the land?

(5.)

- (5.) Has the Minister for Mines set aside the Warden's decision in favour of Legge, and given the land to Brickwood and Woods?
- (6.) Was the land taken up by Brickwood and Woods at the Inverell Land Office, some 16 miles from the land; and did Mr. John M. Legge take up the same land at the Warden's Office, Tingha, only 2 miles distant?
- (7.) Is the fourth regulation, passed 10th July, 1874, not to the effect that applicants for all mineral leases shall post a notice in the nearest Warden's Court, &c.; and is not the sixth to the effect that any application for leases of land within a mining district, if handed to the Warden's Clerk, within such district nearest to the land, shall be deemed lodged with the Warden; applications for land outside a mining district, handed to any clerk in the office of the Land Agent for the district nearest to the land, shall be deemed lodged with the Land Agent at the district?

Mr. Lucas answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Warden Buchanan, in his report, states, that in a case on summons, heard before him in the Warden's Court, on the 15th July, 1876, he decided that J. M. Legge was entitled to possession of the land; but "this in no way affected the question as to who should obtain the lease, that being entirely beyond my jurisdiction."
- (2.) Messrs. Brickwood and Woods had taken possession of the land applied for, and expended, it is alleged, large sums of money on the land before Mr. Legge applied for it.
- (3.) In the Warden's Court, at Tingha, on 15th July, 1876, Mr. Warden Buchanan decided a complaint under the 71st section of the Mining Act, 1874, in favour of Mr. Legge, on the grounds that Messrs. Brickwood and Woods had lodged their application to lease at the wrong office; against this decision, notice of appeal was lodged.
- (4.) Only one inquiry was held under the leasing provisions of the Act, namely, on the 30th August, 1876, when the Warden reported that, from a strictly legal point of view, Mr. Legge appeared to have complied with the Regulations, but Messrs. Brickwood and Woods had not; that as to the latter, it was a very hard case, because they had clearly been misled by the officer at Inverell.
- (5.) The Warden states that his decision in the Warden's Court in no way affected the question as to who should have the lease. The Minister recommended that the lease be granted to Messrs. Brickwood and Woods, because the error made by them appeared to be due to an officer of the Department; because no objection was lodged within the prescribed time; because there was no evidence that any person had been prejudiced or misled by the error committed by Messrs. Brickwood and Woods; because they had *bona fide* gone to work and expended money and labour upon the land, and proved its value, before Mr. Legge attempted to get possession of it; and, finally, because Mr. Legge, who, after Messrs. Brickwood and Woods had been in possession thirty-seven days, sought to deprive them of the land, not because he had any right whatever to it, but solely because of a technical defect in their title, did not prove that he had complied with the Regulations, but, by his own evidence, he shows that he did not so comply.
- (6.) Application was lodged at Inverell by Messrs. Brickwood and Woods on the 29th February; and an application for the same land was tendered at Tingha by Mr. Legge, either on the 4th or 10th of April following. The distance from the land to Inverell is not stated in the papers; but it is said to be nearer to Tingha than to Inverell.
- (7.) Yes.

- (3.) Charge against Constable Breen:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that a charge of brutally ill-using a prisoner against Constable Breen was tried lately before the Bench at Gulgong, the Police Magistrate and Messrs. Plunkett and Blackman, J.P.'s, presiding?
- (2.) Is it true that at that trial it appeared by the evidence of the complainant, and also that of Dr. Ramsay, that the complainant was struck by Breen on the arm with a loaded whip, breaking the whip, and also both bones of the complainant's arm, injuring the arm so much that it could not be examined for nine days in consequence of pain and swelling?
- (3.) Is it true that Constable Breen struck the complainant with the handcuffs, and that also, after having handcuffed and leg-ironed him, he sent for a blacksmith and had him chained to a staple fixed in the floor; and while he was in this position and state, is it true that Constable Breen struck him with a ruler, severely bruising his thigh, as stated by Dr. Ramsay?
- (4.) Is it true that the complainant, thus treated, was in no way violent; and is it also true that the Magistrates who heard the case dismissed it?
- (5.) What action does the Government intend to take under these circumstances?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) I am told that Senior-constable Breen was charged before the Magistrates named by the Honorable and learned Member with unlawfully beating one Christopher M'Enaney.
- (2.) It appeared by the evidence of the complainant that he had been struck with a whip, and that his arm had been broken.
- (3.) It also was alleged that Breen struck the complainant with the handcuffs, and that he was chained to the floor, and while so chained he was struck by Breen.
- (4.) There was some evidence to show that the complainant was violent. The Magistrates dismissed the charge.
- (5.) Immediately upon hearing the circumstances of the case, my Honorable and learned colleague, the Attorney General, sent me the depositions, which were forwarded to the Crown Law Officers on Saturday last; and last night the Attorney General sent to me a memo., which I will presently lay upon the Table. I have some further information with reference to this matter: another charge has been brought against Constable Breen, which is now under investigation. The Inspector General informs me that he will furnish me with a Report when this inquiry is concluded, and I will lay that, together with copies of the depositions, upon the Table, in order that the House may be in possession of the whole of the facts of the case.

(4.) Road through Mr. Badgery's Land :—Mr. Hill asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the road passing through Mr. Henry Badgery's land, Sutton Forest, been cancelled, as recommended by Select Committee, and adopted by this House?

(2.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to cancel the said road, and cause another road to be surveyed and opened, as advised by the same Committee; and if so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The usual notice that the road has been opened has not been made; but the road has not been cancelled.

(2.) The Government has not yet arrived at any final decision in the matter.

(5.) Boarding Ships at the Heads :—Mr. Cunneen asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that persons from boats often go on board ships at the Heads before the Health Officer, and may thus contract and disseminate in the city any contagious disease that may exist on such ships?

(2.) If such be the case, will he take the necessary steps to prevent for the future a practice so dangerous to the health of the citizens?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I am aware of the circumstance, but, as far as I can ascertain, it occurs only in the case of Mr. Playfair, whose men frequently board vessels outside the Heads.

(2.) I have already caused instructions to be given to the pilots to warn all persons against boarding any ship before it is examined by the Health Officer, and to report any persons who disobey the Act in this respect, in order that immediate proceedings may be taken to punish them as the law directs.

(6.) Railway Locomotives :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The name of the builder of Locomotive that was destroyed on the Northern Line a few weeks since?

(2.) Have the same firm supplied any engines besides the one referred to; if so, are they used in passenger traffic, and where?

(3.) What was the cost of the Locomotive destroyed, and for what period had it been in work; and if any repairs during that time, what was the estimate of such?

(4.) Have the Government imported engines of same power from England; if so, at what cost?

(5.) By whom are Colonial and English engines tested and passed?

(6.) The name of the Minister who gave the order for the Colonial engines referred to, and was it done by command of the House; if so, on whose motion?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Messrs. Vale & Lacey, Sydney.

(2.) Yes, they have supplied ten engines in all, four of which are used as passenger engines on the Southern and Western Lines.

(3.) Cost, £3,600; three years running. Ordinary running repairs only, no estimate of which has been made.

(4.) Yes, six; cost, £3,016 each.

(5.) English Locomotives are tested and passed by Inspecting Engineer in England. Colonial Locomotives tested by the manufacturers, in the presence of the Government Locomotive Overseer, Mr. Scott, who passes them.

(6.) Tenders were called for by the Honorable James Byrnes. The order was given by the Honorable John Sutherland, provided the money was voted by Parliament. The money was afterwards voted.

(7.) Public School at Ilford :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a tender accepted for the erection of a Public School at Ilford, and what is the contract time allowed for its completion?

(2.) What is the cause of delay?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have received the following answers from the Council of Education,—Yes, a tender, purporting to be signed by Messrs. Hudson Bros., was authorized by the Council for acceptance on the 25th September last; but such tender having since been discovered to be a forgery, the Council, on the 4th ultimo, authorized the Public School Board to accept the tender of Mr. J. Jones. The Board, and all parties concerned, were duly informed; but no contract has yet been entered into, inasmuch as the works cannot be commenced until the proposed site is vested in, or at least promised to, the Council. I may state that I have visited, during the Christmas recess, the site asked for by the Council, which, in my opinion, is in every way suitable. The matter has now been dealt with favourably, so far as the Lands Department is concerned.

(8.) Dillon's Application for a Pre-lease near Oberon :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was an application received from a Mr. Morrice Dillon for a Pre-lease near Oberon; if so, will his application be received or not?

(2.) On what date was the money paid into the Local Land Office?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes, and approved.

(2.) 23rd October, 1876.

(9.) Appointments in the Civil Service :—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will the Returns showing the Appointments and Promotions, and the dates thereof, made by each Minister since the present Government came into office, whether by the Executive Council or otherwise, with the office to be filed, and the salary in each case,—

(2.)

- (2.) The names of the relatives of each member of the present Ministry now in the Government service, their relationship to such Minister, the dates of their appointments and promotions, if any,—
 (3.) The like Returns as No. 2, with reference to each Member of the present Parliament, and which Returns were ordered by this House as far back as the 5th day of February last year,—be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—In the course of a day or two I shall be able to lay all the papers upon the Table.

- (10.) Incorporation of Manly:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) How many Petitions have been received from the inhabitants of Manly for the incorporation of that place as a Municipality, under the name of "Brighton"?
 (2.) What was the date of the receipt of the first Petition?
 (3.) What became of that Petition, and were any steps taken by the Government in pursuance thereof?
 (4.) What was the date of the receipt of the second Petition?
 (5.) Have any steps been taken by the Government to carry out the object of such Petition?
 (6.) What is the cause of the delay in proclaiming the said place a Municipality, in accordance with the prayer of the said Petition?
 (7.) Have any representations been made to the Colonial Secretary by or on behalf of the inhabitants of Manly of the desirability of having, or the want of, a Public Wharf at said place?
 (8.) Have the Government, since the date of the receipt of the first Petition for incorporation, granted a lease to any persons of the land at Manly on which the present pier, or portion thereof, is erected?
 (9.) If so, what are the names of such persons?
 (10.) When was the lease granted, and what is the duration thereof?
 (11.) What is the amount of rent payable under such lease?
 (12.) Was any application made by such persons, or anyone on their behalf, for such lease; and if so, what is the date of such application?
 (13.) Were Tenders advertised for the lease of such land, or was the same let by auction?
 (14.) Did the Colonial Secretary, prior to the granting of such lease, inform the inhabitants of Manly, or anyone on their behalf, that they might rest assured that such lease should not be granted, or anything to that effect?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Proclamation will, I think, be issued to-day; if otherwise, perhaps the Honorable gentleman will ask the question again.

- (11.) Mining Bill:—*Mr. Leary*, on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—When will the new Mining Bill be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Lucas answered,—On Wednesday or Thursday next.

- (12.) Merchant Shipping Acts:—*Mr. Leary*, on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Does he intend to introduce, during the present Session of Parliament, a Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts, so as to assimilate the law in this Colony to the law as at present in England?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I think my Honorable friend has somewhat misunderstood the position of the Merchant Shipping Acts. These Acts are Imperial Acts, which it is impossible, I apprehend, for this House to amend. This House has adopted certain portions of these Acts, which this Colony, as well as various other Colonies, were invited to adopt. Then the question goes on further to ask, "so as to assimilate the law in this Colony to the law as at present in England." It would be utterly impossible to assimilate the law with regard to Merchant Shipping to what it is in England, because there are so many provisions in the Merchant Shipping Act, as passed in England, which would be quite useless, and quite unsuitable to the circumstances either of this or of any other Colony.

- (13.) Municipal Council of Paddington:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he paid to the Municipal Council of Paddington the sum ascertained by a Committee of this House to be due to that body, and recommended to the Government for payment, viz., £165 11s. 4d., through an error in application for endowment, and £210 15s., withheld from last half-year's endowment; total, £376 6s. 4d.?

(2.) If not already paid, will that sum be placed on the Estimates, to carry out the intention of this House?

(3.) What steps, if any, have been taken by the Government to ascertain the amount due to the sixteen Municipal Councils named in the evidence taken before the Committee. If the amounts due to these bodies are not already ascertained, when will they be, and the amounts paid?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) We have not paid to the Municipal Council of Paddington any sum; and I am not aware that a Committee of this House recommended that a sum should be paid. I have before me the Report of the Committee, the summing up of which, in the 7th clause, says:—"After a careful consideration of the whole case, your Committee recommend the claim of the Municipal Council of Paddington to the favourable consideration of the Government." There was no recommendation that any specific sum of money should be paid.

(2.) It is not intended to place money for the purpose on the Estimates, inasmuch as provision has been made in the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill, which is now before the House, to meet the case of the Municipality of Paddington and other cases of a like kind, of which there are several.

3. BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:—Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from the Right Reverend Frederick Barker, Bishop of Sydney and Metropolitan, and others, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to vest certain lands situate within the Dioceses of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale respectively, which are now vested in the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle, and to extend the Act in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned, to the Bishops of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale.

And

And Mr. Stuart having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Grafton Argus*, the *Armidale Express*, and the *Bathurst Times*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—
 - (1.) Letter from the Director-General of the American Centennial Exhibition to the New South Wales Executive Commissioner, on the closing of the Exhibition.
 - (2.) Papers in reference to a charge preferred against Senior-Constable Breen.
Ordered to be printed.
5. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Schools Act of 1866.
Question put and passed.
6. LICENSED PUBLICANS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Davies, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Licensed Publicans Act of 1862, and to make provision for the closing of all Public-houses on Sundays.
Question put and passed.
7. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Public Schools Act of 1866*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 9th February.
8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McElhonn moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. ELECTORAL BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 5.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Order of the Day was postponed until Wednesday, 24th January.
10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2, 3, and 4 postponed, to follow after Order No. 5.
11. CUSTOMS REGULATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart 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. Stuart, 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 one minute after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Case of the Prisoner Kerr:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that a man named Kerr was sentenced to a long term of imprisonment for, I think, highway robbery, and was there another man sentenced with him for the same crime?

(2.) Is it true that the sentence was ten years penal servitude?

(3.) Is it true that Lord Belmore, then Governor of New South Wales, promised both prisoners a free pardon after doing one-half of their sentence?

(4.) Is it true that one of the prisoners was pardoned, as promised, and that the prisoner Kerr was allowed to grow his beard and to wear clothes sent him by his friends as the time approached for carrying out Lord Belmore's promise?

(5.) Is it true that the prisoner Kerr was suddenly called before the gaoler and informed that he would have to suffer his full sentence, and no explanation given him why the promise of Lord Belmore was not to be carried into effect?

(6.) After this did Kerr make his escape, and has he been since re-captured, and was there a petition presented to the Governor, Sir Hercules Robinson, praying him to take his case into consideration?

(7.) Has any decision been arrived at in reference to this petition; and, if so, will the Colonial Secretary state what that decision is?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Thomas Kerr was sentenced for horse-stealing. A man named Thomas Allen was also convicted with Kerr for the same offence.

(2.) Kerr received two cumulative sentences, amounting to ten years—five and three years roads or public works, and two years imprisonment with hard labour. Allen was sentenced to four years roads or public works and one year's imprisonment.

(3.) The Earl of Belmore, in November, 1869, expressed his desire that Allen's case should be brought forward on a service of three years. The second sentence of one year was then remitted, and Allen was liberated in August, 1870, by ordinary remission on his reduced sentence of four years. Lord Belmore, in January, 1871, desired Kerr's case to be reported on specially at the end of five years service. In 1872 the case went before Sir Alfred Stephen as Administrator of the Government, who then refused, but expressed his wish that it should be again brought under notice in the following December, when, if any two persons would become bound in £50 each for the man's good behaviour for twelve months he might, he thought, be discharged.

(4.) As to prisoner Allen, I have answered already. As to Kerr, he was not allowed to wear his beard and clothing other than prison clothing as the time for consideration of his case approached.

(5.) The above decision of Sir Alfred Stephen was notified to the prisoner in the usual manner. The reasons in such a case, if given, would not be communicated to the prisoner.

(6.) A petition has been received, and the Comptroller General has reported upon it, but I cannot find that any decision has been arrived at.

- (2.) Mr. Connihan, Teacher of Public School, East Maitland:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that, in a letter to the Council of Education, twenty-eight parents, representing seventy-three children, notified their intention to remove their children from the Public School at East Maitland, on the grounds that the newly appointed head teacher, Mr. Connihan, who has but recently arrived in the Colony, has not received the usual training, and does not possess the certificate required by law to qualify him?

(2.)

(2.) How many pupils have been removed from the said school since the 1st June last, the date of Mr. Connihan's appointment, up to the present time?

(3.) Has any Report been received from the resident Inspector, Mr. Jones, respecting Mr. Connihan's appointment, and the falling off in the attendance of the scholars?

(4.) Is it true that the assistant teacher, Miss Armytage, has lately been removed; and, if so, is it intended to appoint a successor?

(5.) Is it true that a number of children have been sent from the Roman Catholic Denominational School at East Maitland to the Public School there since Mr. Connihan's appointment; if so, how many?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have received the following from the Council of Education, in answer to the Honorable and learned Member's questions:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) 66.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The late assistant teacher, Miss Armytage, was not removed from the school, but resigned voluntarily. It is not intended to appoint a successor to Miss Armytage at present.

(5.) Twelve children have been sent from the Certified Denominational Roman Catholic School at East Maitland to the Public School since Mr. Connihan's appointment.

(3.) Sewer to Shea's Creek:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of £20,000 on the Additional Estimates for the present year for the construction of a sewer along Bourke-street to Shea's Creek, as recommended by the City Sewage and Health Board?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Had it not been that the Government were taking the advice of Mr. Clarke, the Hydraulic Engineer, who has come to the Colony for the purpose of reporting upon these matters, this money would have been asked for, but as it is probable a very much larger sum will be required for the general purpose of sewerage, this special sum was not placed upon the Estimates. Provision, however, will be made.

(4.) Coroner at Young:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Commission appointed to inquire into the conduct of the Coroner of Young sent in their Report; if so, has the Government any objection to lay such Report and other papers upon the Table?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Yes; but the subject is still under consideration of the Executive Council, and as soon as a decision shall have been arrived at there will be no objection to lay the Papers upon the Table of this House, if desired.

(5.) Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Government received any Reports from Mr. Clarke, Hydraulic Engineer, with reference to a permanent supply of water for the City and Suburbs?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to obtain a Report from the Hydraulic Engineer on the Sewerage and Drainage of the City and Suburbs?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The Government have received no Reports from Mr. Clarke, the Hydraulic Engineer, in reference to a permanent supply of water for the City and Suburbs.

(2.) It is the intention of the Government, and it is part of the arrangement with Mr. Clarke, that he shall deal with the matter of drainage for the City and Suburbs.

(6.) Railway Platform at Lithgow Township:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government decided to erect a Platform at Lithgow Township, applied for by me some time since; if so, when will work be commenced?

(2.) Are there any objections; if so, what are they, and by whom made?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Engineer for Existing Lines has reported that the site for the Platform applied for is $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile only from the Eskbank Platform; and he is of opinion that if the Eskbank Platform were removed about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile nearer to Bowenfels, and close alongside the public road, it would be most central for all parties, and render two platforms unnecessary.

(7.) John Garsed:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is a part of John Garsed's letter of 15th May, 1865, addressed to the Honorable Secretary for Lands, left out in manuscript forwarded to the Government Printing Office, and moved for by me on 8th August, 1876, and ordered by Assembly to be printed on 22nd December, 1876?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am informed that the whole of Mr. Garsed's letter of 15th May, 1865, was correctly copied; but it appears that in the transmission of the manuscript to the Government Printing Office, a sheet, in some unaccountable way, went astray. An amended Return is now substituted, which I have here, and will lay upon the Table of the House in lieu of that already presented.

(8.) Dr. Ramsay, Returning Officer for Mudgee:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he been informed by Mr. Thos. Ryan, innkeeper, of Gulgong, that Dr. Ramsay, Returning Officer of Mudgee, charged him 30s. for allowing a polling-booth to be held at his inn; and that he also deducted 30s. more out of the £3 he was to be paid out of the Public Funds for rent of said polling-booth; if not, will he inquire into the matter immediately?

(2.) Is he aware that Mr. John Archibald Courtis, of Gulgong, has sworn an information, which was sent to the Attorney General, affirming that Dr. Ramsay is guilty of systematically defrauding the Government in his position of Returning Officer?

(3.) Is he aware that Mr. Courtis charges Dr. Ramsay with having charged the Government £5 for use of polling-booth at Mrs. Waters's, Diamond Mines, and did not pay this woman one penny?

(4.) Does the Government intend to prosecute Dr. Ramsay criminally, at Mudgee, and so give him a chance to disprove the charges?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—Charges of the nature indicated by the questions of the Honorable Member have been made against Dr. Ramsay, who has been called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the Government service. The matter is still before the Executive Council. Dr. Ramsay has applied to the Government for copies of the charges, in order that he may take proceedings against those who have accused him. Of course the papers will not be given up to Dr. Ramsay until the Government have determined what to do with his case. So soon as a determination shall have been arrived at, I shall be willing to give any information that may be required.

(9.) Gibsons Selections :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has he given any decision in the case of the Gibsons selections *v.* Ricketson?
- (2.) If a decision has been given, what is the decision?
- (3.) If no decision has been given, when will he give his decision?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The report has only just been received, and no decision has yet been given, but there shall be no delay.

(10.) Frost *v.* Harris :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has he come to any decision in the case Frost *v.* Harris; if so, what is his decision? If he has not yet given a decision in this case, when will he do so?

Mr. Robertson answered,—It has been determined to uphold the first selection by Harris.

(11.) Railway Trial Survey—Orange to Wilcannia :—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have any steps been taken by the Government towards making a Trial Survey of a Railway Line from or near Orange to Wilcannia or Menindee?
- (2.) Has any Report been sent in by the officer entrusted with this work; if so, will the Government lay the Report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) A trial survey from near Orange, *via* Parkes, towards Wilcannia is in progress.
- (2.) Progress Reports have been sent in by the officer in charge of this survey, and there is no objection to their being laid upon the Table of the House. Copies will accordingly be made for this purpose.

(12.) The Military Forces of the Colony :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill for the better organization of the Military Forces of the Colony?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Yes.

(13.) Railway Rolling Stock :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the great want that at present exists for additional Rolling Stock on the Railway Lines of this Colony; if so, is it his intention to take steps to procure a larger supply?
- (2.) Are any orders now being executed for Passenger Carriages for the Government; if so, by whom, and to what extent?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that the present Rolling Stock is inadequate, and specifications are being prepared with a view to the immediate calling for tenders for further supplies.
- (2.) An order was sent to America for sample carriages. By letter, dated the 27th November last, received on the 5th instant, the Government is informed that tenders will be invited for one first-class carriage, one second-class carriage, and one sleeping carriage—the two former to be shipped in February and the latter in April next.

(14.) Railway Waggons :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Government are not in a position to supply the contractors for Railway Waggons with wheels and springs, thus causing them much inconvenience and extra expense?
- (2.) Will the Government allow a fair and reasonable compensation to such contractors for the non-supply of the said wheels and springs?
- (3.) Is it true that the Government are withholding any portion of the contract price for such Railway Waggons in consequence of the contractors not being able to finish same for want of wheels and springs?
- (4.) Is it true that Carriages and Break Vans are being built without tender; if so, by whom. Does the Government intend purchasing same?
- (5.) When will the Government call for tenders for Railway Rolling Stock?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The supply of wheels, &c., has fallen short owing to the non-receipt from England within the anticipated time of the indents for these articles; they are on the water, however, and expected daily. The inconvenience to the contractors was removed, as far as possible, by the Department consenting to receive the Waggons without the wheels.
- (2.) In any case where it can be shown that appreciable injury has been sustained, compensation will be allowed.
- (3.) The estimated cost of fixing the wheels—£1 for each truck—has been withheld.
- (4.) No orders have been given for Carriages and Break Vans.
- (5.) Specifications are now being prepared, and tenders will be invited immediately.

(15.) Fencing on Reserve at Botany :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has he taken any steps, or given notice to all persons who have fencing on the Reserve at Botany to remove the same, and abate the trespass?
- (2.) If he has not given notice to these parties to remove their fences off the Reserve, will he do so at once?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1 and 2.) A surveyor has been instructed to mark the limit of the Reserve, and the Crown Ranger has been directed thereafter to give the parties concerned notice to remove their fencing back to that limit.

(16.) Bathurst Courts:—*Mr. F. B. Suttor* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to reduce the number of Quarter Sessions and District Courts held during the year at Bathurst; if so, upon whose recommendation?

(2.) Are the Government aware that the number of cases tried in the District Court at Bathurst are annually increasing, viz.,—in 1874, cases tried, 74; 1875, 78; 1876, 99.

Mr. Robertson answered,—By a Minute of the Governor and Executive Council, dated 17th September, 1875, on the recommendation of the Attorney General, authority was given for the holding of District Courts and Quarter Sessions twice in lieu of three times a year at Mudgee, Goulburn, and Yass, on the ground that when two Circuit Courts were held every year at these places the holding of more than two Courts of Quarter Sessions and District Courts was not required, and entailed an unnecessary expense upon the Colony. On the 17th January, 1876, the regulation was extended to Bathurst and Dubbo, so as to reduce the sittings from four times to twice a year, which is now in force in all places where Circuit Courts as well as Quarter Sessions and District Courts are held, with the exception of Maitland.

(17.) Salaries of Tide-waiters:—*Mr. W. C. Browne* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Tide-waiters received their Salaries for the month of December; and if not, when will they be paid?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Tide-waiters have not received their Salaries for the month of December yet, but they will, I believe, be paid to-morrow. The Vote had been exhausted, and I have instructed their payment out of the Treasurer's Advance Account.

(18.) James Windsor's Application for Land:—*Mr. W. C. Browne* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What action has been taken with regard to the application of James Windsor, made on the 27th September last, requesting portions 3, 4, 5, and 6, in the Parish of Whittingham, County of Northumberland, to be put up for sale?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The application was referred to *Mr. District Surveyor Evans*, and his report is awaited before any decision will be given.

2. HENRY JAMES COLLAREY:—*Mr. Gray* presented a Petition from Henry James Collarey, of Woonona, Telegraph-line Contractor, alleging that he has suffered great injustice by the cancellation of his Contract for erecting the line of Telegraph from West Kempsey to Grafton; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
Petition received.

3. ORANGE GAS-LIGHT BILL:—*Mr. Nelson*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 21st December, 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nelson then moved, That the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—*Mr. Robertson* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return of the new Reserves made out of the Yanko and Colombo Creek Reserves, the area of each, the total area of such Reserves, on whose Runs they were made, and the date notified.

(2.) Further Despatch respecting the massacre of the Crew of the "Dancing Wave."

Ordered to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Davies* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on 22nd December last, from residents of Young, in favour of closing all Public-houses on Sundays, be printed.

Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

8. CUSTOMS REGULATION 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 this Bill.

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

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 JANUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Free Public Library:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Macintosh*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government come to any decision as to when they will erect the Free Public Library on the proposed site near the Museum?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The cost on the estimate would be £100,000, while only something less than one-fifth of that amount is available for the purpose. The pressure of other and more urgent business has prevented the Government giving present attention to the matter.

(2.) Sydney Municipal Bill:—*Mr. Davies* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When is it the intention of the Government to introduce the Sydney Municipal Bill?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have a Bill in print for the purpose, and it has been through several revisions, but I am unable to say when it will be laid upon the Table, because I desire to go through it with the Mayor and some other members of the Sydney Corporation.

(3.) *Mr. George Bailey's* Application for Land:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Was an application received from *Mr. George Bailey*, of Fish River, for ninety-six acres of land in County of Westmoreland; and if the application will be granted?

Mr. Robertson answered,—No trace can be found of any such application; but if the Honorable Member will give any particulars by which it may be identified, further search shall be made.

(4.) Reformatory at South Head:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government lately purchased any Land and House for a Reformatory at or near South Head; if so, from whom, and what was the amount of purchase money?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government have agreed to purchase a stone house and upwards of ten acres of land at South Head, the property of *Mr. Wallis*. The completion of such purchase is in the hands of the Crown Solicitor, with a view to the title. The price is £1,150.

(5.) The "Faraway":—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) From whom did the Government buy the ship "Faraway" for a Quarantine vessel, and at what price?

(2.) What is the net register tonnage of above vessel?

(3.) Where was she built, and in what year?

(4.) For how long was she classed A1 when built?

(5.) Did this ship originally belong to Towns & Co.; who did that firm sell her to, when, and at what price?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I think I may best answer the first Question of the Honorable Member by reading,—

MEMORANDUM of Agreement entered into this third day of January, 1877, between *Thomas Stephenson Rountree*, master shipwright, of Sydney, on the one part, and the Colonial Treasurer of New South Wales, acting on behalf of the Government of New South Wales, on the other.

The said *T. S. Rountree* agrees to sell, and the said Treasurer agrees to purchase, subject to the following terms and conditions, the barque "Faraway," 410 tons register, for an hospital ship for persons infected with the small-pox.

1. The price for the said ship shall be two thousand eight hundred pounds sterling, payable in cash on the said ship and her register being delivered to the order of the said Treasurer free from all incumbrance, and with everything on board or belonging to her, as she now lies in Waterview Bay, together with about thirty tons dry stone ballast now on board of her.

2. The said ship is purchased on the understanding that she is tight, staunch, newly metalled, and in a fit condition to be fitted out for sea, and that she has a certificate from Germanic Lloyds of being A1 for four years from last month.

3. The following alterations to fit her for the purpose shall be carried out by the said T. S. Rountree at the expense of the Government, and subject to the approval of Captain Hixson, without any delay, viz. :—

1. 'Tween decks to be laid fore and aft flush with the hold beams.
 2. Two bulk-heads to be fitted to divide the 'tween decks into three compartments.
 3. Four large-sized scuttles, 12" x 10" (brass and glass), to be fitted in each compartment—say two on each side.
 4. Glass sashes to be fitted to each bow or stern port.
 5. All hatches to be fitted to give both light and ventilation, and close step-ladders to each.
 6. Step-ladder to be made for one side accommodation.
 7. Arrangements to be fitted whereby a cot with patient can be hoisted from a boat alongside, and lowered at once by removal of hatch and ladder into the required compartment.
 8. Awning-stanchions to be fitted, and a good canvas awning fore and aft.
 9. A closet to be fitted on deck on each side, the caboose, if necessary, being shifted farther aft.
4. Should the Government determine to give the vessel up at any time within twelve months from this date, the said T. S. Rountree hereby agrees, if so required, to take her back, as she then lies at her moorings, for Five hundred pounds less than the above purchase money, that is to say, for the sum of Two thousand three hundred pounds sterling, subject to the following conditions :—
1. That she be kept in good order and condition, as she now is (the above alterations alone excepted), and sweet and clean, and be properly fumigated, and certified by the Health Officer to be clean and free from infectious disease.
 2. That if any other alterations in the ship be required and made by order of the Government or Health Officer, or other person authorized or placed in charge, the said T. S. Rountree shall have the right to refuse to take her back under this agreement, except at such further reduction as shall be decided on by arbitrators mutually chosen, who shall take into consideration the damage or unfitness for her service as an A1 4-years sea-going ship by reason of such alterations.

In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands.

THOS. S. ROUNTREE.

ALEX. STUART,

Colonial Treasurer.

Signed by the said parties hereto in presence of—

G. EAGAR.

- (2.) 410 tons.
- (3.) Quebec, in 1864.
- (4.) Nine years—having been built under special survey. She has been recently, in December, 1876, re-classed A1 for four years.
- (5.) She was built to the order of R. Towns & Co. She was sold by the executors of the late Robert Towns to T. S. Rountree in July last year for £1,075. She had then arrived from a three years cruise; required to be re-coppered and to have new decks, &c.; was repaired, &c., which was done by Captain Rountree, at a cost of £1,400, and the ship re-classed as A1 for four years.
- (6.) Railway Station-masters :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Why was the Station-master at Petersham removed to Mulgrave?
 - (2.) Was he suspended before removal; if so, for what reason?
 - (3.) Why was the Station-master at Seven Hills removed, and was he suspended; if so, why?
 - (4.) Is he still in the Service; if so, where, and in what capacity?
 - (5.) How often has he been dismissed or suspended, and for what reasons?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) For neglect of duty.
 - (2.) Yes; for the same reason.
 - (3.) He was removed for absenting himself without leave, and general misconduct; he was previously suspended for same reason.
 - (4.) He is not now in the Service.
 - (5.) He was suspended on two occasions for misconducting himself.
- (7.) Supply of Meat to Government Institutions at Parramatta :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What amount of compensation was allowed Mr. Kidman for supply of meat to Parramatta Lunatic Asylum and other institutions over his contract price?
 - (2.) From what date was Mr. Kidman allowed increased price for meat supplied to these institutions, and when did increased price cease to be paid?
 - (3.) The names of other persons who were paid over their contract price of meat, the total extra amount they were paid, and the reasons they were paid over their contract price?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) £1,029 13s. 10d.
 - (2.) The increased price was allowed from 25th July to 12th November, 1876, when it ceased to be paid.
 - (3.) Nott, Ward, & Co., £31 10s. 7d.; R. L. Dunn, £123 16s. 9d.; R. Harper, £70 13s. 9d. A similar concession has been made in favour of Messrs. W. Nicholson and George Fox, but their claims have not yet been received. The concession was granted in consequence of the unprecedented rise in the price of meat, owing to the recent drought, combined with the extremely low prices at which the contracts were taken. Messrs. Kidman & Son are contractors for Darlinghurst Gaol and Sydney Establishments, the "Vernon," Permanent Military Force, Biloela Establishments, Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville, Lunatic Asylum and Gaol, Parramatta. Their prices vary from 1½d. per lb. to 2½d. per lb. for meat. Nott, Ward, & Co., 2d. per lb.; W. Nicholson, 2½d. per lb., Newcastle, and 3½d. per lb., Mudgee; R. Harper, 2½d. per lb.

(8.) Dr. Ramsay, Returning Officer for Mudgee:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Government come to any decision in the case of Dr. Ramsay, Returning Officer for Mudgee; if so, what is the decision?
- (2.) If no decision has been come to, when will a decision be given, and will he state what it is to this House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) A decision has not yet been arrived at.
- (2.) When the usual practice in such cases shall have been gone through. The matter is before the Governor and Executive Council. The gentleman has been called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the service of Government. As to whether the House will be informed, will depend upon whether the House desires to be informed.

(9.) The "Celestia":—Mr. R. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the barque "Celéstia" (property of some persons in New Zealand—local agents, Laidley and Ireland), loaded with coal at Newcastle some two or three months since, was found to be so unseaworthy that the master (Captain Champion) and crew refused to proceed to sea in her, and were consequently discharged?
- (2.) Is it true that another master and ship's crew were shipped, and that the vessel proceeded on her voyage?
- (3.) To what place did the "Celestia" proceed, and did she arrive safe at her destination?
- (4.) Was any report or inquiry made by the Harbour Master at Newcastle, or other official, into the cause of the master and first-engaged crew refusing to go to sea in the "Celestia"; if so will he communicate the same to this House?
- (5.) Can he state of what timber the "Celestia" was built, when, and where?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have no knowledge, or means of knowledge, of my own in this matter, but I have obtained from the Harbour Master and Chairman of the Marine Board at Newcastle the following replies:—

- (1.) The barque "Celestia" sailed for New Zealand, 30th July, 1876; returned to port the same day, leaky; was towed to Sydney, 12th August, for repairs; no complaint was made by the Master or crew.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Arrived here from Sydney, 26th September; sailed 3rd October for Bluff Harbour, New Zealand; I have not heard of her arrival.
- (4.) No inquiry made, no complaint having been made by master or crew.
- (5.) I do not know.

(10.) Incorporation of Manly:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many Petitions have been received from the inhabitants of Manly for the incorporation of that place as a Municipality, under the name of "Brighton"?
- (2.) What was the date of the receipt of the first Petition?
- (3.) What became of that Petition, and were any steps taken by the Government in pursuance thereof?
- (4.) What was the date of the receipt of the second Petition?
- (5.) Have any steps been taken by the Government to carry out the object of such Petition?
- (6.) What is the cause of the delay in proclaiming the said place a Municipality, in accordance with the prayer of the said Petition?
- (7.) Have any representations been made to the Colonial Secretary by or on behalf of the inhabitants of Manly of the desirability of having, or the want of, a Public Wharf at said place?
- (8.) Have the Government, since the date of the receipt of the first petition for incorporation, granted a lease to any persons of the land at Manly on which the present pier, or portion thereof, is erected?
- (9.) If so, what are the names of such persons?
- (10.) When was the lease granted, and what is the duration thereof?
- (11.) What is the amount of rent payable under such lease?
- (12.) Was any application made by such persons, or anyone on their behalf, for such lease; and if so, what is the date of such application?
- (13.) Were tenders advertised for the lease of such land, or was the same let by auction?
- (14.) Did the Colonial Secretary, prior to the granting of such lease, inform the inhabitants of Manly, or anyone on their behalf, that they might rest assured that such lease should not be granted, or anything to that effect?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Two.
- (2.) 18th March, 1876.
- (3.) It was mislaid, and has not yet been recovered.
- (4.) 27th July, 1876.
- (5.) Yes; a Proclamation has been issued incorporating the Municipality, and the election Aldermen fixed for 6th proximo.
- (6.) The necessary formalities of official procedure. Received on 27th July; it was submitted on the 31st July to the Executive Council, and confirmed on the 7th August; it was then, as required by law, published in the *Government Gazette* and nearest public newspapers for three months; the first publication in the former was on the 14th August—in the newspapers, 16th August. There being no counter petitions, incorporation was authorized, and the technical description obtained from the Lands Department on the 4th of the present month. Considering all things, I see no reason to complain of delay.
- (7.) No application appears to have reached this office.
- (8.) Yes, a promise of lease.
- (9.) The Port Jackson Steamboat Company, the proprietors of which are stated to be J. R. Carey, of Sydney, J. B. Watson, of Sandhurst, Victoria, Jenkin Collier, of Melbourne, and John Woods, of Manly.

- (10.) On 15th December, 1876, for five years.
- (11.) £25.
- (12.) No; but permission was granted by the Government, before Responsible Government, to erect the pier, and afterwards, in 1868, to make expensive additions thereto. It became desirable that a figure should be fixed for their right of holding; it was fixed for five years. Besides, it was proposed that some equivalent should be rendered for the occupation, hence issue of promise of lease.
- (13.) No; of course, under the circumstances, they could not be.
- (14.) Nothing of the sort recorded.
- (11.) Waratah Mails:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Cameron*, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Who is the person responsible for the delivery of Mails at Waratah, and what remuneration does he get?
- (2.) Were tenders called for the performance of this duty?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) The person whose duty it is to deliver the Mails at Waratah is Robert Lee, who was appointed on the recommendation of *Mr. Acting Postal Inspector Davies*; The salary of Lee is £78 per annum.
- (2.) Tenders were not invited for the performance of this duty.
- (12.) Miners at Newcastle:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Cameron*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the attention of the Government been directed to the large amount of distress recently existing among the mining population in the Newcastle District, owing to want of employment; if so, have any steps been taken to advise the Immigration Agents in Great Britain and elsewhere as to the state of affairs, with a view to prevent an inordinate influx of miners at the present time?
- Mr. Robertson* answered,—Yes; and the Agent-General advised accordingly, on the 5th December last, by telegram as well as by letter. Besides, all the officers charged with the Validating Bill have been informed of difficulty of employment on full time at coal mines.
- (13.) Workmen in Railway Woolshed:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Cameron*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the men working in the Woolshed at the Sydney Railway Station are employed during the busy part of the wool season such hours over the usual working day as are deemed necessary for the requirements of the Service, without being paid for their overtime; if so, will he give instructions that they should be so paid as is usual in private employ?
- Mr. Lackey* answered,—The men in the Woolshed are paid for overtime work; the Traffic Manager assures me that there is no reason whatever for any statement to the contrary.
- (14.) Railway Carriages:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Cameron*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Government have ordered certain Railway Carriages from the United States of America; if so, how many, and who are the builders?
- (2.) What class of Carriages have been so ordered, and what will be the cost to the Colony, as nearly as can be ascertained, by the time they are landed in Sydney?
- (3.) Was the building of the Carriages alluded to advertised for competition by tender; if so, were they so advertised in this Colony in order that the capitalists and workmen located here might have a chance of benefiting by their construction?
- Mr. Lackey* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Three sample Carriages have been ordered from America, viz., a 1st class, 2nd class, and a "sleeper." Who the builders are is not known, as at the date of last advices tenders were being invited, the most eligible of which would be accepted. The cost is estimated as under, delivered in the Colony:—1st class, £1,050; 2nd class, £824; sleeper, £1,800. The 1st and 2nd class carriages will each accommodate 54 persons.
- (3.) Tenders have been invited in America, but not in the Colony, as the Carriages were required as samples.
- (15.) Excursion Train to Blue Mountains:—*Mr. Davies*, [on behalf of, *Mr. Cameron*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How many times has the Saturday morning Excursion Train to the Blue Mountains left Sydney?
- (2.) How many passengers have availed themselves of this Train on each Saturday?
- (3.) What is the amount of income from this Train since the first Saturday, and the amount taken for each trip?
- (4.) What is the cost of sending the Train each time?
- Mr. Lackey* answered,—
- (1.) 13 times.
- (2.) 40, 84, 71, 75, 61, 157, 52, 61, 50, 45, 56, 75, and 54.
- (3.) The amount is £316 16s. 7d., taken as under:—1st train, £12 15s.; 2nd train, £31 19s. 3d.; 3rd train, £28 2s. 11d.; 4th train, £28 1s. 6d.; 5th train, £22 12s. 2d.; 6th train, £45 18s. 11d.; 7th train, £19 17s.; 8th train, £21 16s. 1d.; 9th train, £16 17s. 2d.; 10th train, £16 5s. 3d.; 11th train, £21 15s. 11d.; 12th train, £28 8s. 4d.; 13th train, £22 7s. 1d.
- (4.) About £20.
- (16.) Land Agent at Hay:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Land Agent at Hay has decamped, taking with him a large sum of the public Money?
- (2.) Have any steps been taken to arrest him?
- (3.) How long has Evans been employed as Land Agent at Hay, at what salary, and upon whose recommendation was he appointed to this office?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—The officer referred to obtained ten days leave of absence as Land Agent, and improperly went to Melbourne without the sanction of the Minister of Justice and Instruction, who is the head of the Department to which he belonged as Clerk of Petty Sessions. The practice is for an officer desiring leave to obtain it from the head of each department in which he performs duty and from which he receives pay. The amount received by draft from Melbourne was cashed there, and subsequently remitted to the Treasury. The officer has been suspended, and the Inspector of Public Accounts has gone to Hay to investigate the books of the Land Agent, who has returned to Hay. That is all I think desirable to mention with regard to the matter at the present time.

(17.) Workmen in Railway Goods Sheds :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that the men who work in the Goods Sheds and other departments of the Railway are not paid their half-month's wages until several days after it is due ?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that the wages due for the half-month ending 31st December last were not paid on the 4th January ?
- (3.) What is the cause of the delay in paying the men their wages, and will he take the necessary steps to have the men paid on the day their wages are due ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) It is necessarily the case.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) It is not possible to pay the wages on the day they are made up to. No unnecessary delay takes place, but after the due date expires the time sheets have to be prepared, the amounts to be apportioned to the various Votes for works on which the men have been engaged, and the necessary entries made in the Railway and Treasury books. With the exception of the first fortnight's pay, each man receives his wages regularly every fortnight.

(18.) Workmen in Railway Goods Shed :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the men in the Sydney Goods Shed been paid for overtime for December ; if not, when will they be paid ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that in the Locomotive Branch the men only work eight hours per day ?
- (3.) How many hours per day do the men in the Traffic Branch work, and will the Minister introduce the Eight-hours System in the Traffic Branch ?
- (4.) How many holidays did the Goods Shed men have at Christmas and New Year ?
- (5.) Did the men work in the Goods Shed on Boxing Day ; and if so, for what time and purpose ?
- (6.) How many holidays did the Locomotive men have at Christmas and New Year ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The greater portion of the overtime has been paid for ; the balance will be paid at once.
- (2.) The men in the Locomotive workshops work only eight hours a day, but several men in the Locomotive Branch work longer hours.
- (3.) The men in the Traffic Branch work about 10 hours a day ; it would not be possible to introduce the eight-hours system in the Traffic Branch, unless the running of trains, &c., was restricted to eight hours a day.
- (4 and 5.) The men in the Goods Shed were allowed all the proclaimed holidays, excepting only four men, whose services were required for a few hours in the morning to deliver perishables. On Boxing Day the men worked till 9.20 a.m., in order to get in wool secure from the weather, but they were promised, and will be allowed, other time for this.
- (6.) Four days.

(19.) *Dr. Aaron* :—*Mr. Pilcher*, on behalf of *Mr. Cohen*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that *Dr. Aaron* refused to give *Joseph Davis*, a debtor in *Darlinghurst Gaol*, and who had been an inmate of the *Gaol Hospital* for three weeks, a certificate to the effect that he had so been in the Hospital unless payment was made for such certificate ?
- (2.) Is *Dr. Aaron* entitled to demand any such payment as is referred to in the previous question ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Visiting Surgeon at *Darlinghurst Gaol* did, I am informed, refuse to give a certificate, stating that a person had been detained in the hospital without a fee, conceiving, I presume, that the certificate was required for a legal purpose, and that therefore he was not under obligation to do so. The matter came before the Comptroller General, who directed that a certificate should be given, and notified to the surgeon that he could not properly decline to give such certificate.

(20.) Importation of Stock.—*Sheep Quarantine Regulations* :—*Mr. F. B. Suttor* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Government any intention of bringing in during the present Session a Bill to abolish or amend the laws relating to the Importation of Stock ?
- (2.) Do the Government intend to amend the *Sheep Quarantine Regulations*, so that sheep may be more readily sent into the interior from the County of *Cumberland* ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am not quite prepared to say to-day that the Government will bring in a Bill of the kind this Session. A Bill has been prepared for this object, but we have not had time to give it consideration.

(21.) Road through *Mr. Badgery's Land* :—*Mr. Hill* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to consider the Report of the Select Committee, as adopted by this House, with reference to the Road passing through *Mr. Henry Badgery's land, Sutton Forest* ; and if so, when ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Yes, at the earliest possible opportunity.

2. **LUNATIC ASYLUM, PARRAMATTA**:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from James Robertson Firth, praying to be allowed to be present at the meetings of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the management of the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta.
Petition received, and referred to the said Select Committee.
3. **PIER AT MANLY**:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Residents and Landholders of Manly, Port Jackson, and its neighbourhood, relative to the leasing of the Pier at Manly; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
4. **AD EUNDEM AND HONORARY DEGREES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Windeyer moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. F. B. Suttor moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. F. B. Suttor.
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Lackey,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Rouse,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Windeyer,
	Captain Onslow.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Windeyer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Captain Onslow,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Nelson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
	Mr. Pilcher.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Clarke.
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 2nd February.

5. **BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Suttor, 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 that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Davies, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Pilcher, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Stuart, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. W. H. Suttor, and Mr. Wisdom,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twelve minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Nixon's Conditional Purchase:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) For what reason was the land allowed D. Nixon as part of his conditional purchase taken from him and allowed to Mr. Officer, under the 31st clause of Land Act, after the Minister had previously said that Nixon was to have this land?

(2.) Who was the Land Agent who acted for Mr. Officer in the above case?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Because Mr. Officer's application was a prior one, and although it was refused on account of its supposed illegality, it was subsequently found to be legal?

(2.) I do not think Honorable gentlemen are entitled to know who are the agents in these cases.

(2.) Appointments in the Civil Service:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will he lay the Return upon the Table of this House in reference to the appointment by the present Government of relatives of their own and of Members of this House, as ordered by this House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—As far as it has been possible to give the particulars asked for, a Return has been prepared, and will be laid upon the Table on Tuesday next; but, as has been previously mentioned, without attempting to give relationships.

(3.) Gold Fields Reserves, Mudgee:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice:—

(1.) Mr. Lucas, the Secretary for Mines, when at Mudgee, stated that the Government contemplated revoking portions of the Gold Field Reserves in the district of Mudgee, with a view of their being conditionally purchased. In the event of portions of the Gold Field Reserves being revoked, will he compel Messrs. G. H. Cox, G. Rouse, and James Atkinson, who are lessees on portions of the said Reserves, to shift their wire fencing, so that the same cannot be barred in virtue of improvements?

(2.) Improvements made in Reserves being declared illegal, will he compel the lessees of Gold Field Reserves to remove their wire fencing, to give every facility to the gold-miner to prospect for gold?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Report on the Gold Fields Reserves is now under consideration, but no determination has been arrived at, and until further inquiry no definite reply to this question can be given.

(4.) The case of William Everingham:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) In reference to the case of William Everingham, Questions relating to whose conditional purchase were asked during the last Session of Parliament by the late Member (Mr. Gould),—Was not an appraisement held by Mr. Meares, and did not Everingham attend with numerous witnesses, who proved unmistakeably that the improvements just prior to the fire were not of sufficient value to bar the selection by him?

(2.) Why have not the depositions taken (on oath) by Mr. Meares been forwarded to him, and when will Mr. Meares's decision be given?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the surveyor who reported on the case holds a conditional purchase, and upon which the declaration has not been made; and has not Mr. C. B. Lowe been in possession for a considerable time of the surveyor's selection, and camps his sheep thereon?

(4.) Has not the said surveyor measured a portion of land at Merinda, applied for by Mr. C. B. Lowe, across a creek, and refused to measure James Endacott's additional conditional purchase, as it was a frontage creek, and upon whose report it was cancelled?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) No actual appraisement was made. *Mr. Meares* took the evidence of Everingham, and of such witnesses as he produced, as to the value of the improvements; but such evidence has not been transmitted to the Lands Department.

(2, 3, and 4.) The Department is unaware, but will make further inquiry.

- (5.) Improvements on Crown Lands:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Will he at once get an opinion from the Honorable the Attorney General as to whether improvements to the value of £40 must not be on Crown Land, and exist at the date of application by a conditional purchaser to bar same?

Mr. Robertson answered,—There is no occasion to have any opinion from the Attorney General. It is clear as daylight that the improvements must be worth £40.

- (6.) Lithographs of Town of Goangora:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are Lithographs of the Town of Goangora, Namoi River, ready for sale?

(2.) When will the land in this township be submitted to auction?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The Lithographs will be ready in about three weeks?

(2.) The sales will take place in about five weeks.

- (7.) District Courts at Warialda, &c.—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any provision for the establishment of District Courts at Warialda, Bingera, Walgett, and Coonabarabran?

Mr. Robertson answered,—District Courts have been asked for from each of these places, and it will be necessary to establish both these Courts and Quarter Sessions at Bingera or Warialda, Coonabarabran or Coonamble, and Walgett. But it has not yet been determined which will be the preferable townships, and to which District Court Judge these Courts should be assigned.

- (8.) Victoria Park:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have any new Trustees been appointed for Victoria Park, as requested by Deputation some months ago; if so, what are their names?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have not the names of the gentlemen occupying the offices, but the Mayors for the time being of the Boroughs of the Glebe, of Newtown, and of Darlington.

- (9.) Court-house, Coonabarabran.—Post and Telegraph Office, Narrabri:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will Tenders be invited for the erection of a new Court-house, &c., at Coonabarabran, on the amended plan?

(2.) When will Tenders be invited for the erection of a new Post and Telegraph Office at Narrabri, the money for which was voted last Session?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) A plan and specification for new Court-house, &c., at Coonabarabran are now ready, and Tenders will be invited at once.

(2.) The plans and specifications for new Post and Telegraph Office at Narrabri are not yet prepared, but the Colonial Architect reports that they will be ready in about three weeks.

- (10.) Constable Breen:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place Constable Breen on his trial for what the Attorney General, in a public document, laid upon the Table of this House, has termed his brutal ill-usage of a prisoner in his charge?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Senior-constable Breen has been already charged with unlawfully assaulting Christopher McEnaney, and the Bench has dismissed the information for each offence. Since the Honorable and learned Attorney General gave his opinion on Tuesday last, fresh information has been obtained, and the matter is in his hands.

- (11.) Post Office, Taralga:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Butler*, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have various complaints been made to him regarding the management of the Taralga Post Office?

(2.) Is he aware that the largest business firm in the village are under the necessity of sending a private post-bag to the next office?

(3.) Has anything been done to redress the grievances complained of?

Mr. Burns answered,—Some complaints have been made respecting the management of the Taralga Post Office, and they have been referred to a Postal Inspector for investigation and report.

- (12.) *Mr. Kidman's* Contracts for Meat:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Was *Mr. Kidman* allowed any increased price on his Meat Contracts by any previous Government; if so, what was the amount of money so paid to him?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Yes; he was paid the sum of £1,792 10s. 8d., being an increase of 1d. per lb. for the period from 1st October, 1872, to 31st March, 1873, on meat supplied to the various establishments for which he was contractor during the year from 1st April, 1872, to 31st March, 1873. This was under the Government of *Mr. Parkes*—*Mr. Piddington* being Treasurer when allowance was made.

- (13.) Reformatory at South Head:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the property lately purchased by the Government at South Head for at or over £1,000 has lately been offered for under £400, and that price could not be obtained?

(2.) If he is not aware of this, will he delay completion of purchase until inquiry has been made into this matter?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—When I first saw this question I was under the impression that it was one altogether indefensible, but since then I have found that there is some reason for it. The piece of land bought for the Government is not 7 acres, as I was reported to have stated the other day, but ten acres and a half. There is a portion of this land on the west side of the South Head Road, $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres, that was offered for sale by Mr. Wallis for £300, not £400; that, of course, not including the seven acres and more with the house upon it. As I happen to have offered £900 for the house and land on the east side of the road, I do not think it is likely that it was offered for £400. However, the house and 10 acres of land have been bought for £1,150; and I venture to say it is the cheapest purchase that has ever been made by the Government, and I am quite willing to give £200 more for it than the Government has given.

- (14.) Public Charities:—*Mr. Nelson*, on behalf of Mr. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Does the Government propose, under the new Charities Bill, to place Country Hospitals, Schools of Arts, and other institutions receiving endowment, under the supervision of the Comptroller of Public Charities?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am sure my Honorable friend will acknowledge how foolish it would be if I were now to say in detail what will be in the Public Charities Bill. I am sure Honorable Members will be willing to wait a few days and to read it for themselves.

2. ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—*Mr. Nelson* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Orange, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-Yards by the Borough Council of Orange within the said Borough. And *Mr. Nelson* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Western Examiner*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.
3. PAPERS:—*Mr. Robertson* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.
 - (2.) Further and Final Return respecting Leave of Absence to Civil Servants.
 - (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Redfern Free Library.
- Ordered to be printed.
4. VACANT SEAT:—*Mr. Speaker* informed the House that he had received a letter from William Watson, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Williams. Whereupon *Mr. Robertson* moved, That the Seat of William Watson, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of The Williams, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said William Watson, Esquire.
Question put and passed.
5. RAILWAY TRIAL SURVEYS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Nelson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any Instructions given by the Government, or the Secretary for Public Works, to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, or to any other person; also, a copy of all Papers, Letters, Minutes, and Reports, having reference to Trial Surveys for Railways throughout the Colony, which have not already been laid upon the Table of this House; also, a report of the progress made, and amount of money expended upon each line.
Question put and passed.
6. RAILWAY FROM ORANGE TO WELLINGTON (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Nelson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers, Instructions, Letters, Reports, and Minutes having reference to the Extension of the Railway from Orange to Wellington.
Question put and passed.
7. CORONERS INQUESTS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. W. H. Suttor, moved pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 2nd February, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Coroners Inquests; and to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.
Question put and passed.
8. PIER AT MANLY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on 12th January, from certain inhabitants at Manly, relative to the leasing of the Wharf at that place, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. HENRY JAMES COLLAREY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of Mr. Gray, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on the 11th January, from Henry J. Collarey, respecting his Contract for a Telegraph Line, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE LANDS TRANSFER BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Robertson*, on behalf of Mr. Stuart, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to vest certain lands situate within the Dioceses of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale, respectively, which are now vested in the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle, and to extend the Act in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishops of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale.
Question put and passed.
11. LUNATIC ASYLUM, PARRAMATTA:—*Mr. Taylor* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta," be authorized to make visits of inspection to, and to hold inquiries at, the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.
Question put and passed.

12. QUARANTINE STATION:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to remove the Quarantine Station, on account of the danger likely to arise from its close proximity to the town of Manly, and the probability of the north-east winds carrying contagion to the City of Sydney.
 (2.) That immediate steps should be taken to secure land on south side of Botany Bay, and permanent suitable buildings be erected thereon.
 (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Captain Onslow came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
14. BRIDGE OVER THE HUNTER AT ABERDEEN:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877 a sum not exceeding £3,000, for the purpose of erecting a Low-level Bridge over the Hunter River, at the crossing-place, Great Northern Road, at Aberdeen. Question put and passed.
15. ORANGE GAS-LIGHT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nelson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Nelson, 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. Nelson, that report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
16. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Contractors Debts Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*
 (2.) Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the Town and District of Mudgee in point of wealth and population demands the construction of a Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee without delay.
 (2.) That the Government should therefore proceed at once with all reasonable energy in the construction of this work, and that a Plan of the Line and Book of Reference be prepared and laid upon the Tables of both Houses of Parliament this Session.
 (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor;—*until Friday, 16th February.*
17. ELECTORAL BILL:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table two Maps, showing boundaries as defined in Schedule A of the Electoral Bill of 1876.
 Ordered to be printed.
18. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Davies, 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 Licensed Publicans Act of 1862, and to make provision for the closing of all Public-houses on Sundays.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Licensed Publicans Act of 1862, and to make provision for the closing of all Public-houses on Sundays.
 On motion of Mr. Davies, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
19. USURY LIMITATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.
- | Ayes, 9. | Noes, 20. |
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| Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Sutherland,

<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>). | Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lcary,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Hoskins,

Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Nelson,

<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Dibbs. |
- And so it passed in the negative.
20. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Davies *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862’ and to provide for the closing of all Public-houses during all Sunday,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 16th February.
21. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Married Women’s Property Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
- The House adjourned at six minutes before Nine o’clock, until To-morrow, at Four o’clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway from Orange to Wellington:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to propose the extension of the Line of Railway from Orange to Wellington *via* Ironbarks?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This matter is now engaging the consideration of the Government.

- (2.) Railway from Weris Creek to Gunnedah:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it likely the Plans and Book of Reference of the Railway from Weris Creek to Gunnedah will be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Plan, Section, and Book of Reference are nearly ready, and will be laid upon the Table next month.

- (3.) Township at Millie:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has a Township been surveyed, as promised, at Millie, on the road from Narrabri to Moree; if not, when will such be done, and land at that place submitted for sale?

Mr. Robertson answered,—A site for a township was reserved in November last. The district surveyor will visit the locality at an early date, and furnish a design for town and suburban lands, if it is found desirable.

- (4.) The late James A. Miller:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Additional Estimates for 1877 any sum of money to compensate the widow and children (who are left destitute) of the late James A. Miller, a Guard on the Great Western Railroad, and who lost his life at Blackheath, on the 23rd December last, while attending to his duties as such Guard?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A sum of £100, as a gratuity to the widow and children, will be placed on the next Estimates.

- (5.) Bridge over the Gwydir, at Bundarra:—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that the Plans and Specifications for the construction of a Bridge over the Gwydir River, at Bundarra, were not lodged at the Court-houses, Inverell and Bundarra, on the 25th ultimo, although tenders had been called for the above work in the *Government Gazette* on or about Tuesday, 19th December last?

(2.) Does he know the reason why the Plans and Specifications had not been forwarded prior to the 25th ultimo?

(3.) Have they now been forwarded; and when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes; but it was never intended to lodge plans at Inverell, that place appearing in advertisement in error, and having been since withdrawn.

(2.) In consequence of pressure brought to bear upon the Department by the Honorable Member, tenders were invited in the *Gazette* before the plans were quite completed, two only having been forwarded to Armidale. The others were not ready for dispatch before the 6th instant.

(3.) Yes; a complete set was forwarded to Bundarra on the 6th January, and the remainder of set to Armidale on same date, and time for receipt of tenders was extended to the 30th current.

- (6.) Public Offices, Orange:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of a building for Public Offices in the town of Orange, for which £1,000 was voted in 1875, and re-voted last Session?

Mr.

Mr. Lackey answered,—Nothing has yet been done in regard to the erection of a building for Public Offices in Orange, as the amount of accommodation has not yet been definitely settled.

- (7.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Orange:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the alterations and improvements to the Post and Telegraph Offices, Orange?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Plans and Specifications for this work are ready, and Tenders will be invited without delay.

- (8.) Reward for Discovery of Gold:—Mr. Lynch, on behalf of Mr. Baker, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Great Victoria Gold Mining Company at Adelong have laid claim to the reward offered by the Government of £1,000, to be paid to the person or party who shall first discover payable gold at a depth of 800 feet?

(2.) Are any steps being taken by the Mining Department to consider the claim of the Victoria Gold Mining Company to the reward offered, and, if found correct, to cause the amount of £1,000 to be paid to them?

Mr. Lucas answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes. Immediately on receipt of their letter the Inspector of Mines was instructed to proceed and inspect. He reports, under date 6th January, that he has given instructions that from two to five tons of the Company's stone, from the lowest level, viz., 811 feet perpendicular below the cap of the reef, shall be raised and crushed under his personal supervision. So soon as this quartz is raised and crushed an estimate of cost per ton will be forwarded, together with the Inspector's report, as to whether the stone is payable or not.

- (9.) Public School at Trunkey:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is there a Public School at Trunkey?

(2.) What is the teacher's name?

(3.) Does the teacher hold a Certificate from the Council of Education?

(4.) Was he ever called upon to resign because he did not go up for examination when called upon?

(5.) Was the same teacher again appointed to same School without undergoing examination?

(6.) How many children attend the School?

(7.) Are there any private schools in Trunkey?

(8.) How many children attended these Schools, according to Mr. Inspector Huffer's Report, in November or December last?

(9.) Have the Council decided to build a school and teacher's residence at Trunkey or not?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have received from the Council of Education the following replies:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Henry M'Kean.

(3.) No.

(4.) No.

(5.) Yes, subject to his obtaining a classification by examination within twelve months of the date of his appointment.

(6.) There is an average attendance of twenty-three pupils.

(7.) Yes.

(8.) Sixty.

(9.) No.

- (10.) Small-pox:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to place the families of men of wealth and position on the Quarantine Ship "Faraway" if small-pox breaks out in their houses, and thus treat them the same as the Holden family and other poor persons have been treated?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Honorable Member, this House, and the public, will see that in a matter of this kind it would depend upon the number, for if there were a large number of people affected, half the ships in the harbour would not be able to hold them. I can only say that the Government will deal with these matters as they arise in the manner they think best for the public interest.

- (11.) Mr. E. Jones, Customs Department:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,

(1.) Was Mr. E. Jones (Second Landing Surveyor in the Customs Department) on board the steamer "Brisbane" when at the wharf?

(2.) Did Mr. Jones apply for leave of absence about the time the "Brisbane" was sent to Quarantine, and proceed to the interior?

(3.) Is the Government employing persons to pull down the buildings lately occupied by the Holden family, and do such persons return each evening to Quarantine?

(4.) Who buried the body of the child Holden, on Sunday last?

(5.) Have they been sent to Quarantine?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I cannot reply to these questions with reference to Mr. Jones of my own knowledge, but I have inquired into the matter, and the following answers have been furnished me by Mr. Jones's superior officer, Mr. Duncan:—

(1.) No.

(2.) No. Mr. Jones went into the country on leave of absence during the Christmas holidays, a week or two after the "Brisbane" had been placed in Quarantine.

(3.) Yes, two persons are employed, who remain upon the wharf in charge of the police day and night; they are consequently in quarantine until their work is finished.

(4.) Two persons engaged for the purpose by the Health Officer.

(5.) Yes, they are to be paid 10s. a day while there, and to make themselves generally useful.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Further Papers respecting proposed modification of the Contract for the San Francisco Mail Service.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) List of Directors of the Destitute Children's Asylum.

(2.) Correspondence respecting the Pier at Manly Beach.

Ordered to be printed.

3. BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:—Mr. Stuart having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to vest certain lands situate within the Dioceses of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale respectively which are now vested in the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle and to extend the Act in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishops of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale.*"—read a first time.

4. ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-Yards by the Borough Council of Orange within the said Borough.
Question put and passed.

5. ORANGE GAS-LIGHT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Nelson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Nelson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Orange Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Orange.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Orange Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Orange,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th January, 1877.

6. ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Nelson having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Erection and Maintenance of Cattle Sale-Yards by the Borough Council of Orange within the said Borough.*"—read a first time.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Macintosh moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of the Governor and Executive Council authorizing the application of a Balance from one Head of Service to another,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Nelson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Dibbs,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Luckey,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. P. B. Suttor,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Byrnes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Davies.
Mr. Cameron,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill postponed until to-morrow.

11. CUSTOMS REGULATION 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 this Bill.

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

Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reserve Pamphlets:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have the Reserve Pamphlets of all the Pastoral Districts been printed and published for general information, and are they ready for sale?
 - (2.) The date up to which each has been compiled?
 - (3.) Is it intended to revise these Pamphlets periodically; and, if so, when will the next correction take place?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Not all; seven of the Reserve Pamphlets have been compiled and printed, and are ready for sale.
- (2.) The Albert to the 31st July, 1875; the Bligh to the 31st October, 1875; the Clarence to the 29th February, 1876; the Darling to the 31st October, 1875; the Gwydir to the 31st December, 1875; the Lachlan to the 29th February, 1876; the Liverpool Plains to the 31st March, 1876; and the Murrumbidgee (now with the printer) to the 30th September, 1876.
- (3.) After the whole number of Pamphlets have been published, the work of revision will commence.

- (2.) The Land Bill:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What is the name of the Draughtsman who prepared the amended Land Bill, and what remuneration did he receive?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I cannot answer this question, though I dare say I may be able to obtain the information. These Bills are usually prepared by some Draughtsman, but they seldom come into the House as originally prepared.

- (3.) Reserve at Botany:—*Mr. J. S. Smith*, on behalf of Mr. Davies, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many feet is the Reserve at the north side of Botany Bay?
- (2.) Is the measurement to commence from high-water mark; and, if so, is it from the mean or spring tides?
- (3.) Where does the Reserve commence from the west, and where does it end in the east; and does it include the whole of the grants on the north side of Botany Bay that are bounded by the water?
- (4.) Is the Reserve so named provided for in all the grants on the north side of the said Bay?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) 100 feet from high-water mark.
 - (2.) From mean high-water mark.
 - (3.) From the western boundary of Thos. Kellet's and Thos. Drew's 75 acres to the eastern boundary of J. C. Phelps's 75 acres.
 - (4.) No.
- (4.) Railway to Wellington:—*Mr. J. S. Smith* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have the Government had lately under their consideration the extension of the Great Western Railway to Wellington?
 - (2.) Have they come to any determination which route they will propose to Parliament—*via* Ironbarks or Molong?
 - (3.) When will the Government communicate their decision to this House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) They have come to no determination with regard to it.
- (3.) So soon as the Government have come to a decision.

(5.)

- (5.) Road to Blayney :—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What action has he taken in reference to the road from No. 1 to Blayney, about which a deputation waited on him recently?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It has been determined to make due provision for the repair of the road referred to, as an approach to a Railway Station.

- (6.) Small-pox :—Mr. Buchanan, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—The names of the medical men who have attended or visited the Small-pox patients at Miller's Point; and the dates of their several attendances?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Medical Adviser to the Government has furnished me with the following statement in reply to the question just asked :—The girl Holden was Dr. Gillman's patient at the time the sickness she suffered with was discovered to be Small-pox (31 December, 1876). Dr. Gillman continued to attend her, and visited her daily until her death. The remainder of the family continued to be in good health until the morning, 8.30 a.m., of Tuesday, the 9th, when two of the children were reported to be suffering from headache. Dr. Foucart, who immediately visited them, reported that in his opinion they were about to be ill with the Small-pox, and that he thought that two others of the family were also likely to become ill with the same disease. Dr. Foucart continued to visit the family daily until they were removed to the Hospital Ship, on Friday, the 12th instant. Dr. Ward also was authorized, at the suggestion of the Health Officer, to visit the patient once, to test the correctness of the Health Officer's opinion as to its being Small-pox. In addition to the above, the Medical Officer states, that the girl Holden was, previous to Dr. Gillman being called in, a patient of Dr. Eichler for about a week; and that he has read in the newspapers, but does not know of his own knowledge, that she was seen by Drs. Dansey, Egan, and Halket, but such visits were not authorized by, nor made at the request of, the Government.

- (7.) Court House at Richmond :—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Plans for the new Court-house at Richmond been prepared by the Colonial Architect?
 (2.) When is it likely that Tenders will be called for the erection of the Court-house?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) In consequence of press of work in the Colonial Architect's Office, plans have not yet been prepared for this building, although some preliminary steps have been taken.
 (2.) Tenders will be invited as soon as the plans, &c., shall have been completed, which will be done without any delay.

- (8.) Diseases in Sheep Act :—Mr. F. B. Suttor asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the total amount to the credit of the "Sheep Account" in the Consolidated Revenue Fund?
 (2.) What is the total amount of contributions received under the Diseases in Sheep Act, 30 Vic. No. 16, for the year 1876?
 (3.) What was the total expenditure under the same Act for the year 1876?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) £4,021 3s. 6d.
 (2.) £11,028 14s. 10d.
 (3.) £11,657 15s.

2. NO LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL :—Mr. Terry presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate No Liability Mining Companies*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 9th February.

3. THE BASSETT DARLEY ESTATES BILL :—Mr. Farnell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 19th December, 1876.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Friday, 26th January.
 Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Report of Mr. Thomas Higinbotham, Engineer-in-Chief of Railways, Victoria, of Observations on Railways generally during a recent tour.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Address, adopted on 8th August, 1876, in reference to the case of Mr. John Garsed. (*In substitution for the Return laid upon the Table on 22nd December, 1876.*)
 (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.
 (3.) Return to an Address, adopted on 9th January, 1877, in reference to the case of Mr. John Garsed.
 Ordered to be printed.

5. SPECIAL JURY LIST, DENILIKUIN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

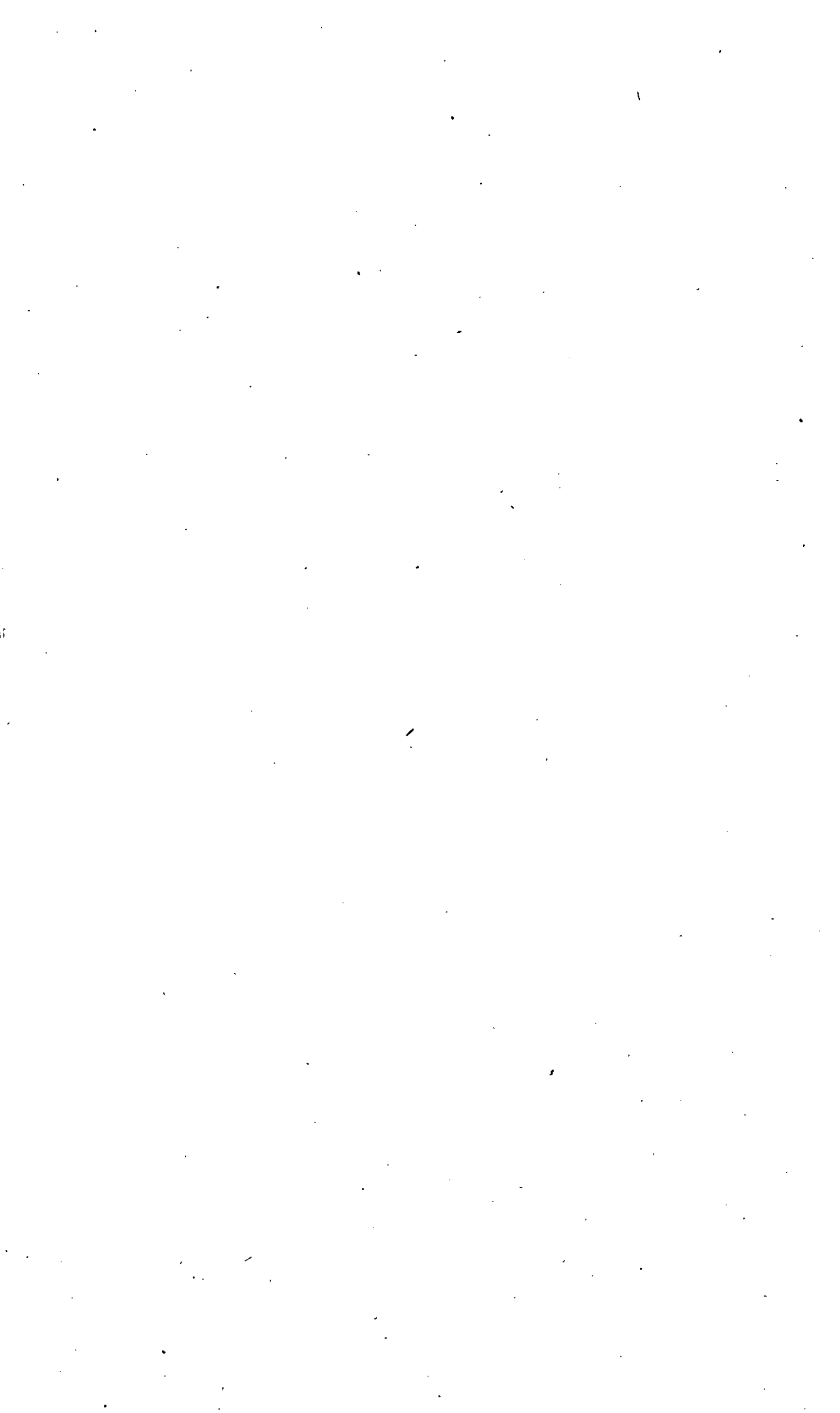
- (1.) A Return showing the names of the Special Jury, as taken by the police, in Deniliquin District.
 (2.) The occupation or calling of each Juryman.
 (3.) The names of the Special Jury as left on the revised list by the Bench of Magistrates, Deniliquin.
 (4.) The occupation or calling of each person on the revised list.
 (5.) Copies of any Correspondence, Minutes, &c., showing the grounds upon which the names of any persons were struck off the list.

Question put and passed.

6. GENERAL ELECTIONS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Long*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing at the last three General Elections,—
- (1.) The number of persons on each Electoral Roll of the several Electorates in the Colony.
 - (2.) The number of persons who recorded their votes in each district.
 - (3.) The number of candidates for representation in each district.
 - (4.) The number of votes polled for each successful candidate.
- Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The order of the Day for the second reading of the Civil Service Bill postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill.
8. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Robertson* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- Bill read a second time.
- Mr. Robertson* then moved, That *Mr. Speaker* do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor in reference thereto be referred to the Committee.
- Question put and passed.
- Whereupon *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
- Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 JANUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Telegraph Office, Richmond:—Mr. Driver asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) What is the cause of the delay in opening the new Telegraph Office at Richmond?
 - (2.) Has the attention of the Colonial Architect been drawn to such delay; and, if so, has any action been taken by him to remedy the same?
 - (3.) When will the building be opened for the use of the public?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The delay has been caused by the necessity for erecting a partition and a portico.
- (2 and 3.) The Colonial Architect has prepared a plan and estimate, and tenders will at once be invited, in order that the office may be opened as early as possible.

- (2.) Mr. Firth—Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—In view of the heavy and very serious charges pending against Mr. Firth, who is at present suspended from his office of Assistant Superintendent of the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum, is it a fact that the Government intend to allow that officer to resign?

Mr. Robertson answered,—This gentleman is under suspension, upon a very grave charge. The matter has been before the Governor and the Executive Council, and, in accordance with the usual practice of that Council, it has been referred for the opinion of the Minister in charge of that Institution—I mean myself. I have looked into it with some considerable care, and also into the defence of this gentleman, and I have written on the papers that until I have time to read the evidence taken before the Select Committee of this House—which I understand bears upon these charges—I am unwilling to make any recommendation to the Council.

- (3.) Small-pox:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What number of persons are at the present time quarantined at Miller's Point?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I ascertained from the Inspector General of Police that the persons in quarantine at Miller's Point are,—

Captain Curphy, wife, child, and servant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Mr. Forde, wife, and two children	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Mr. Beaumont and wife	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Two men belonging to the "Faraway"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
In all	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12

2. MACQUARIE COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from George Hardie, Josiah Mullens, and others, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable certain persons carrying on business at Sydney, under the name or style of "The Macquarie Coal Company," to construct a Railway from land at Lake Macquarie, belonging to them, to Catherine Hill Bay, for the purpose of shipping coal therefrom.

And Mr. Driver having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Evening News*, and the *Newcastle Daily Post*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

3. RAILWAY FROM MURRURUNDI TO TAMWORTH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. T. G. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers, Applications, Letters, and Minutes having reference to any application made by the Contractor of the Great Northern Railway Extension from Murrurundi to Tamworth for an extension of time for the completion of his Contract.
Question put and passed.

4. ROMAN CATHOLIC DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL, LIVERPOOL (*Formal Motion*)—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Long, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Correspondence between the Rev. E. J. Luckie and the Colonial Secretary, the Minister for Justice and Public Instruction, and the Council of Education, relative to the closing of the Roman Catholic Denominational School, Liverpool, for half a day, on or about the 15th of November, 1876.
Question put and passed.

5. BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That the consideration in Committee of the Bathurst Presbyterian Church Trustees Enabling Bill, which was interrupted for want of a Quorum on the 12th of January, stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 2nd February.
Question put and passed.
6. EMPLOYMENT OF FEMALES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned till Friday, 2nd February.
7. PUBLIC PLACE DEFINITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Terry, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Stuart moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Burns,

Tellers.

Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Driver.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Tellers.
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Leary,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Terry.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Bill read a second time.

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

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

8. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

Mr. Buchanan moved, That that report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Dibbs,	Tellers.
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Wisdom,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Davies,
Tellers.
Captain Onslow,
Mr. R. B. Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

9. TRADES UNIONS FUNDS PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, 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. Cameron, that report was adopted.

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

10. MINING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cohen, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Davies, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. Jacob, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Terry, Mr. Windeyer, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Telegraph Line from Bourke to Wentworth:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What are the names of the Contractors for the Telegraph Line from Bourke to Wentworth?
- (2.) What is the amount per mile, and does it include the supply of wire as well as posts?
- (3.) Who are the sureties?
- (4.) In what time is it to be completed; and what are the penalties for non-fulfilment of contract in specified time?
- (5.) Did Mr. Walker, Acting Superintendent of Telegraphs, require the Contractors to find the wire under the contract?
- (6.) Did the Government follow Mr. Walker's advice as to Contractors supplying the wire?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) David Baillie.
- (2.) £40 per mile exclusive of wire.
- (3.) Henry Prior Falser and Frederick Somers.
- (4.) 12 months. £2,000.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) The contract provides that the wire should be supplied by the Government.

- (2.) North Richmond Public School:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has one George Middleton, a clergyman in holy orders, and now stationed at Emu Plains, recently petitioned the Council of Education to remove the teacher from the North Richmond Public School, on the ground that the children of the said George Middleton made but little improvement during their attendance at the abovenamed School?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the said George Middleton, as far as the knowledge of the teacher extends, never had a single child attending the Public School in question?
- (3.) If the said George Middleton never had any children attending the North Richmond Public School, is it the intention of the Council of Education to bring the conduct of this clergyman under the notice of his ecclesiastical superior, or otherwise take any action in the matter?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) The Rev. G. Middleton, with others, signed a petition for the object mentioned.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) It is not the intention of the Council of Education to take any action with regard to this clergyman.

- (3.) Sharkey and Morton's Conditional Purchases:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What decision has been arrived at in the cases of, Lawrence Sharkey and Solomon Morton, conditional purchasers of land at Narrabri?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Morton appears to have been advised by the Land Agent that he should obtain the certificate of the Crown Solicitor as to his right to transfer to Sharkey a conditional purchase held in the name of the former husband of his late wife. Nothing further appears to have been done in the matter.

(4.)

(4.) Railway from Yass to Murrumburrah:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice.—

(1.) On what date was the contractor for the extension of the Southern Railway from Yass to Murrumburrah required by the terms of the bond and specifications of such contract to have the railway completed to Murrumburrah?

(2.) What is the amount of the penalty or fine for which the said Contractor rendered himself liable in the event of his failing to complete his contract within the prescribed period?

(3.) Has such fine or penalty been enforced, or do the Government intend to impose the same?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) On the 30th November, 1876.

(2.) £200 per week.

(3.) The penalty has been enforced since the 30th November last.

(5.) Small-pox:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to destroy Summerbell's store and goods by fire, and take same at his valuation?

(2.) Have the Government caused the closet at Summerbell's Wharf to be destroyed by fire; if not, will they cause it to be burnt at once?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The portion of the house occupied by the Holden family has been pulled down and burned. The other matters are under consideration.

(2.) The cesspit of the closet has been filled up with quick lime. The closet has not yet been burned down.

(6.) Quarantine Laws:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to introduce without delay a Bill to amend the Quarantine Laws, such amendment to provide for the Medical Inspection of Passengers and Crews of all Vessels arriving from all foreign and intercolonial ports, and also empowering the Government to remove persons infected with Small-pox from their residences to Quarantine?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have ascertained that the matter referred to in the Honorable Member's question is already provided for by law.

(7.) Reserve at Botany:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will he give immediate instructions to the proper officer to remove all fencing, &c., off the Public Reserves at Botany (which fencing, &c., trespasses on these Reserves), and throw them open to the public?

(2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Pretious gave instructions to the Crown Lands Ranger to pull down the fence on part of this Reserve; and after the fence was so pulled down, that Mr. Pretious, without the knowledge of the Secretary for Lands, gave Mr. G. Hill, senior, permission to re-erect this fence, which had been pulled down, and that Mr. G. Hill, senior, did so re-erect the fence?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) A surveyor has been instructed to mark the limit of the Reserve; and the Crown Ranger has been directed thereafter to give the parties concerned notice to remove their fencing back to that limit.

(2.) Instructions were given to the Crown Lands Ranger, after service of notice, to pull down fencing on Reserve fronting Mr. G. Hill's land. When, however, it was found that at least one other grant had similar reservations, Mr. Pretious, somewhat irregularly, did personally give Mr. Hill permission to erect his fence again, and Mr. G. Hill did so re-erect the fence. Mr. Pretious subsequently submitted to the Secretary for Lands that the removal of the fencing on the Reserve should be dealt with as a general question, presuming it was not the Secretary for Lands intention that Mr. G. Hill's case should have been exceptionally dealt with. The cases are now being dealt with in a general way.

(8.) Adelong Common:—Mr. Lynch, on behalf of Mr. Baker, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government had brought under their notice the difficulties the people of Adelong suffer by reason of the decisions of the Police Magistrate relating to the rights of the Trustees of the Adelong Common?

(2.) Is it true that such decisions of the Police Magistrate are in direct opposition to the opinion of the Attorney General, and that they are acting most injuriously to the interests of the people of Adelong?

(3.) Considering that the Police Magistrate, though a Justice of the Peace, is at the same time a Government Officer, cannot the Government take some steps to enforce what their Crown Law Officer says is the law in regard to this Adelong Common?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) In September, 1875, the Honorable the Attorney General gave an Opinion to the effect that the Act 36 Vict. No. 23 empowered Trustees to make regulations with respect to Temporary Commonages, and suggested certain alterations which he deemed essential, in a copy of rules and regulations for the management of the Adelong Permanent and Temporary Common submitted for his approval. Copies of this opinion were forwarded to the Magistrates at Adelong and the Trustees. Since that opinion was given the Police Magistrate, with Mr. David Wilson, J.P., dismissed two cases which came before the Bench at Adelong, on the ground that the Trustees had not the power to make regulations for the management of the Temporary Common. The attention of the Police Magistrate has been drawn to this matter, and he has furnished an explanation, which is not regarded as at all satisfactory. It is believed that the course pursued by the Police Magistrate is detrimental to the public interests.

(3.) The Attorney General has already intimated that it is no part of his duty to interfere with Magistrates in the exercise of their independence and discretion in matters brought judicially before them for decision. The Trustees have been advised that they have a legal remedy, of which they may avail themselves, for the procurement of the judgment of the Supreme Court in the matter.

(9.)

(9.) **Civil Service Superannuation Fund**:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What is the estimated amount of money the Government propose to carry to the credit of the new Pension or Superannuation Fund from the Consolidated Revenue of the Country, under the 45th section of the Civil Service Bill?

Mr. Stuart answered,—If the Honorable Member will kindly withdraw this question, the information required in it will be given in my Financial Statement.

2. **ELECTORAL BILL**:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from Andrew Ross, M.D., of Molong, submitting that the time has arrived when the Town and District of Molong should be constituted a separate Electorate; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
Petition received.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

4. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return (*in part*) to an Address, adopted on 8th February, 1876, in reference to Appointments and Promotions in the Civil Service, being for—

Departments under the Ministerial control of the Colonial Secretary.

Departments under the Ministerial control of the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction.

Departments under the Ministerial control of the Secretary for Lands.

(2.) Final Return to an Order, made on 21st June, 1876, in reference to Tenements rented by the Government.

(3.) Report on the Police Department, for the year 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Paper respecting proposed modification of Contract for San Francisco Mail Service.

(2.) Return (*in part*) to an Address, adopted on 8th February, 1876, in reference to Appointments and Promotions in the Civil Service, being for the Department under the Ministerial control of the Postmaster General.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Address, adopted on 8th February, 1876, in reference to Appointments and Promotions in the Civil Service, being for the Departments under the Ministerial control of the Colonial Treasurer.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table, a similar Return of the Department under the Ministerial control of the Secretary for Public Works.

Ordered to be printed.

5. **SALARIES AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Salaries and to make provision for Retiring Allowances to the District Court Judges; and to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.
Question put and passed.

6. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the Sale of Crown Land.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Pilcher,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Long,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. W. C. Browne.

Noes, 6.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),

Tellers.

Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hill.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. **DAVID ROBERTS'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, and other documents connected with the Conditional Purchase of David Roberts, Manilla District, Tamworth.
Question put and passed.

8. **SUPPLY OF BLANKETS AND CLOTHING TO ABORIGINALS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Aborigines in each Police District who applied for, and were furnished with, blankets and clothing by the Government in the year 1876.

Question put and passed.

9. **MACQUARIE COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable certain persons carrying on business at Sydney, under the name or style of "The Macquarie Coal Company," to construct a Railway from land at Lake Macquarie, belonging to them, to Catherine Hill Bay, for the purpose of shipping coal therefrom.
Question put and passed.
10. **PUBLIC PLACE DEFINITION BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Terry, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Terry then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to define the term Public Place.*"
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 define the term Public Place,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd January, 1877.*
11. **TRADES UNIONS FUNDS PROTECTION BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cameron, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to protect the Funds of Trades Unions from embezzlement and misappropriation.*"
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 protect the Funds of Trades Unions from embezzlement and misappropriation,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd January, 1877.*
12. **MACQUARIE COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Driver having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable certain persons carrying on business at Sydney under the name or style of 'The Macquarie Coal Company' to construct a Railway from land at Lake Macquarie belonging to them to Catherine Hill Bay for the purpose of shipping Coal therefrom,*"—read a first time.
13. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Bennett *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the Sale of Crown Lands,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th February.
14. **THE CASE OF CONSTABLE BREEN**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the Depositions in the case of Constable Breen, tried at Gulgong, and dismissed by the Bench there.
Question put and passed.
15. **LIBERATION OF THE PRISONER THYNNE**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the liberation of the prisoner Thynne, found guilty of rape and sentenced to death, sentence afterwards reduced to twelve years imprisonment, while two other prisoners, namely, John Heappy and John Quye, found guilty at the same time and of the same offence as Thynne, are still detained in prison, is calculated to shock the public sense of justice and fair dealing.
(2.) That the cases of John Heappy and John Quye, being in no manner different from that of Thynne, should receive the same merciful consideration.
(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned till Friday, 9th February.
16. **PAPER**:—Mr. Lucas laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Address, adopted on 8th February, 1876, in reference to Appointments and Promotions in the Civil Service, being for the Department under the Ministerial control of the Minister for Mines.
Ordered to be printed.
17. **PIER AT MANLY BEACH**:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers, Documents, Minutes, or other Correspondence, relative to any permission granted to any person or persons to erect a Pier at Manly Beach, and for the extension and repair of the same; also, relative to any permission to lease, promise of lease, or lease of the said Pier (or the land upon which the said Pier is wholly or partly erected), to any person or company.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
18. **TRANSFER OF PUBLICAN'S LICENSE TO JAMES POUPART**:—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of the House, copies of all applications made within the last two months to the Magistrates in Petty Sessions assembled at the Central Police Court and Water Police Court, or either of them, by Sarah Nally and James Poupart, or either of them, for the removal of any license for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors to premises in
Parramatta-

Parramatta-street, Sydney, occupied by the said James Poupart; also, copies of all applications for any original license in respect of the same premises; also, copies of all proceedings and evidence taken on the hearing of such before-mentioned applications; also, the christian and surnames of the Justices who adjudicated on each application; also, copies of all letters, by whomsoever written, to any member of the Government in respect of the matters aforesaid, with the replies thereto.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Charles, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Davies, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. W. H. Suttor, and Mr. Terry,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at one minute after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Court of Petty Sessions at Blayney:—Mr. Lynch asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at Blayney; and if so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—It is the intention of the Government, so soon as the arrangements can be made.

(2.) Removal of Publican's License:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether complaints have been made to the Government of the conduct of certain Magistrates sitting in Petty Sessions at the Water Police Court in sanctioning the removal of a Publican's License from the north to the south end of the city, notwithstanding the fact that a similar application had been heard and refused by a larger number of Magistrates at the Central Police Court, that Court being the proper one to take cognizance of all matters affecting the inhabitants resident south of King-street?

(2.) Have any complaints been made to the Government of certain other Magistrates granting a new license in respect of the same premises, notwithstanding that it was shown that such premises were already licensed?

(3.) Do the Government intend to take any action in the matter?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) It is under reference to the Magistrates themselves.

(3.) Diseases affecting Live Stock:—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session, as recommended by the Select Committee appointed last Session on "Diseases Affecting Live Stock," to amend the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866, and the Imported Stock Act of 1871?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Yes.

(4.) Small-pox:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When will the twelve persons at present quarantined at Miller's Point be released?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am not able at present to answer this question, other than that their case is at the present time under the consideration of the Health Officer, and as soon as he reports that it is safe to release them from quarantine, they will be released.

(5.) Mr. Byrnes, Telegraphic Operator, Muswellbrook:—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. Byrnes, who has charge of the Muswellbrook Telegraph Office, cannot work the telegraph instruments?

(2.) Is he aware that the boy who is employed as assistant at above telegraph office receives and sends all telegraph messages, whilst Mr. Byrnes carries the messages round the town?

(3.) If he is not aware of the above, will he cause inquiries to be made as to the truth of above statements?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that Mr. Byrnes, who has charge of the Muswellbrook Telegraph Office, cannot work the telegraph instruments. On the contrary, I am informed by the Acting Superintendent of Telegraphs that Mr. Byrnes can work the instruments.

(2 and 3.) I believe that the assistant receives and sends messages in the absence of Mr. Byrnes on line duty.

(6.)

(6.) Mr. Rose, Postmaster at Parramatta:—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Rose, Postmaster at Parramatta, been dismissed from his office; if so, for what reasons?
- (2.) Was any charge or charges made against Mr. Rose, or any other person in the Parramatta Post Office, of stealing money letters; if so, what was the result?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the detectives placed a £5 note, or a spurious £5 note, in a letter, and that such letter and note were stolen, and the detectives found the note with a person connected with the Parramatta Post Office; if so, who was the person who took this £5 note, or spurious £5 note?
- (4.) Is it a fact that charges have been made against Mr. Rose for a long time past?
- (5.) Do the Government intend to prosecute these parties?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Rose has been disgraced to the position of mail guard.
- (2.) No charge has been made against anyone; but a letter containing an enclosure was proved to have been abstracted from the Parramatta Post Office.
- (3.) It is a fact that a test letter was posted by the detective officer attached to the Postal Department, and that this letter, as above stated, disappeared in the Parramatta office. The investigation made in the case has not enabled me to say positively by whom the letter was taken, but there is little doubt that it was done by a person employed in the office, who has been dismissed, and that the enclosure, consisting of a spurious £5 note, was changed at a shop in Sydney.
- (4.) No charges have been made against Mr. Rose; but complaints of mismanagement of his office have been made.
- (5.) I do not think there is at present sufficient evidence to justify a prosecution.

(7.) Gibsons Selections:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any decision been given in the case of J. and W. Gibson's selections v. Mr. Ricketson, who claimed them as improved land?
- (2.) If a decision has been given, in whose favour is the decision?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) In favour of the Gibsons; Mr. Ricketson's applications, so far as they interfered with Mr. Gibson's selections, having been ordered to be cancelled.

(8.) Quarantine Regulations:—Mr. Greville asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The exact date on which the Quarantine Regulations were delivered to the commander of the "Australia" by the Superintendent of Quarantine?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Regulations were not delivered to the Commander on his arrival in port?
- (3.) Is the "Australia" now detained in Quarantine in consequence of the commander not having complied with such Regulations?
- (4.) If so, upon whom will fall the cost of this vessel's further detention in Quarantine?
- (5.) Has a memorial been received from the passengers, addressed to the Colonial Secretary; if so, will the Honorable the Chief Secretary cause the same to be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) On the 19th instant. The Health Officer, however, informs me that special instructions for carrying out the quarantine of ships, adapted to the necessities of each particular case, are communicated personally by the Superintendent of the Quarantine Station to the master of the ship; and Dr. Alleyne further states that he has no reason to doubt that such special instructions were duly conveyed to the captain of the "Australia," who had been in Quarantine before, and may be presumed to know the custom.
- (2.) It is probable that the Regulations were not delivered to the captain of the "Australia" on his arrival in port, as the pilot was directed to place the vessel in Quarantine, and did not therefore board her, but gave directions in regard to anchoring her from the boat.
- (3.) The "Australia" was detained for not having completed the washing and purification of the clothes, &c., of those on board. She was released yesterday.
- (4.) Upon the vessel.
- (5.) Yes. I will presently lay a copy upon the Table.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Address, adopted on 8th February, 1876, in reference to Appointments and Promotions in the Civil Service, being for the Electric Telegraph Department.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Memorial from Passengers by the Pacific Mail Steamship "Australia," complaining of their detention in Quarantine, and begging to be speedily released from confinement.
Ordered to be printed.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn until Tuesday, the 30th January next.
Question put and passed.
4. MINING BILL, No. 2 (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the management of, and the Administration of Justice in relation to, Mining Interests.
Question put and passed.
5. ELECTORAL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd January from Mr. Andrew Ross, M.D., be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Buchanan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.*"
Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th January, 1877.*

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

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 10.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1877, together with provision for an Advance to the Colonial Treasurer, and provision for other Services of an urgent character, for which the usual monthly rate is not sufficient.

*Government House,
Sydney, 24th January, 1877.*

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Stuart 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 of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877," 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 said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. J. Watson.

Noes, 21.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Leary.
Mr. Buchanan,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow:—
- (1.) Electoral Bill; second reading.
 - (2.) Municipalities Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (3.) Civil Service Bill; second reading.
 - (4.) Customs Regulation Bill reported; adoption of Report.
10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, 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 this day.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
- (1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,733, to defray the expenses of the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1877.
- On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, 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 this day.
12. PAPERS:—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1877.
 - (2.) Explanatory Statement of the Public Accounts of New South Wales, as embodied in the Ways and Means for the year 1877.
- Ordered to be printed.

13. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Lunacy Bill postponed until to-morrow.
14. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
- (2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £649,492,—being £242,500 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1877, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1876, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1877; £60,000 to enable the Colonial Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation, the amount to be adjusted not later than the 31st December, 1878; and £346,992 for Services of 1877 in excess of the monthly proportionate amount required for January.
- On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
15. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, 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 :—
- (2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1877, the sum of £649,492 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales,—being £242,500 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1877; £60,000 to enable the Colonial Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, to be afterwards submitted for Parliamentary appropriation; and £346,992 for Services of 1877 in excess of the monthly proportionate amount required for January.
- On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
16. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL** :—
- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Stuart, 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 of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877.
- (2.) Mr. Stuart then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877*,”—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. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

On motion of Mr. Stuart, that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Stuart, *passed*.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877*.”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th January, 1877, A.M.

The House adjourned at twelve minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Land Offices at Bingera, &c.:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have Petitions been received, or representations made by the Inhabitants of Bingera, Moree, Yetman, and Breewarrina, pointing out the great inconvenience they are sustaining from the want of separate Land Offices for the sale of land in those districts?

(2.) Do the Government intend, and if so when, to establish separate Land Offices in those districts?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It has been decided to establish one at Bingera; but it is very doubtful whether the public requirements will be found to justify the expense of establishing separate Land Offices at the other places mentioned. The question is, however, under consideration.

(2.) Coonamble Common:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the lessee of the Wanaro Station has been allowed to purchase, under the improvement clause of the Land Act, 1,280 acres, part of the population area of the town of Coonamble, and granted as a Common from the 1st instant; if so, will any steps be taken to cancel this purchase?

Mr. Robertson answered,—No.

(3.) Common for Bingera:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to grant a Permanent Common for the town of Bingera?

Mr. Robertson answered,—It does not appear that a Permanent Common has been applied for, but 771½ acres have been granted for a Temporary Commonage, and vested in trustees.

(4.) Barristers Admission Act:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will a copy of the new Rules and Regulations framed by the Supreme Court under the "Barristers Admission Act of 1876" be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have received the following from the Prothonotary:—

At a meeting of the Board for the approval of properly qualified persons to be Barristers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, held on the 31st of August last, it was resolved that the examination of candidates for admission to the Bar in Logic and the French language and literature should be from the following books, viz.:—

Logic.

Whateley's Logic.

Locke on the Human Understanding.

French

French Language and Literature.

Any two of the following books, to be selected by the candidate, viz. :—

- Moliere's Plays.
- Racine's Tragedies.
- Guizot's Histoire de la Civilization d'Europe.
- Pascal's Provincial Letters.
- Montesquieu's Esprit des Loix.
- Fénélon's Télémaque.

The various rules relating to the admission of Barristers are now being revised, and will be presented to Parliament early next month.

(5.) Flood Boats for Maitland :—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of *Mr. Scholey*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will the Flood Boats, or the money, be sent to the East Maitland Municipal Council, as promised about two years ago, and granted by Parliament; and stated by the Colonial Secretary, in answer to a question, on the 15th December, that he had authorized the amount to be paid to the Municipal Council for them to buy the boats?
- (2.) Will the last promise be carried out?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The money voted at the time of the passing of the Appropriation Act is available at a moment, on the application of the Municipality, and has been since the 13th December last.

(6.) South Head Roads Trust :—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of *Mr. Sutherland*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the amount of Revenue received by the Commissioners of the South Head Roads Trust for each six months, from the creation of such Trust to the 1st of January, 1877, and from what source derived?
- (2.) The expenditure on each Road, and length of same, within the jurisdiction of such Trust for each six months to same date?
- (3.) The expenditure for clerical labour, supervision, interest of money borrowed, and all other expenditure other than that expended for making or repairing such roads for the same periods?
- (4.) The total expenditure for each of the above purposes for the full period named?
- (5.) The total amount of indebtedness of said Trust on the 1st of January, 1877, to whom, and for what?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I have had the information required by this question prepared in the form of a Return, which I will presently lay upon the Table.

(7.) Post and Telegraph Office, Parkes :—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is there a sum of money placed on the Estimates for this year for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Parkes?
- (2.) Has the Postal Inspector approved of the site, and reported on same?
- (3.) Will the Minister call for tenders for the execution of this work without delay?
- (4.) Can he give any information as to the payment of the men's wages for work done under Government contractor to Bushman's Dam?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The sum of £1,000 was voted on the Estimates for 1876 for this work.
- (2.) A letter from the Post Office Department notified that a site had been selected by *Mr. Surveyor Fisher* and *Mr. Postal Inspector Buchanan*, and approved of.
- (3.) Plans are not yet ready, but tenders will be invited as soon as these are prepared.
- (4.) We have no means of answering this question, but inquiries will be made.

(8.) Appointments in the Treasury :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that two Clerks have been appointed in the Treasury since the passing of the Estimates for 1876, at salary of £250 per annum each, above a number of deserving juniors who have been years in this Department?
- (2.) Is it true that a Clerk is to be appointed shortly in the same Department under the same circumstances?
- (3.) Have these promotions been offered to the juniors next in rank?
- (4.) Are these gentlemen to receive the classification under the Civil Service Act?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Since the passing of the Estimates for 1876 the following appointments, at salaries of £250 per annum, have been made :—

1. *Mr. R. M. Ross*, on 28th August, 1876. This gentleman had been previously on the staff as Transfer Clerk, in connection with the Funded Stock—say from 21st April, 1873, to 28th February, 1875; appointed at £300, afterwards increased to £350 per annum. *Mr. Ross* left the Service to visit England for the benefit of his health, and shortly after his return to the Colony was appointed as above stated.
2. *Mr. Charles Napier*, on 5th September, 1876. This gentleman had been previously employed on the extra staff, from 1st May, 1875, at £200 per annum.

(2.) No.

(3.) These appointments were not offered to juniors—the ability required in each case being of a special character—in the one case for the management of the Funded Stock, in the other for correspondence.

(4.) There is no Civil Service Act at present, but if the Civil Service Bill passes, all gentlemen who are in the Service will, under the Act, be classified according to their position.

2. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Hill,	Mr. Piloher,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Stephen Brown,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Tecece,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Cunneen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. H. H. Brown,	

And so it passed in the negative.

3. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Orange Gas-light Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Orange Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town and Suburbs of Orange,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber
Sydney, 25th January, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

(2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th January, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

4. **PAPER** :—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—A Statement showing the Revenue and Expenditure of the South Head Roads Trust.
 Ordered to be printed.

5. **ROBBERY OF GOLD FROM AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM (*Formal Motion*)** :—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Report of Detective Lyons, of the New South Wales Police Force, or any other Reports in possession of the Government, as to the alleged robbery of gold or gold specimens from the Australian Museum during the month of December, 1873.
 Question put and passed.

6. **MINING BILL (No. 2)** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lucas, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 11.

In accordance with the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the management of, and the Administration of Justice in relation to, Mining Interests.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th January, 1877.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Tecece,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Leary.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Clarke,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Pilcher,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Windeyer.
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Sutherland,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. MINING BILL (No. 2) :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lucas moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the management of, and the Administration of Justice in relation to, Mining Interests; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor in reference thereto be referred to the Committee.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the management of, and the Administration of Justice in relation to, Mining Interests.

On motion of Mr. Lucas, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Lucas presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Management of and the Administration of Justice in relation to Mining Interests*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 7th February.

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Windeyor,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Tooce,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Long,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Terry,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Davies,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Pilcher,	Mr. Leary.
Mr. Driver,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. McElhone,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,
Mr. F. B. Suttor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at Ten o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Quarters, Black Creek:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar*, on behalf of Mr. Bennett, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Additional Estimates for 1877 for the erection of Police Quarters at Black Creek, Liverpool Plains?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Premises are now rented for a Police Station at Black Creek, but they are unsuitable, and the Superintendent of Police has directed tenders to be called for, for the erection of suitable buildings.

- (2.) Bridges over Parramatta River:—*Mr. McElhone*, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have detailed quantities of iron, &c., for the proposed Bridges over the Parramatta River, for which tenders are called for the 30th instant, been supplied to any contractor; if so, to whom?

(2.) Has similar information been refused to all other contractors?

(3.) On whose application was the receipt of tenders postponed till the 30th instant?

(4.) Is it the intention of Government to further postpone the receipt of tenders, to enable contractors to examine the Government quantities?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The Commissioner for Roads informs me that Captain Mann obtained his permission to inspect the detailed quantities to check those taken out by him; and Mr. Bennett adds, that Captain Mann was allowed this concession as an old officer of the Department.

(2.) It is not usual to give this information; the practice was discontinued some years since, and contractors have been refused.

(3.) On the application of Captain Mann and Messrs. Montefiore, Joseph, & Co.

(4.) The Government have decided to further postpone the receipt of tenders to the 13th proximo, for the purpose indicated in the Honorable Member's question.

- (3.) Small-pox:—*Mr. McElhone*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When will the twelve persons at present quarantined at Miller's Point be released?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Health Officer has not yet decided this question.

- (4.) Locking Railway Carriages:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of Mr. H. H. Brown, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he take into consideration the desirability of doing away with the practice of locking the Railway Carriages on the Railway Lines in this Colony?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The question of whether locked or unlocked carriages afford the greatest protection to the travellers by railway is a very debatable one. The other day, in consequence of a passenger having taken into a carriage with him some inflammable chemicals, which ignited and caused a blaze, the passengers became much excited, and it is stated that had not the doors been locked many would have jumped out while the train was in motion. There are, of course, considerations favouring the other view of the question. The Engineer-in-Chief of Railways in Victoria,

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in his recent report, which has been laid upon the Table of this House, goes very fully into this question, and gives an account of the practice in this respect on the Railways of the United Kingdom, the Continent, and America. The Victoria Railway Department has during the present month been trying the experiment of unlocked, but latched, doors on the Williamstown line only, with a view to their general adoption should the plan prove successful. The result of the experiment which our railway officials are awaiting will determine the action which will be taken on our lines in this respect.

- (5.) Government Vaccinator for Districts of Paterson and Williams:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. H. H. Brown*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps to appoint a Government Vaccinator for the Districts of the Paterson and the Williams?

Mr. Robertson answered.—The Government Vaccinator has acted for the Paterson and the Williams in conjunction with Maitland, but as there is very much more anxiety about vaccination just now than there has been for some time before, I think it will be desirable to appoint Vaccinators for the Paterson and the Williams as well as for Maitland.

- (6.) Court House, Gunnedah:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar*, on behalf of *Mr. Bennett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of Court House, Gunnedah?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The sum of £900 is on the Estimates for this year to provide for this work, and the necessary steps will be taken as soon as funds shall have been voted by Parliament.

- (7.) Wallis Creek Water Reserve:—*Mr. Scholey* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it his intention to open the Wallis Creek Water Reserve, as petitioned for by the inhabitants of East Maitland, December, 1875, more than twelve months ago, and applied for month after month to the Lands Office?

(2.) In answer to Question, December 15th, the matter had been referred to the Crown Law Officers for legal advice; if so, has that advice been given, and what is the intention of the Government?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The Papers in the case have been returned by the Crown Law Officers, and the matter will receive consideration at the earliest practicable moment.

- (8.) Tanks and Reserves between the Barwin and Narren Rivers:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has any definite report been received relative to Tanks and Reserves between the Barwin and Narren Rivers; if so, what provision has been, or is intended to be, made with reference thereto?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Yes; and a recommendation made by the Surveyor General in reference to the question will be dealt with as soon as possible, having regard to the difficulties surrounding the matter.

- (9.) Construction of Dams:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to legalize the construction of Dams?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The matter is under consideration.

- (10.) Government Banking Account:—*Mr. Piddington* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What was the total amount of cash at the credit of the Government of New South Wales in the various Banks in Sydney on Monday, January 22, 1877?

(2.) What was the entire amount at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund (including all advances to Loan Funds) in the Treasury Books on Monday, January 22, 1877?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) £2,350,694 2s. 6d.

(2.) £2,946,307 5s. 8d.

- (11.) Patrick's Plains Benevolent Society:—*Mr. McElhone*, on behalf of *Mr. W. C. Browne*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has any, and if so what, decision been arrived at in reference to the application from the Committee of the Singleton and Patrick's Plains Benevolent Society for free passes by railway for patients, as in the case of the Maitland Hospital?

Mr. Robertson answered,—In all cases where free passes are found to be desirable they are given; but it is not yet decided whether in the case of this institution, which is partly supported by private subscriptions and partly by the State, free passes for the removal of pauper invalids should be given. The matter, however, is under consideration.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting the placing in Quarantine of H.M. Ships "Wolverine," "Sappho," and "Conflict."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the alleged Burglary at the Oxford-street Branch Post Office.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 18th January, 1877, in reference to the Special Jury List, Deniliquin.

(2.) New Guinea Exploration (Extract from the Log-book of the Steam-launch "Neva.")

Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Garrett* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 30th January, 1877.

5. ELECTORAL BILL:—Mr. Dibbs presented a Petition from F. W. Chapman, Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the Clarence River District, praying that certain amendments may be made in the Electoral Bill now before Parliament.
Petition received.
6. DUTY ON TOBACCO:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from Oliver Maxwell, Tobacco Manufacturer, praying that the proposed alteration in the Tariff, now under consideration, on manufacturing Tobacco, may not be agreed to.
Petition received.
7. EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN:—Mr. W. H. Suttor, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 14th December, 1876.
Ordered to be printed.
8. GIBSONS CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Report of Commissioner Rose on the disputed claims of J. & W. Gibson, on the one hand, to two conditional purchases claimed by Mr. H. Ricketson as improved lands.
Question put and passed.
9. MAURICE LYNCH'S APPLICATION FOR LAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence that has passed between Mr. Maurice Lynch and the Lands Department, together with letters from Honorable J. Lucas, Esq., and the Crown Lands Agent, Hartley, and Land Agent, Sydney; also, the report of Crown Lands Commissioner Deane in reference to Maurice Lynch's application; and also, petition of Mr. Lynch in reference to his case.
Question put and passed.
10. LIBERATION OF THE PRISONER THYNNE:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Petitions, Correspondence, Minutes of the Executive, and other documents, having reference to the liberation of the prisoner Thynne, found guilty of rape and sentenced to death—sentence afterwards reduced to twelve years.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.—FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY:—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the hours during which the Australian Museum is open to the public, and the hours during which it is proposed to open the Lending Branch of the Free Public Library, are such as to deprive a large proportion of the population of the City of Sydney and adjacent suburbs of the benefits of the abovenamed institutions.
(2.) That the Government should, as soon as possible, take steps to remove this grievance by issuing directions to the Trustees to extend the time for public inspection and issue.
(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Question put and passed.
12. RAILWAY FROM DUBBO TO BOURKE:—Mr. F. B. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should submit a proposition for the construction of a Railway from Dubbo to Bourke (or its vicinity) with as little delay as possible.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Harris Levi Nelson, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Orange.
Whereupon Mr. Stuart moved, That the Seat of Harris Levi Nelson, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Orange, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Harris Levi Nelson, Esquire.
Question put and passed.
14. RAILWAY FROM WAGGA WAGGA TO ALBURY:—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, the 2nd February next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once take such steps as may be necessary to enable them to proceed with the immediate construction of the Line of Railway from Wagga Wagga to Albury.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

15. WITNESSES BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEES :—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower Select Committees appointed by this House to administer Oaths to Witnesses, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
Question put and passed.
16. MACQUARIE COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Macquarie Coal Company's Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lucas, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. Davies, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hill, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
17. BRIDGE OVER THE COLLAROY RIVER :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Collaroy River, at or near the crossing-place.
Question put and passed.
18. BRIDGE OVER THE MERRIWA RIVER :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Merriwa River, at or near the crossing-place.
Question put and passed.
19. TRANSFER OF PUBLICAN'S LICENSE TO JAMES POUPART :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications made within the last two months to the Magistrates in Petty Sessions assembled at the Central Police Court and Water Police Court, or either of them, by Sarah Nally and James Poupart, or either of them, for the removal of any license for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors to premises in Parramatta-street, Sydney, occupied by the said James Poupart; also, copies of all applications for any original license in respect of the same premises; also, copies of all proceedings and evidence taken on the hearing of such before-mentioned applications; also, the christian and surnames of the Justices who adjudicated on each application; also, copies of all letters, by whomsoever written, to any member of the Government in respect of the matters aforesaid, with the replies thereto.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Jacob,

Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Rouse,

Mr. Farnell,

Tellers.

Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Driver.

And so it passed in the negative.

20. DUTY ON GOLD ABOLITION BILL :—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Duty on Gold.
Question put and passed.
21. BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE LANDS TRANSFER BILL :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Bathurst and Grafton and Armidale Lands Transfer Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Cohen, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Pilcher, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Terry, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
22. EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS :—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the Standing Order No. 89 be repealed, and in lieu thereof the following Order be substituted, viz. :—On any Member drawing the Speaker's attention to there being strangers in the House, the Speaker shall, without debate, put the question whether it is the pleasure of the House that strangers shall withdraw; and on such question being carried, the Speaker shall order strangers to withdraw, and strangers shall immediately withdraw accordingly.
Mr. Macintosh moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Rouse,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Tellers.
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Hill.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Piddington,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Terry,

Tellers.

Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Dibbs.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1877 A.M.

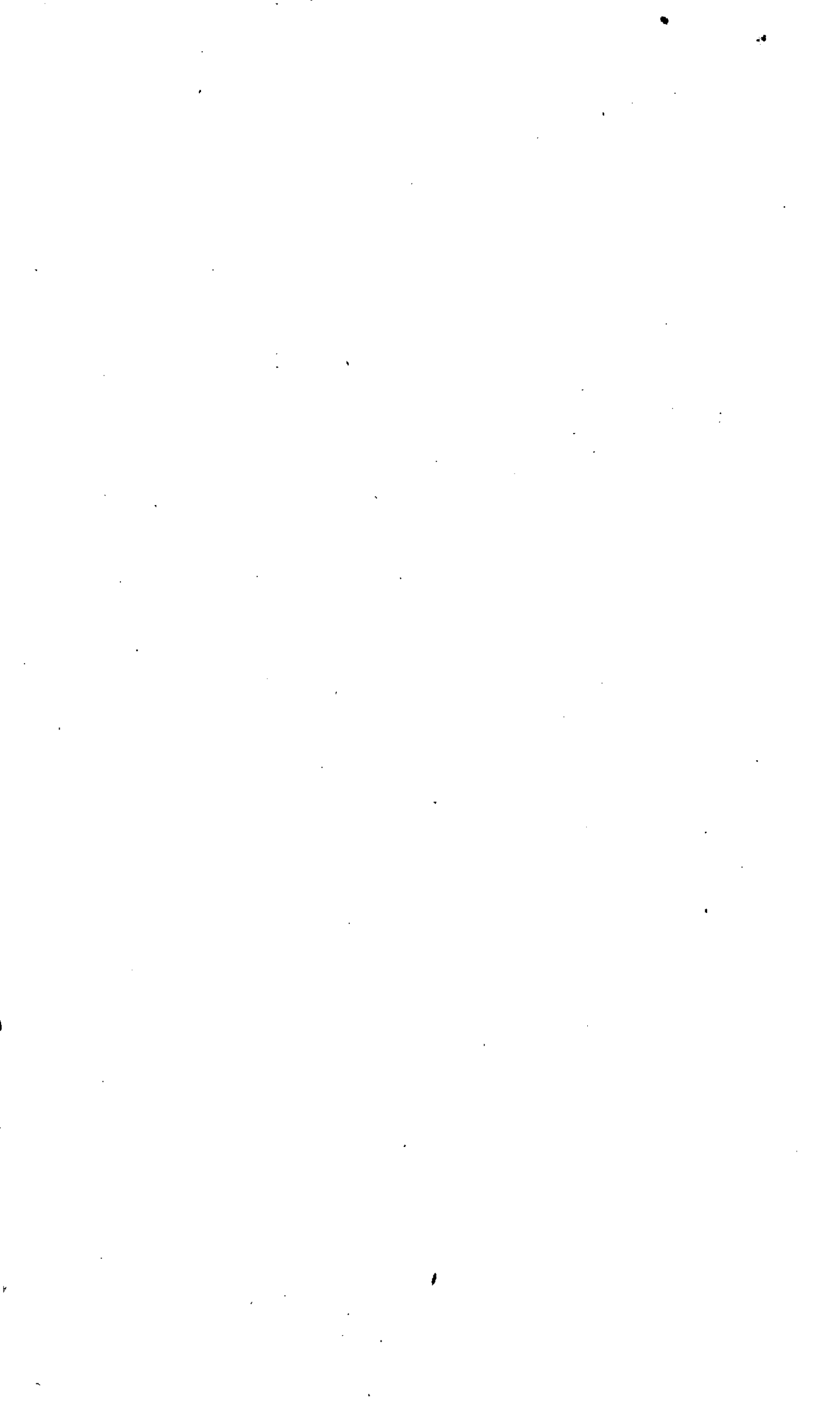
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned till Friday, 23rd February.

23. DUTY ON GOLD ABOLITION BILL:—Mr. Baker *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the abolition of the Duty on Gold,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 2nd March.

The House adjourned at five minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Extension into the City:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Macintosh*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to submit a Plan and Estimate for the Extension of the Railway to the deep waters of the Harbour, at or near the Circular Quay, in accordance with the Resolution passed by the Assembly, April 29, 1874?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is the intention of the Government to submit during the present Session a proposal for the extension of the Railway from Redfern to a central point in the City. Provision will be made in the project submitted for a further extension to the Circular Quay.

(2.) New Street fronting the Post Office:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Macintosh*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit a Bill to the Assembly during the present Session making provision to empower the Government to deal with the proprietors of the land abutting on the north side of the new street fronting the Post Office, so that the street could be made available for the public during the present year?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Some time ago I had the honor of an interview with the lessee and proprietor of this land, and I endeavoured and hoped at the time we should be able to purchase this land without compulsion. That hope has waned away, and I have very little hope now. I think it exceedingly desirable that the Government should have the land, but the natural unwillingness of a Government to take perforce any land from a citizen has held us back in the meantime, and therefore nothing has been done.

(3.) Post Office, Armidale:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. R. Forster*, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is there any probability of the Additions to the Post Office, Armidale, so long since sanctioned, being effected ere the winter season sets in?

(2.) Is he aware that the health of the Postmaster and family is endangered by reason of the inadequacy of the quarters allotted to their use?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) It is not probable that the additions to the Armidale Post Office will be effected ere the winter sets in; and from information which has lately reached me, I am disposed to move for a sum being placed on the Estimates for the erection of a new Post Office instead of extending the old one.

(2.) I am not aware whether the health of the Postmaster and family is endangered by the inadequacy of the premises allotted to them, but I believe the premises are altogether too small for the Postmaster and his family.

(4.) Road from Tea-pot Swamp to Back Creek Station:—*Mr. Pilcher* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What conclusion have the Government arrived at with reference to the subject of the Petition presented some time since by the residents of Tea-pot Swamp to have the road from No. 1 to the Back Creek Station ranked as a second-class road?

(2.) Will the Minister cause the abovenamed road to be so ranked at once?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) It has been determined to ask for a first class allowance for the road in question (£50 per mile).

(2.) It will be provided for on the schedule of current year.

(5.) Plan of Rylstone:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) If any decision is arrived at in reference to alteration of the original Plan of Rylstone; if so, what is such decision?

(2.) Are the Government aware that a ballot was taken of the people of Rylstone in reference to the proposed alteration, and resulted in twenty-two (22) voting for amended Plan, and twenty-one (21) against, in favour of original?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) No definite action has been taken beyond that communicated to the Honorable Member himself by letter on the 18th ultimo, and nothing further can be done until a reply has been received thereto.

(2.) No.

- (6.) Public School, Round Swamp:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—If the grant of land applied for some time since for Public School purposes at Round Swamp, Mudgee Road, vested in Council of Education; if not, when is it likely to be finally executed?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The deed of grant could not be issued until after the formal dedication of the land, which only took place last month. It will be prepared as soon as possible, having regard to a number of cases of previous date which are awaiting disposal, and which are entitled therefore to have precedence.

- (7.) Public School, Ilford:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When is the grant of land for School purposes at Ilford likely to be vested in Council of Education?

(2.) Is the Minister aware that the erection of a suitable building is delayed through the negligence of his department in not issuing deed?

- Mr. Robertson* answered,—I object to answer the question.

- (8.) Public School, Mount Victoria:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Council arrived at any decision in reference to the erection of Public School at Mount Victoria; if so, what is the nature of such decision?

(2.) When will Tenders be called, and what is the cost of the site on which the School will be erected?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am furnished by the Council of Education with the following replies:—

(1.) It is decided to erect a Public School at Mount Victoria, and the necessary plans have been prepared.

(2.) Tenders will be invited when the proposed site has been conveyed. The cost of the site will be £45. The conveyance is awaiting the preparation of the surveyor's description of the land.

- (9.) Land Office at Oberon:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—If it is his intention to establish a Land Office at Oberon, as applied for some time since?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I do not think, with the present information before me, it is likely such an establishment will be formed at once.

- (10.) Railway Extension into the City:—*Mr. Pilcher* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Railway from the Redfern Station to the waters of Port Jackson; if so, will the Government inform the House when they intend to ask this House to authorize such extension?

Mr. Lackey answered,—If the Honorable Member will be good enough to refer to my reply to *Mr. Macintosh*, given a few minutes ago, he will find an answer to his question.

2. PUBLIC PLACE DEFINITION 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 define the term Public Place,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 31st January, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

3. ELECTORAL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Dibbs* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th January, from *F. W. Chapman*, Mayor of Grafton, on behalf of the Electors and Residents of the Clarence River Districts, praying for increased representation, &c., be printed.

Question put and passed.

4. DUTY ON TOBACCO (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 30th January, from *Oliver Maxwell*, be printed.

Question put and passed.

5. PAPER:—*Mr. Robertson* laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Borough of Gulgong.

Ordered to be printed.

6. SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Macintosh* presented a Petition from the Mayor of the City of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act.

And *Mr. Macintosh* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Evening News* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. McElhone* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. PAPER:—*Mr. Robertson* laid upon the Table,—Papers and information connected with placing of H.M. Ships "*Wolverine,*" &c., in Quarantine.

Ordered to be printed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Seven o'clock on Friday.
Question put and passed.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive postponed until Wednesday next.
3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE MINISTRY:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, respectfully informing His Excellency that, in the opinion of this House, the continued administration of affairs, as at present conducted, is calculated to inflict serious injury upon the Country.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 1877, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Leary,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Shepherd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Harley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Stephen Brown.
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	

Noes, 29.

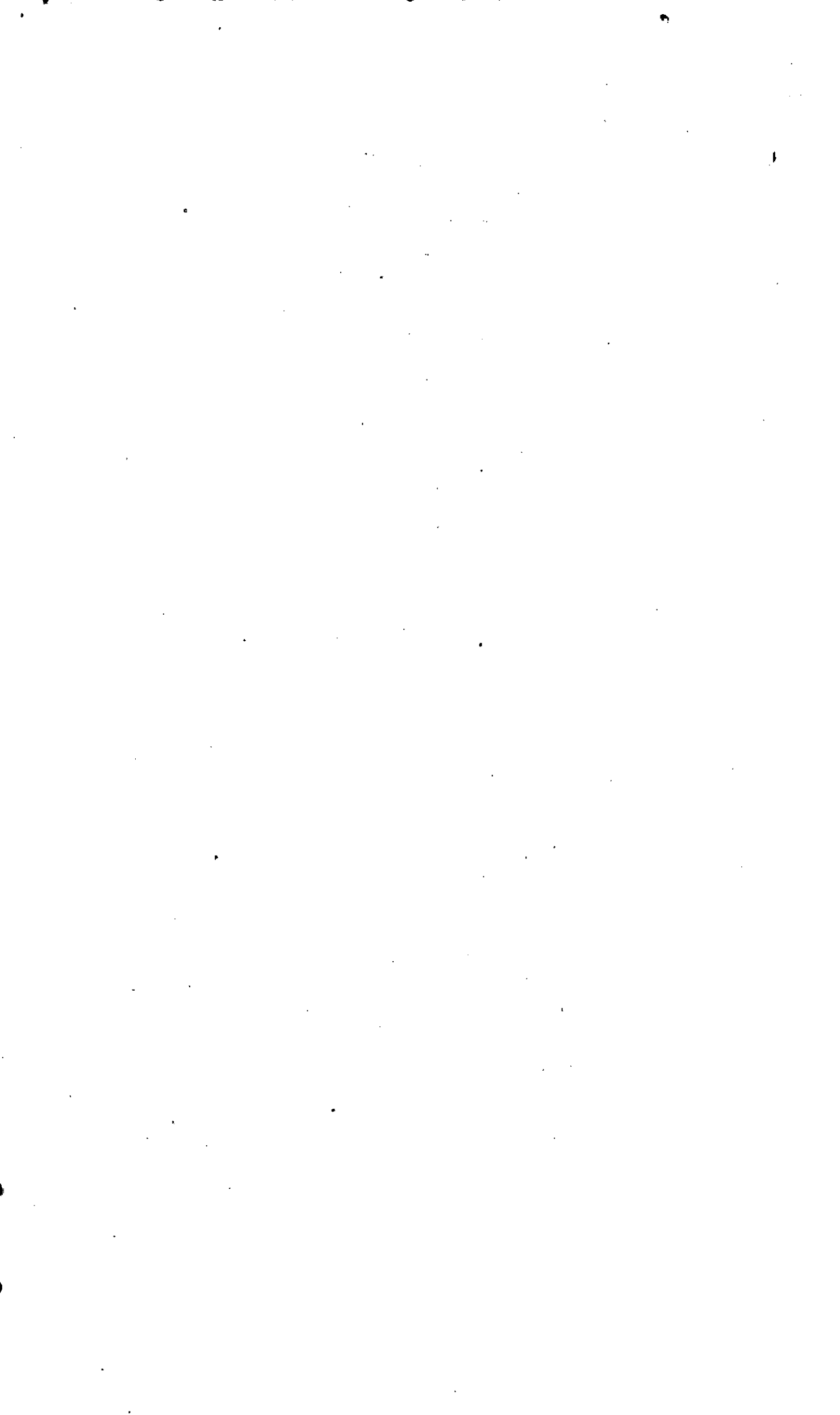
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Gurrett,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Greville,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Teece,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. R. Forster,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at Two o'clock A.M., until Seven o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Mr. John Garsed:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
In the matter of the prosecution of the Queen against John Garsed in 1859:—
(1.) Did the Honorable Attorney General, now Mr. Justice Hargrave, report more than once on John Garsed's case from 1st March, 1860, to 19th May, 1862; and if so, dates of such reports?
(2.) Did the Honorable Attorney General report on John Garsed's petition and statement, addressed to His Excellency the Governor, and left at Government House, 1st March, 1860?
(3.) Did Sir Alfred Stephen, Chief Justice, report more than once on John Garsed's case from 1st March, 1860, to 19th May, 1862; and if so, dates of such reports?
(4.) Did Sir Alfred Stephen, Chief Justice, report on John Garsed's petition and statement, addressed to His Excellency the Governor, and left at Government House 1st March, 1860, for Sir Alfred Stephen, in a letter to John Garsed, dated 30th October, 1876, informs him—"I have more than once reported—the last time in 1862, with sufficient fullness?"

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Justice Hargrave, the then Attorney General, reported on the above case on the 10th January, and 5th and 21st July, 1862.
(2.) Apparently not. The first report appears to have been dated 10th January, 1862.
(3.) Sir Alfred Stephen appears to have reported on the case of John Garsed on the 7th February, 1860, and 23rd January, 1862.
(4.) Answered by No. 3.
- (2.) Mr. Thomas Ewan Price's Conditional Purchase :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Was the sum of £12 in Post Office orders received at the Treasury in March last from Thomas Ewan Price, such money being interest on balance of his conditional purchase?
(2.) Is it a fact that above Post Office orders were cashed at the General Post Office on 3rd of April last?
(3.) Was a receipt for this money sent to Mr. T. E. Price?
(4.) Did the Under Secretary to Treasury receive a letter from Mr. Price, advising him of above, and to which he sent no reply?
(5.) Is it the intention of the Treasury to send Mr. Price a receipt for the money paid by him?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Yes. Received on 3rd April, 1876.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) Receipt was sent to William Williams, junr., Adelong, in whose name it was issuable, as the selection stood in his name.
(4.) A letter was received on 3rd August, 1876, from Mr. Price, but was not replied to, as a gentleman, believed to be Mr. Price, called at the Treasury about that time, and was personally informed on all points respecting the selection, so far as concerned the Treasury. A letter was also received from Mr. Price on 15th January last, and replied to on 23rd of same month. A further letter from him was received on 1st instant, asking for a receipt in his own name, which, however, cannot be given, as the selection does not stand in his name. The selection now stands in the names of Peterson and Sargood.
(5.) Receipt having already been issued, another cannot be given; the receipt of the money has, however, been acknowledged by letter to Mr. Price.

(3.)

- (3.) Shipping Live Stock at Newcastle :—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Did the railway officials at Newcastle refuse to give up to the owner, one Mr. Mackay, four horses which had arrived there by the train on 30th January, and ship them by the steamer "Kembla," notwithstanding that Mr. Mackay had engaged berths for them on board the steamer "Morpeth" ?
 - (2.) Are the railway officials at Newcastle authorized to ship live stock for Sydney by whatever steamers they please, although contrary to the desire or arrangements of the owners ?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) The Traffic Manager explains that the horses were consigned to Mr. Kiss, and Mr. Mackay was not mentioned in the consigning note. They were shipped by the "Kembla," as that steamer was the only one alongside when train arrived.
 - (2.) The following rule is observed :—Live stock is shipped by the steamer named in the consigning note. If no steamer is named, the railway officers ship by first boat.
2. EMPLOYMENT OF FEMALES BILL :—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from members of the Early Closing Association of Newcastle, and others, in favour of the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
3. PAPER :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Report of the Proceedings of the Conference on Duplication of the Cable between Australasia and Europe.
Ordered to be printed.
4. DAVID SAWYER'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Papers, Reports, and other documents connected with the conditional purchase and auction sale of 40 acres of land made at Tamworth by David Sawyer, junior, in the month of March, 1869.
Question put and passed.
5. ROSANNA BLACKER'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Papers, Reports, and other Documents connected with the conditional purchase of 270 acres of land made at Murrurundi by Rosanna Blacker, in the month of July, 1870, and in the months of October and December, 1872.
Question put and passed.
6. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866"; and to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.
Question put and passed.
7. SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Macintosh having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act*,"—read a first time.
8. COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Robertson moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned till Friday, 2nd March.
9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—*until Friday, 16th February.*
 - (2.) Coroners Inquests ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill ;—*until Friday, 23rd February.*
 - (3.) Bathurst Presbyterian Church Trustees Enabling Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ; *until Friday, 23rd February.*
 - (4.) Employment of Females Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cameron, "That this Bill be now read a second time"—*until Friday, 23rd February.*
 - (5.) Railway from Dubbo to Bourke ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions ;—*until Friday, 9th February.*
 - (6.) Railway from Wagga Wagga to Albury ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions ;—*until Friday, 9th February.*
 - (7.) Bridge over the Collaroy River ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ; *until Friday, 16th February.*
 - (8.) Bridge over the Merriwa River ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—*until Friday, 16th February.*
 - (9.) The Bassett Darley Estates Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 9th February.*
 - (10.) Salaries and Retiring Allowances to District Court Judges ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill ;—*until Tuesday, 13th February.*
 - (11.) Contractor's Debts Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 2nd March.*
 - (12.) Married Women's Property Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 9th February.*
 - (13.) Bridge over the Hunter at Aberdeen ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—*until Tuesday, 20th February.*
 - (14.) Mining Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 16th February.*

10. MR. KIDMAN'S CONTRACTS :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Letters, Reports, Minutes, and Documents in any way relating to the amounts of L,700 and odd pounds and £1,000 and odd paid to Mr. Kidman for losses alleged to have been sustained by him upon such Contracts.
Question put and passed.
11. ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Orange Cattle Sale-Yards Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hill, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Burns, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Baker, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at four minutes after Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

THE ACTING CLERK:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission in favour of Frederick William Webb, Esquire, who has been appointed by the Governor and Executive Council Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence, on leave, of the Clerk of the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker then administered to Mr. Webb the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office respectively, as Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Dividing Fences Bill:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session to regulate the costs of Dividing Fences between pastoral tenants?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I can hardly say whether we shall be able to do this; I shall be very glad to do it, nevertheless, if it be possible.

- (2.) Cases tried at Courts in District of Maitland:—Mr. Scholey asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What number of cases has been heard before the different Benches of Magistrates held at East Maitland and Morpeth, and the number from Branxton, Greta, and Anvil Creek, tried at West Maitland Courts of Petty Sessions of each Town in the District of Maitland, for six months ending December, 1876?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Number of cases tried at East Maitland from 1st July to 31st December, 1876, 146; number of cases tried at Morpeth during same period, 73; number of cases from Branxton, Greta, and Anvil Creek, tried at West Maitland during the same period, 64.

- (3.) Laurence Cummins:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the notorious criminal Laurence Cummins has been liberated by the present Government?

(2.) For what crime was he convicted, and what was the sentence passed upon him?

(3.) For what crime was Gardiner the bushranger convicted, and what was the sentence passed upon him?

(4.) How much of his sentence has Cummins served?

(5.) How much of his sentence did Gardiner serve?

(6.) What was the conduct of Cummins in prison?

(7.) What was the conduct of Gardiner in prison?

Mr. Robertson answered,—As these questions will involve very lengthy replies, it will be better for the Honorable Member to move for a Return containing the required information.

- (4.) Promotions in the Civil Service:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What was the salary of Mr. Percy Lucas, clerk in the Water Police Office, when the present Government took office?

(2.) What is his present salary?

(3.) What was the salary of Mr. C. J. Burns, a clerk in the Supreme Court, when the present Government took office?

(4.) What is his present salary?

(5.) What was the salary of Mr. E. B. Docker when the present Government took office?

(6.) What is his present salary?

(7.) What was the salary of Mr. J. G. Lackey, clerk in the Post Office, when the present Government took office?

(8.) What is his present salary?

(9.)

(9.) What was the salary of Mr. T. W. Garrett when the present Government took office?

(10.) What is his present salary?

(11.) Has he the privilege in his present appointment of passing for a solicitor without entering into articles?

(12.) What was the salary of Mr. J. B. Graham, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Tenterfield, when the present Government took office?

(13.) What is his present salary?

(14.) With the exception of the last named gentleman, are the above sons of members of the present Ministry, and is Mr. Graham the Colonial Secretary's nephew?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I will to-morrow lay upon the Table a Return containing all the information required by the Honorable Member.

(5.) Trunkoy and Tuena Gold Fields :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Trunkoy and Tuena Gold Fields are nearly deserted by the diggers, there not being over twenty diggers on these Gold Fields and surrounding locality at present?

(2.) Under these circumstances, is it the intention of the Government to retain the services of a Police Magistrate for these places, there being four unpaid Magistrates in the neighbourhood?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to throw open the Gold Fields Reserve situated between Trunkoy and the Abercrombie to conditional purchase, and when, as there are so few miners on these Gold Fields?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am not aware of the allegations inferred by these questions, but I will make inquiry with regard to them, and let the Honorable Member know at the earliest period possible.

(6.) Steam Launch for Gunpowder Lighters :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did the Government recently buy a Steam Launch to tow the gunpowder lighters?

(2.) From whom was she purchased?

(3.) What is her size and horse-power?

(4.) Were Tenders invited for supplying the Government with a Steam Launch for the above purpose?

(5.) Who recommended the purchase of above Steam Launch?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes, in August, 1876.

(2.) T. S. Rountree.

(3.) Length, 51 feet; breadth, 9 feet 6 inches; depth of hold, 4 feet 5 inches; register tonnage, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; horse-power, 12.

(4.) Yes, and thirteen steam launches were tendered.

(5.) The President of the Marine Board.

(7.) Mr. Kidman's Contract :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Out of what Vote or Votes of Parliament were the sums of 1,700 and odd pounds paid to Mr. Kidman by the late Government, and the sum of over £1,000 paid Mr. Kidman by the present Government, as extra allowance on his meat contract?

(2.) Do the Government intend to treat all contractors in the same way who may claim extra allowance on their contracts for the same reason, viz., the increased price of the goods they have contracted to supply to the Government?

(3.) What are the special reasons, if any, for paying Mr. Kidman these large sums of money over the price he contracted to supply the Government?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The sums paid to Mr. Kidman by the late Government were charged on the following Votes, viz.:—Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta; Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta; Permanent Military Force; Gaol, Sydney; Gaol, Parramatta; Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville; Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; Lunatic Reception House, Darlinghurst; Nautical School Ship "Vernon"; Industrial School for Girls, Biloela; Reformatory for Girls, Biloela. The sums paid to Mr. Kidman by the present Government were charged on the following Votes, viz.:—Permanent Military Force; Gaol, Sydney; Gaol, Parramatta; Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville; Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; Lunatic Reception House, Darlinghurst; Nautical School Ship "Vernon"; Industrial School for Girls, Biloela; Reformatory for Girls, Biloela.

(2.) Each case will be dealt with, as it arises, on its own merits.

(3.) Papers furnishing the fullest information will be laid upon the Table in a few days.

(8.) Land Sale at Urana :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it his intention to proceed with the auction sale of the only available timber for the Riverina selectors, on lands advertised for sale at Urana, on 7th February?

(2.) If so, is he aware that this land contains the only timber in the neighbourhood of 2,000,000 acres of plains, and if sold the selectors of the neighbourhood of Yanko and surrounding districts cannot get timber for their improvements?

(3.) If he is not aware of the above, will he withdraw the land from sale, pending further inquiries?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I understand that this matter has already been duly inquired into and reported upon by the District Surveyor. It has been decided that the only lots which it was desirable should be withdrawn from sale are those which have already been conditionally purchased.

(2.) It seems therefore to be no valid reason why the remaining portions, not having valuable timber, should not go for sale as advertised.

(3.) I am informed that already in that district of Urana there are five forest reserves, containing about 20,000 acres.

- (9.) Road from Rockley to Swallow's Nest :—Mr. Pilcher asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim the road from Rockley to Swallow's Nest, *vid* Brownlow's, as surveyed by Mr. Machattie, and approved by Mr. District Surveyor Fisher; if so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Mr. District Surveyor Fisher has been instructed to go over the ground with the Road Superintendent, and to recommend a site for the proposed bridge; and until the question of a bridge site has been decided on no further action can be taken.

- (10.) Frederick Walters's Leased Land, Parish of Oakley :—Mr. Pilcher asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has Frederick Walters, who leased certain lands in the parish of Oakley, and county of Bathurst, under the 22nd section of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861, in the month of November, 1873, complied with the requirements of the Act in reference thereto?

(2.) Did he expend £5 per acre upon the said leases during the first three years of his lease?

(3.) Has the Minister caused inquiries to be made into the matter, as promised by him upon Friday, the 4th day of June, 1875?

(4.) Is the Minister aware that Mr. Walters has since November, 1873, sublet the said leases to different persons for agricultural purposes?

(5.) Will the Minister cause the said leases to be cancelled at once, and have the same sold by auction?

Mr. Lucas answered,—As this matter has been referred to the Mining Department, I have much pleasure in answering the Honorable Member's questions.

(1.) Mr. Walters took up sixteen leases, six of which were converted into mining and conditional purchases, five have been cancelled, one lease has been issued, and four leases have not yet been issued.

(2.) The three years did not expire until the 26th November last, and it is usual to give three months grace. That will be with reference to these leases—the one that was issued and the three for which applications have been made. The matter will at once be inquired into, and, of course, if the £5 per acre has not been expended upon the ground, the leases will be cancelled, and the land will be treated as other Crown Lands.

(3.) This question has been answered by the Lands Department; it was found that the District Surveyor had reported upon the land in 1874. No further inquiries have been made.

(4.) No.

- (11.) Mr. Wakeford's Contract, Great Northern Railway :—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the men employed by Mr. Contractor Wakeford on the Great Northern Railway have given up work; if so, is it the intention of the Government to take steps to carry on the work at once?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is not true that the men employed by Mr. Wakeford have given up work.

- (12.) Collieries in Southern Districts :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that in several Collieries in the Southern Districts the 19th section of the Coal Mines Regulation Act is not being complied with; if so, is the Minister aware for what reason this is being done?

(2.) Have the Law Officers of the Crown decided that this state of things may be allowed under the abovenamed Act; if not, will the Minister take steps to see the 19th clause strictly enforced?

(3.) Has application been made to the Minister by the owners or agents of such Coal Mines; and has he at any time granted them exemption from the operation of the clause alluded to?

Mr. Lucas answered,—

(1.) No, I am not aware that the 19th clause of the Act has not been complied with.

(2.) Not being aware of any such non-compliance, the opinion of the Law Officers has not been taken.

(3.) Yes, in one instance.

- (13.) Railway Work-shops :—Mr. Pilcher asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any land been purchased as a site for Railway Work-shops; if so, where?

(2.) Have any steps been taken towards the erection of these Work-shops; if so, what steps?

(3.) Were any men put to work upon this land in preparing for the erection of the Work-shops; if so, when, and how many?

(4.) From what fund are these Shops to be paid for?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes; on the east side of Duck River, adjoining the Railway, at about 12 miles from Sydney.

(2.) No steps have been taken beyond preparing plans of workshops, &c., and clearing timber off the land.

(3.) Men were put on to clear the land on the 1st December last.

(4.) Provision is to be made on the Loan Estimates for this service.

- (14.) Improvements on James Fitzpatrick's Selection :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the late Secretary for Lands (Mr. Farnell) refused to recognize temporary iron houses to pass as improvements, and would not allow lessees of runs any land in virtue of improvements under the Lands Acts for these iron houses?

(2.) Do the present Government recognize these temporary iron houses as improvements, and allow lessees of runs to purchase land under the Lands Acts in virtue of these iron houses, thus recognizing them as permanent improvements?

(3.)

(3.) Are the Government aware that a person named James Fitzpatrick, on the 19th of October last, selected 600 acres at the Land Office, Moama, on which there was erected one of these temporary iron houses, and that after he returned from Victoria, in six weeks, he found that the lessee had erected two more of these iron houses, to bar this selection; and that the lessee of the run on which Fitzpatrick selected values these temporary iron houses at £100 each, or £300?

(4.) Do the Government intend to allow the lessee of this run any land under the Lands Acts for these temporary iron houses, and thus recognize them as permanent improvements?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) No, it could not have been, for the clause alluded to was only passed since the occupation of office by the present Government.

(2.) No.

(3.) A conditional purchase of 640 acres was made by Mr. James Fitzpatrick, at Moama, on 19th October last. The application for purchase was sent to the Licensed Surveyor in charge of the district, on 16th November, for report as to residence and improvements. No official report has been received as to the alleged improvements.

(4.) Inquiry is requisite with regard to this matter, and perhaps appraisalment.

(15.) Reserves for Travelling Stock:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have instructions been sent to the proper officer to throw open the Travelling Stock Reserve at Boggabri, near Merriwa, occupied by Mr. Bettington; if not, when will the Reserve be opened to the public?

(2.) Have instructions been sent to the surveyor to align or mark the boundaries of the Turill Travelling Stock Reserve at Rock's Creek, near Cassilis, now occupied by Messrs. Busby, and throw the same open to the public?

(3.) If instructions have not been sent to align and open this Reserve, will he send instructions to do so at once?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Instructions of the kind have been sent to the proper officer.

(2.) No; I have no information about Messrs. Busby.

(3.) Inquiry will be made as to the necessity for the course indicated.

(16.) Small-pox:—*Mr. W. C. Browne* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that Captain Curphy has been released from quarantine at Miller's Point, while the rest of the persons who were quarantined at the same time are still detained there?

Mr. Stuart answered,—All the persons, Captain Curphy inclusive, who were in quarantine have been released, but they are for the present under daily observation as to the state of their health.

(17.) *Mr. Oliver*, Lands Department:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is there an elderly person named Oliver employed in any of the Departments of which he is the head; if so, is he aware that this person spends nearly the whole of his office hours walking about the town?

(2.) If he is not aware of this, will he cause inquiry to be made into the truth of the above?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) A gentleman of that name is employed in the Occupation of Lands Office. The officer in charge reports that the rule of that office is that no one shall leave the office during office hours without written permission, that *Mr. Oliver* does not often apply for such permission, and that *Mr. Oliver* states he does not absent himself without leave, except perhaps to make some inquiry at the head office, or to post a letter.

(2.) Inquiry will be made.

3. THROSBY'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Pilcher* presented a Petition from Elizabeth Throsby, Patrick Hill Throsby, Archer Broughton Throsby, and Nicholas Herbert Throsby, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend Throsby's Leasing Act.

And *Mr. Pilcher* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Scrutineer*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. ELECTORAL BILL:—

(1.) *Mr. Gray* presented a Petition from certain Residents of Lismore and its neighbourhood, Richmond River, praying that the boundaries of the Electorate of "The Richmond" may be allowed to remain as proposed in the Schedule of the Electoral Bill.

Petition received.

(2.) *Mr. Lord* presented a Petition from Robert Burney, J.P., as Chairman of a Public Meeting held at the Theatre Royal, Parkes, praying that the Electoral District of Forbes may be so divided as to make Parkes a separate Electoral District.

Petition received.

5. LICENSES TO PUBLIC VEHICLES:—*Mr. Warden* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Numba, praying this House to make such provision as will prevent the statute 6 William IV, cap. 2, from having force within Municipalities.

Petition received.

6. VACANT SEAT (*Gold Fields South*):—*Mr. Robertson* informed the House that Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields South, had accepted the office of Secretary for Lands, and moved,—

That the Seat of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields South.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. PAPERS :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Report, Minutes of Proceedings, &c., of the Cable Conference, held in Sydney, in January-February, 1877.
 (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 (3.) By-law of the Borough of Mudgee.
 Ordered to be printed.
8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
9. GAME PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. R. Forster, on behalf of Mr. Driver, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the protection of Imported and Native Game.
 Question put and passed.
10. FRANCIS CAMERON'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Papers, and Reports of Commissioner Delaney, into and connected with the conditional purchase of 100 acres of land at Tamworth by Francis Cameron, in December, 1875.
 Question put and passed.
11. EMPLOYMENT OF FEMALES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Petition presented by him on 2nd February, from Inhabitants of Newcastle, in favour of the Employment of Females Bill, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
12. MR. STREET, INSPECTOR OF CONDITIONAL PURCHASES :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That Mr. Street, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, should be dismissed from the Public Service for disobeying the circular letter of the Minister for Lands, which instructed all Inspectors of Conditional Purchases and Commissioners of Lands not to stay in the houses of either squatters or selectors who had cases to be heard before the Lands Courts; and that, as Mr. Street wilfully disobeyed these instructions by stopping with certain squatters who had cases coming on before the Lands Courts, viz., Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Rawlings—Mr. Jenkins at the time trying to get the Conditional Purchases of Mr. Moffat and family forfeited; and for every day that he stayed with these squatters he charged or was allowed 25s. per day travelling expenses; and that he was robbing the Public Revenue of this 25s. per day for every day that he stayed with these squatters; and for that he also corruptly lent himself to Mr. Jenkins by going round of a night with his manager to report on these selections; and that he did also go to Moffat's house on the Sunday or Sabbath day to report on the Conditional Purchases of Moffat and family,—he should be dismissed from the Public Service.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to his Excellency the Governor.
 Mr. Garrett moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Terry,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Driver,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Hill.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned till Tuesday next.

13. APPOINTMENTS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Appointments made by the present Government since 8th February, 1876, with the names of all persons so appointed, and the salaries in each case, and the nature of such Appointments.
 (2.) The names of all persons promoted, and the increases to their salaries, and the position they held in the Civil Service on above date, February 8th, 1876.
 (3.) The total amount of salaries of all persons so appointed in the Government Service.
 (4.) The total increase to salaries of all persons promoted in the Government Service.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
14. PETITION OF WILSON AND CAWLEY :—Mr. Gray moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Petition of Wilson and Cawley," brought up on 19 July, 1876, be now adopted.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Driver,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Piddington,
Tellers.
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Farnell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. **LAND SELECTED BY PATRICK WALSH** :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between Patrick Walsh and the Minister for Lands, Surveyor Lisle, and all other persons, in reference to the selection of Patrick Walsh.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
16. **FORMAL MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Sessional Order No. 5, under the heading of "Formal Motions and Orders of the Day," be amended by inserting in such Order, after the words "Select Committee," "excepting upon a Private Bill."
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
17. **POLICE MAGISTRATE FOR CARCOAR** :—Mr. Lynch moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, the 9th of February, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of providing a salary for a Police Magistrate for the Town and District of Carcoar.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
18. **ELECTORAL BILL** :—Mr. Dibbs presented a Petition from Hugh Baillie, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of certain Electors of Copmanhurst and the Upper Clarence, praying that certain amendments may be made in the Electoral Bill now before Parliament.
Petition received.
19. **SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Jacob, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Terry, Mr. Davies, Mr. Charles, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at thirteen minutes to Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Public Place Definition Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to define the term Public Place*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 7th February, 1877.

(2.) Orange Gas-light Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Orange Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town and Suburbs of Orange*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 7th February, 1877.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Civil Service:—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many persons are there at present in the Civil Service who have served upwards of fifteen years, and what is the aggregate of their salaries for one year?

(2.) How many persons are there at present in the Civil Service who have attained the age of sixty years, and what is the aggregate of their salaries for one year?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am endeavouring to obtain the information asked for by the Honorable Member, and, as far as it can be obtained, I will endeavour to lay it upon the Table in a few days. It is difficult to ascertain the ages of persons.

(2.) Newtown Railway Station:—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken to afford increased accommodation for the loading and unloading of trucks and the receipt and delivery of goods at the Newtown Railway Station; if so,—

(2.) What has been done; but if not,—

(3.) Do the Government intend to do anything towards giving such accommodation?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Negotiations are now pending for the purchase of land required for this purpose. An offer has been made to the vendors, which is now under their consideration.

(3.)

- (3.) Cleveland-street:—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of the delay in opening Cleveland-street (near Abercrombie-place) for traffic, and when will it be so opened?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The street has been proclaimed and confirmed; the only thing now necessary is the alignment, which will be carried out as quickly as possible.

- (4.) Mineral Licenses:—*Mr. W. H. Suttor*, on behalf of Mr. F. B. Suttor, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government any intention of amending the Regulations relating to Mineral Licenses, with the view of making the labour conditions more stringent?

Mr. Lucas answered,—Yes.

- (5.) Selections on Comerong Island:—Mr. Warden asked the Acting Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the opinion of the Crown Law Officers been obtained in reference to certain selections made by Volunteer Land Orders on Comerong Island, Shoalhaven?

(2.) If so, is it his intention to act upon that opinion; if so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am informed that the Attorney General has not yet had time to advise upon the matter, but will do so as soon as possible.

- (6.) Provisional School, Rouchel:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was there a Provisional School established at Rouchel in 1875?

(2.) Was there always a full attendance of scholars at this school?

(3.) Did the teacher go to Sydney for examination, and did not return, which caused the school to be shut up, the Council of Education never having appointed another teacher?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have received the following answers from the Council of Education:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The attendance for each quarter was as follows:—1875—June quarter, 21 pupils; September quarter, 22 pupils; December quarter, 22 pupils. 1876—March quarter, 22 pupils; June quarter, 22 pupils; September quarter, 21 pupils; December quarter, 21 pupils.

(3.) The late teacher came to Sydney for examination prior to entering the Training School at the beginning of the present year. Steps were immediately taken for the appointment of another teacher, but the necessary arrangements have not yet been completed.

- (7.) Laurence Cummins:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the notorious criminal Laurence Cummins has been liberated by the present Government?

(2.) For what crime was he convicted, and what was the sentence passed upon him?

(3.) For what crime was Gardner the bushranger convicted, and what was the sentence passed upon him?

(4.) How much of his sentence has Cummins served?

(5.) How much of his sentence did Gardiner serve?

(6.) What was the conduct of Cummins in prison?

(7.) What was the conduct of Gardiner in prison?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Laurence Cummins has been liberated.

(2.) Robbery, being armed; cumulative sentences, in all, thirty years hard labour, roads or other public works.

(3.) Christie, *alias* Gardiner, was convicted of wounding with intent to do bodily harm, and robbery, being armed; (two offences)—cumulative sentences, in all, thirty-two years.

(4.) Eleven years and eleven months.

(5.) Ten years and twelve days.

(6.) Cummins escaped in the fourth year of his first sentence, in November, 1866. From the commencement of 1869 to a similar period of 1872, he was punished six times for prison offences, more or less serious, including three attempts to escape. His conduct since February, 1872, is favourably reported upon.

(7.) Reputed good and industrious. I may add that Cummins's discharge was made earlier than otherwise it would have been in consequence of some confusion with regard to communications with him. The papers relating to that confusion I will lay upon the Table of the House to-morrow.

- (8.) Promotions in the Civil Service:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What was the salary of Mr. Percy Lucas, clerk in the Water Police Office, when the present Government took office?

(2.) What is his present salary?

(3.) What was the salary of Mr. C. J. Burns, a clerk in the Supreme Court, when the present Government took office?

(4.) What is his present salary?

(5.) What was the salary of Mr. E. B. Docker when the present Government took office?

(6.) What is his present salary?

(7.) What was the salary of Mr. J. G. Lackey, clerk in the Post Office, when the present Government took office?

(8.) What is his present salary?

(9.) What was the salary of Mr. T. W. Garrett when the present Government took office?

(10.) What is his present salary?

(11.) Has he the privilege in his present appointment of passing for a solicitor without entering into articles?

(12.) What was the salary of Mr. J. B. Graham, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Tenterfield, when the present Government took office?

(13.) What is his present salary?

(14.) With the exception of the last named gentleman, are the above sons of members of the present Ministry, and is Mr. Graham the Colonial Secretary's nephew?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1 and 2.) When the present Government took office, Mr. Percy Lucas was 3rd Clerk in the Water Police Office, at a salary of £250 per annum—his immediate superiors being Mr. Crane and Mr. Thurlow. On Mr. Crane's promotion to the Chief Clerkship at the Central Police Office, Mr. Lucas became 2nd Clerk, at a salary of £350 per annum; and on Mr. Thurlow applying for and obtaining the office of Under Sheriff, Mr. Lucas became Chief Clerk in the Water Police Office, at his present salary of £500 per annum. He has been in the Public Service since September, 1861, irrespective of prior employment on the extra staff.

(3 and 4.) At the time previously mentioned, Mr. C. J. Burns was 3rd Clerk in the Supreme Court Office, at a salary of £250 per annum—his immediate superiors being Mr. Slattery and Mr. Reid. On the death of Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Slattery was appointed Prothonotary—Mr. Reid succeeded to the Chief Clerkship of the Supreme Court, and Mr. Burns succeeded Mr. Reid as second clerk, at his present salary of £325 per annum. He has been in the Public Service since January, 1870, irrespective of prior employment on the extra staff.

(5 and 6.) At the time previously mentioned, Mr. E. B. Docker was acting Crown Prosecutor, at a salary of £500 per annum. He was appointed permanently to the office on 8th June, 1875, at the same salary.

(7 and 8.) At the time previously mentioned, Mr. J. G. Lackey was a clerk in the Post Office, at a salary of £150 per annum. On the death of Mr. Hall, Accountant in the Railway Department, Mr. Wickham, Chief Clerk for Roads, was appointed to succeed him. Mr. Eames succeeded Mr. Wickham, and Mr. Lackey was transferred to the vacant office caused by Mr. Eames's promotion, at his present salary of £300 per annum. He has been in the Public Service since April, 1871.

(9, 10, and 11.) At the time previously mentioned, Mr. T. W. Garrett was a clerk in the Lands Office, at a salary of £150 per annum. When promotions took place in the Supreme Court Office in February, 1876, he was transferred to that office, and placed in the lowest grade, namely, the 4th Clerkship, at £140 per annum. He has the privilege, in common with other clerks in the Supreme Court, on passing the required examination, of becoming a solicitor without entering into articles. He has been in the Public Service since January, 1874.

(12 and 13.) At the time previously mentioned, Mr. Graham held the following offices:—

Clerk of Petty Sessions	£175
Land Agent, fixed salary	£50
Commission,	70
	— 120
Registrar, District Court	40

which, with fees from other minor appointments, made his then emoluments equal to £375 per annum. On the transfer and promotion of Mr. Addison, Police Magistrate, to Maitland, Mr. Graham succeeded him as Police Magistrate at Tenterfield, at his present salary of £450 per annum. He has been in the Public Service nearly eighteen years.

(14.) Yes.

(9.) Dr. Ramsay, Returning Officer for Mudgee:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any decision been given in the case of Dr. Ramsay, Returning Officer for Mudgee Electorate?

(2.) If so, what is the decision?

Mr. Robertson answered,—This case, as I mentioned some time ago, was submitted by me to the Executive Council, and the gentleman was suspended on certain charges, which I need not describe, and called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the Public Service. In the usual course, the Clerk of the Executive Council wrote him a letter telling him his position, and giving him an opportunity of saying anything he desired on his own behalf. Whereupon the matter was referred to myself, the Colonial Secretary, as the Minister in charge of the business which he happened to be connected with. Dr. Ramsay had requested a personal interview with me on the subject of the complaints against him. He requested this by letter, to which I replied that while unwilling to refuse him a personal interview I thought it would be better that he should put whatever he desired to say upon paper, which he did. I have since received a letter from him by no means clearing up the charges, and have forwarded a communication which is now on its way to the Executive Council with a recommendation from me.

(10.) Cost of Steam Launch for Gunpowder Lighters:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—The cost of Steam Launch purchased of Mr. Rountree for towing powder-boats? Mr. Stuart answered,—£320.

(11.) Maps for Land Sale, Deniliquin:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Maps showing land for sale by auction were stolen from the Deniliquin or any other Land Office?

(2.) Was the land sale stopped through these Maps being stolen, and afterwards sold without the Maps being shown?

(3.) Have the stolen Maps been found; if so, when?

(4.) Is he aware that a number of persons were prevented from selecting portions of land through these Maps being stolen?

(5.) Have the Government found out who stole these Maps?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) It was reported to the Lands Department that the Maps of the district had been stolen from the Land Office at Deniliquin a day or two previously to the date of sale.

(2.) The sale was postponed in order to admit of the necessary tracings being forwarded, which had not at the time been received by the Land Agent, after which the sale was allowed to go on.

(3.) No.

(4.) No.

(5.) No, but as Maps have, I understand, disappeared from that office before, stricter inquiry has become necessary into the conduct of the officer there.

(12.)

- (12.) Public Schools:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When will the Bill for the Administration of the Public Schools Act promised in His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session be introduced?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to re-introduce the amended Public Schools Act which was lost last Session through a parliamentary technicality?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am sure the honorable gentleman will be contented with one answer to these two questions. It is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to deal with the Public School question. They will do so as soon as they see a prospect of the way being cleared by the disposal of some of the Bills now before Parliament. As to what the character of that Bill will be, the Honorable gentleman will have patience until the Bill is laid upon the Table.

- (13.) Frederick Walters's Leased Land, parish of Oakley:—Mr. Pilcher asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The numbers of the leases held by Frederick Walters which have since been converted into conditional purchases?

(2.) Is he aware that during the currency of the said mineral leases the lessee did not expend any money in improving the leases in accordance with the requirements of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861?

(3.) The numbers of the leases lately held by the same person which have been cancelled?

(4.) The numbers of the leases held by the same person which are still in existence?

(5.) Will he take steps to have all these conditional purchases and leases cancelled at once?

Mr. Lucas answered,—

(1.) Nos. 18,424, 18,425, 18,426, 9,523, 9,524, 9,525.

(2.) The Act simply requires the expenditure of £5 per acre within a period of three years of the lease being granted; and it appears that in consequence of delay in the report and survey of this land that the Minister for Lands sanctioned that this should date from the 27th April, 1874, so that the three years will not expire until the 27th April next.

(3.) Nos. 18,428, 18,429, 14,855, 14,856, 14,857.

(4.) Nos. 18,427, 18,430, 18,431, 18,432, 18,434.

(5.) At the expiration of the time steps will be taken to ascertain whether improvements to the extent of £5 per acre have been made upon the land; if not, they will be cancelled.

- (14.) Small-pox:—Mr. Jacob, on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Why are John and Stephen Beaumont detained in quarantine at Miller's Point since the 6th January last?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have not been able to ascertain any particulars with regard to persons of this name. There are now no persons in quarantine; they have all been discharged some days. To-morrow I may be able to give the information to the Honorable Member.

- (15.) Land leased to the Messrs. Gibson, Lachlan District:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will the report of Commissioner Rose in the cases of J. and W. Gibson v. Ricketson be laid upon the Table of this House?

(2.) Is he aware that the above report is wanted before the motion standing in his name in reference to Surveyor Lee can be gone on with?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I hoped to have laid it on the Table of the House to-day, but it is longer than I thought it would have been. I shall certainly lay it on the Table to-morrow.

(2.) As to whether it will be of any use in considering the case of Mr. Surveyor Lee, I apprehend it will be, but I cannot say absolutely.

- (16.) Public Charities Regulation Bill:—Mr. Windeyer asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to introduce the Bill for the Regulation of Public Charities?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am very desirous of bringing in this Bill, but I am sure my Honorable friend, who has some experience in these matters, must feel that we have enough Bills upon our hands just now; so soon as these, I do not say get absolutely cleared off, but get fairly under way, I will bring in this Bill.

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

(1.) Correspondence respecting charges preferred by J. McElhone, Esq., M.P., against Mr. P. W. Street, Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

(2.) Return showing the amount of Revenue received from Coonabarrabran Land Office during the years 1874, 1875, and to the end of June, 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 19th January, 1877, in reference to Railway from Murrurundi to Tamworth.

Ordered to be printed.

4. THROSBY'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Pilcher moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend Throsby's Leasing Act.

Question put and passed.

5. ELECTORAL BILL (*Formal Motions*):—

(1.) Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Gray, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Gray on 6th February, from certain Inhabitants of Lismore and neighbourhood, relative to the boundaries of the proposed Electorate of "The Richmond," be printed.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 6th February, from Robert Burney, J.P., Chairman of Public Meeting at Parkes, praying for a division of the proposed Electoral District of Forbes, be printed.

Question put and passed.

(3.)

- (3.) *Mr. McElhone*, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Dibbs on 6th February, from Hugh Baillie, Chairman of Public Meeting, Copmanhurst, Upper Clarence, relative to the Electoral Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. **SITE FOR RAILWAY WORKSHOPS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cohen, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Contracts, Minutes, Memoranda, Official or other Reports, and all other Papers and Documents connected with the purchase by the Government of the land situate near Parramatta Junction Station, as a site for Railway Workshops.
Question put and passed.
7. **LICENSES TO PUBLIC VEHICLES** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Warden moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 6th February, from Municipal Council of Numba, relative to licensing of Public Vehicles, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. **MR. J. K. ALLEN** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Scholey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Papers, or other Documents with reference to the removal of Mr. J. K. Allen, Bailiff, from Maitland to Bathurst.
Question put and passed.
9. **LANDS LEASED TO THE MESSRS. GIBSON, LACHLAN DISTRICT** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Memoranda, and Plans as to the claim of Mr. Elliott to the lease of certain Crown Lands in the District of The Lachlan, leased to the Messrs. Gibson.
Question put and passed.
10. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The order of the Day for the second reading of the Mining Bill (No. 2) postponed, until Wednesday next.
11. **ELECTORAL BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned till Wednesday, 21st February.
12. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Locomotives:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Who are the present contractors in England for the supply of Railway Locomotives for the Government?

(2.) What is the contract price for each Locomotive delivered free on board ship in London?

(3.) Is each Locomotive inspected and approved prior to delivery being taken; and if so, by whom, and what is the remuneration paid to the gentleman performing the duty?

(4.) Were tenders invited for the supply of the Locomotives now being manufactured in, and coming forward from, England; and if so, who were the tenderers, with the amount for which each tenderer agreed to contract?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Government in future to invite tenders in the Colony, and in England for the supply of all Locomotives required for the Government Railways?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Messrs. Beyer & Peacock.

(2.) Passenger engines, £2,650 each; goods engines, £2,785 5s. 11d. each; goods engines, £2,761 13s. 4d. each.

(3.) No inspection in England required; Messrs. Beyer & Peacock have entered into bonds for £12,000, to be forfeited if the Locomotives do not meet the approval of the Engineer-in-Chief on their arrival in the Colony.

(4.) Tenders were invited in the Colony for the eighteen passenger engines and six goods engines. No tender was received for the passenger engines. The tenders for the goods engines were—W. H. Shaw, Ballarat, £3,995 each; Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, £4,050 each.

(5.) As on the last occasion, so in future, tenders will be invited in the Colony and in England simultaneously.

- (2.) Parliamentary Draftsman:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Upon what date did there cease to be a permanent Parliamentary Draftsman?

(2.) What sum has been paid and incurred from that date to the present time for Parliamentary drafting, and to whom were such sums paid or contracted to be paid?

(3.) Do the Government propose appointing a Parliamentary Draftsman; and if so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) 14th March, 1875.

(2.) £1,259 13s. 7d.—G. C. Davis, £105, and G. M. Stephen, £1,154 13s. 7d.

These amounts, though representing all the sums paid, do not represent the liabilities incurred. These we have not got.

(3.) The Cabinet will determine this question.

- (3.) Parliamentary Privileges:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—If it is the intention of the Government, in view of the charges made against the Government during the Debate on the Motion of Censure, discussed on Thursday last, such charges remaining unproved from the want of proper machinery for the purpose, to bring in at an early date a Bill to define the privileges of Parliament, and give it powers to deal with such charges before a Select Committee or otherwise.

Mr. Robertson answered,—It is the intention of the Government to bring in such a Bill; but that decision was arrived at entirely irrespective of, and antecedent to, the proceedings of Thursday last.

(4.)

(4.) Bridges over the Parramatta River :—Mr. Dibbs asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) If the Engineer for Railways is of opinion that the proposed bridges over the Parramatta River and Iron Cove, for which tenders are now being called, are suitable, and of sufficient permanent strength for railway traffic?

(2.) Are the proposed bridges in a suitable position for the railway traffic to pass over from the Northern to the Southern Railway system?

(3.) Has the Government decided to carry out the plans and specifications as at present proposed for these bridges, and for which tenders have been invited?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The plans of the bridges have not been submitted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways. They were got up in the Road Office, and are so arranged as to be strong enough for a railway, with the addition of intermediate cross-girders where required.

(2.) It cannot be stated whether the bridges are on the best site for a railway crossing without a railway having been surveyed.

(3.) Yes.

(5.) Secretary for Mines :—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Honorable the Minister for Mines has intimated to his colleagues his intention to resign his office shortly for the purpose of visiting England?

(2.) If such is the case, will the amended Mining Act be proceeded with?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have had no such intimation from the Minister for Mines. I suppose that reply answers the two questions.

(6.) Cobbadah Post Office :—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many letters are posted weekly at the Cobbadah Post Office?

(2.) What remuneration does the Postmaster receive?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The average number of letters posted at Cobbadah Post Office is forty-four per week.

(2.) The remuneration of the Postmaster is £10 a year, and a commission of 5 per cent. on the sale of postage stamps.

(7.) Court of Petty Sessions, Greta :—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Court of Petty Sessions in the township of Greta, where there is a large and increasing population?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—No; but a Court of Petty Sessions has been established at Branxton, as being the most suitable and central for the district, including Greta.

(8.) Telegraph Station, Yetman :—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Has a Telegraph Station been opened at Yetman, on the Macintyre River; if so, when; and if not, when will such be opened, and the cause of delay in doing so?

Mr. Burns answered,—A Telegraph Station will be opened at Yetman, Macintyre River, early next week.

(9.) Mr. J. W. Forrester's Conditional Purchase :—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What decision has been arrived at in the case of Forrester, a conditional purchaser in the district of Warialda?

Mr. Robertson answered,—James Wm. Forrester, 100 acres, 25th November, 1875, under the 13th section; declared void, 6th October, 1876, on account of being embraced in a travelling stock reserve. No further action has been taken in the case.

2. THROSBY'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Pilcher having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend Throsby's Leasing Act,"—read a first time.

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

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 30th June, 1876, in reference to Licensed Surveyors.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 30th January, 1877, in reference to Gibson's Conditional Purchases.

(3.) Correspondence respecting obtaining assistance of Military Engineers to report on Plan for Defence of Australian Colonies.

Ordered to be printed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 and 2 postponed, to follow after Order No. 3.

5. CUSTOMS REGULATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved "That" the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.

Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 17."

Debate ensued.

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

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

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding thereto, "20, 39, 114, and 115, and to consider a new clause to stand clause 38, and other new clauses."

Debate ensued.

Question—

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

Question then—That the words proposed by the amendment as so amended, be inserted in place of the words omitted,—put and passed.

Whereupon Question—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 17, 20, 39, 114, and 115, and to consider a new clause to stand clause 38, and other new clauses—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such reconsideration.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^d with further amendments.

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

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

6. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Goulburn:—Mr. Teece asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Government had any offer of buildings for the new Post and Telegraph Offices at Goulburn?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to purchase or erect a building?
 (3.) If the Government intend to erect a building, when and where will it be erected, and at what time will steps be taken for its erection?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The Government have received offers of buildings for the new Post and Telegraph Offices at Goulburn.
 (2 and 3.) It is the intention of the Government to erect a building on the site reserved for public buildings, and directions have been given for proceeding with the work.
 (2.) Acting Land Agent, Mudgee:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) When do the Government intend to pay Mr. Wells the balance of his claim for acting as Land Agent at Mudgee, after Mr. G. Leary's death, and up to the time his successor was appointed?
 (2.) What is the cause of the delay in paying the above claim?

Mr. Robertson answered,—This gentleman will be paid the amount due to him for his services as Acting Land Agent as soon as he sends in the necessary vouchers, forms of which were forwarded for his signature on the 31st of last month.

- (3.) Gate-keepers, Great Northern Railway:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) How many persons are employed as Gate-keepers on the Great Northern Railway?
 (2.) Do all the above persons receive remuneration for attending to the gates?
 (3.) If not, who are the exceptions?

Mr. Lackey answered,—There are forty persons employed as Gate-keepers on the Great Northern Railway. They all receive remuneration for their services. Some are paid wages only, others are paid smaller wages with residences, and some have residences only; in the last case the work to be done is very trifling, and the wives of the permanent way men who keep these gates are amply remunerated for their services by having good substantial houses to reside in free.

- (4.) Land Sales at Wagga Wagga, Urana, &c.:—Mr. Hay asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) What was the amount received for lands sold otherwise than conditionally at the Land Offices of Wagga Wagga, Urana, Albury, Corowa, Hay, Deniliquin, and Moama during the year 1876?
 (2.) What was the amount received for Conditional Purchases at the same Land Offices for the year 1876?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return which will afford the information required by the Honorable Member.

- (5.) Free Passes on Railways:—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he issue to Clergymen of all Denominations Free Passes on the Railways of the Colony?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I cannot say the Government is prepared to make this concession. To grant Free Passes to Clergymen would, in a degree, be granting State-aid to religion—this, of course, is contrary to the polity of the Legislature.

(6.)

(6.) Mr. Docker, Money Order Office:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What salary did Mr. Docker, a clerk in the Money Order Office, receive when the present Government took office?

(2.) What is his present salary?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Mr. Docker, at the period referred to, was a clerk in the Money Order Office and Government Savings Bank, receiving £300 per annum in connection with the first-named office and £60 per annum in connection with the other. His immediate superiors were Mr. Reeve and Mr. Doak. On the death of Mr. Reeve, Mr. Doak was promoted to the vacancy, and Mr. Docker succeeded Mr. Doak, at his present salary of £350 for Money Order Office, and £62 for Government Savings Bank. Mr. Docker has been in the Public Service since 1st January, 1867.

(7.) Whittingham Platform, Great Northern Railway:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were two petitions, numerously signed by the residents of Fordwich, Sunnyside, Charlton, Whittingham, and the surrounding neighbourhood, recently presented to him, praying for the erection of a Siding at Whittingham Platform, on the Great Northern Railway?

(2.) Did the petitioners represent that a large amount of traffic would ensue by the erection of this Siding, and that it would save them a journey of 6 miles which they were compelled to travel?

(3.) Have the prayers of both petitions been considered by him; and if so, what determination has been arrived at?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1 and 2.) A petition, bearing thirty signatures, was received on the 24th November, 1875, and a second petition, bearing eighty signatures, on the 21st September last, urging the construction of a Siding at this place, and representing that a large traffic would ensue, and save some of the consignors of goods a journey of 4 miles to Singleton. The Traffic Manager was asked on the receipt of first petition to make a careful inquiry, and he reported that a Siding would benefit only a very few people who took their produce to Singleton, and that the amount of traffic would not justify the outlay. On the second petition he reported that he saw no reason to alter the opinion he had previously expressed.

(3.) The petitions received my careful consideration, but under the report of the Traffic Manager I did not feel justified in authorizing the construction of the Siding. Subsequently one of the petitioners, who had taken a contract to build a house in the neighbourhood, offered to contribute £60 towards the cost, and the Siding has been authorized on these terms.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing area of land sold by auction, and selection after auction provisionally sold, and conditionally purchased in the Districts of Albury, Corowa, Deniliquin, Hay, Moama, Urana, and Wagga Wagga during the year 1876, and the amount derived therefrom.

(2.) Return to an Address, adopted on 30th January, 1877, in reference to the liberation of the prisoner Thynne.

Ordered to be printed.

3. THROSBY'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Pilcher moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Throsby's Leasing Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Moses, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF THOMAS CHARLES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Documents, Memorandums, and Correspondence, referring to the Conditional Purchase of Thomas Charles, of Meadow Flat, made at Bathurst, in April, 1862.

Question put and passed.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be given to the Honorable Member for Camden (Mr. Garrett) for one month, on account of ill-health.

Question put and passed.

6. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. R. B. Smith,

Tellers.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Dibbs.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Day,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Teoce,
Mr. Hoskins,	Tellers.
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Bawden,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. **NO LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Terry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Pilcher moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Rouse,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Davies,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Bawden.
Mr. Terry,	

Noes, 2.

*Tellers.*Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned till Friday, 9th March.

8. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate in reference to the liberation of the prisoner Thynne postponed until Friday, 9th March.
9. **DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866"; and to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the "Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866"; and that an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.
On motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Railway from Dubbo to Bourke; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Friday, 23rd February.*
(2.) Railway from Wagga Wagga to Albury; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Friday, 23rd February.*
11. **THE BASSETT DARLEY ESTATES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Driver, that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Married Women's Property Bill postponed until Friday, 23rd February.
13. **POLICE MAGISTRATE FOR CARCOAR**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lynch moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of providing a salary for a Police Magistrate for the Town and District of Carcoar.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Mr. Lynch then moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, 23rd February.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at nine minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Duties collected at Albury, Corowa, &c.:—*Mr. Day*, on behalf of *Mr. Hay*, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—The amount of Duties collected at Albury, Corowa, and Moama; also, the amount of duties paid on goods taken out of bond at Wagga Wagga, Hay, and Deniliquin during last year?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Amount of duties collected last year at—Albury, £29,823 18s. 2d.; Corowa, £10,578 14s. 1d.; Moama, £50,403 7s. 9d. Amount of duties paid on goods taken out of bond last year at—Wagga Wagga, £1,929 19s.; Hay (from *7 December), £542 8s. 5d.; Deniliquin (from *5 September), £4,837 17s. 11d. (* Dates of first collections.)

- (2.) Post and Telegraph Office, Singleton:—*Mr. W. C. Browne* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Singleton?

Mr. Burns answered,—Directions have been given to call for Tenders for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Singleton, in accordance with the plans recently prepared by the Colonial Architect.

- (3.) Denominational Schools:—*Mr. Cohen*, on behalf of *Mr. Stephen Brown*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many Denominational Schools are there in existence under the Council of Education in which the average attendance for the year 1876 was below thirty?
(2.) Where are such Schools situate?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Fourteen.
(2.) Canterbury, Foxground, Irishtown, The Oaks, Wollongong, Cabramatta (two schools), Nelson, Mittagong, Ulladulla, Carr's Creek, Ulmarra, Canberra, Jugiong.

- (4.) G. Gregory's Conditional Purchase:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—The decision arrived at in the case of G. Gregory's conditional purchase of 100 acres, Deep Creek, Narrabri, 13 September, 1876, No. 129?

Mr. Robertson answered,—This conditional purchase (which was made on 13th January, 1876) was duly measured on the 16th December last. A letter was received from the conditional purchaser on the 22nd ultimo, handed in by *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, stating that he was not satisfied as to the measurement; but there is nothing therein to show that any modification is called for.

- (5.) Mr. Lord, Inspector of Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is *Mr. Lord*, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, now in his district attending to his duties?
(2.) If not, how long has he been away from his district, and when will he return, and what is the cause of his being absent from his district?

Mr. Robertson answered,—*Mr. Lord* should be attending to his duties in his district; if he is not, he is absent without leave. He was allowed a few days leave for Christmas, which was afterwards extended for private family reasons; but no official communication having been received from himself, he was, on 17th ultimo, required to state the period of his absence, and whether he had resumed his duties. No reply having been received to this inquiry, the matter is being further dealt with.

- (6.) Court of Petty Sessions, West Maitland:—*Mr. Scholey* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What number of cases has been heard before the Magistrates at West Maitland Court of Petty Sessions for six months ending December, 1876?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The number of cases heard at the West Maitland Court of Petty Sessions from 1st July to 31st December, 1876, was 324 (three hundred and twenty-four).

(7.)

- (7.) Road to James Butler's Conditional Purchase:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has a person named James Butler applied for a road from his conditional purchase, made last year at Singleton, through Mr. B. Richards's purchased land to the main road?
 - (2.) Has any other person selected in the same locality?
 - (3.) Have they any other means of access to their selections except through Mr. Richards's land?
 - (4.) What action will be taken in this matter?
- Mr. Robertson* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes, one other.
 - (3.) It is reported that they have not.
 - (4.) The matter is now being dealt with.
- (8.) Back Creek Railway Station:—*Mr. Cohen*, on behalf of Mr. Filcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a Goods Shed at Back Creek Railway Station?
 - (2.) Will he cause the work to be proceeded with at once for the convenience of the farmers and settlers in that neighbourhood?
- Mr. Lackey* answered,—On the 13th December last I informed the Honorable Member, in reply to a similar question, that if the traffic at Back Creek justified the outlay a Goods Shed would be erected. Inquiry is now being made as to the present and prospective traffic at this place, and when I receive the Railway Officer's report, which I have asked to be expedited, I will decide this question. Under any circumstances, some accommodation will be afforded for the protection of goods, even if a regular Goods Shed is not erected.
- (9.) Railway Locomotives:—*Mr. Watson* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Were Tenders invited by public advertisement in England for the eighteen Locomotives now being manufactured for the Government Railways by Messrs. Beyer and Peacock?
 - (2.) If Tenders were invited in the usual way, what are the names of the respective firms tendering in England, with the amount at which they agreed to supply passenger and goods engines respectively?
 - (3.) If Tenders for the Locomotives alluded to were not publicly invited in England in the usual way, what was the cause of deviating in this case from the practice invariably adopted?
- Mr. Lackey* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Tenders were not invited in England from other firms than that of Messrs Beyer and Peacock.
- (3.) The engines required were generally similar to those that had been previously obtained from Messrs. Beyer and Peacock, which had turned out to be incomparably the best, both for material and workmanship, ever imported; time was of the greatest importance, and a tender was obtained by cablegram to compare with the tenders invited in the Colony. Other firms in England, not having supplied similar engines, could not be asked to tender without having been previously supplied with detailed specifications, which, of course, could not be done by cablegram.
- (10.) Reserves on the Messrs. Dangars' Stations:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Returns in reference to Reserves on Dangar Brothers Runs, ordered by this House, be laid upon the Table of the House?
- Mr. Robertson* answered,—In the course of this week.
- (11.) Southern Dyke, Clarence River Heads:—*Mr. Bawden* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has a Contract been taken for the extension of the Southern Dyke, Clarence River Heads; if so, what is the name of the contractor, the amount or rate to be paid, and was the work let by tender or otherwise?
- Mr. Lackey* answered,—Yes. The name of the contractor is Mr. Daniel Macquarie. The rates to be paid are as under, viz.:—Stripping, 3s. 6d. per cubic yard; stone deposited in Breakwater, 3s. per ton; haulage, 7½d. per ton for any distance not exceeding half a mile, and an additional 7½d. for every half-mile beyond that distance; laying tramway on Dyke and Breakwater, 2s. per lineal yard—Government to find sleepers, rails, and dogs, and place them on site of works; contractor to keep the line in good working order, and ballasted as the quarry stripping allows. In order to save time, and prevent the Vote from lapsing, and also to obtain the further advantage of having the same contractor for the works, both on the north and south side of the river, tenders were not invited; but the contractor for the northern Breakwater (and whose prices were the lowest for that work) was asked if he would undertake this work at similar prices, and under similar conditions to those obtaining in connection with his contract for the northern Breakwater. To this he consented, and the work was accordingly given to him, on the understanding that the Government retain the power to stop it at any time they may think it desirable to do so.
- (12.) North Breakwater, Clarence River Heads:—*Mr. Bawden* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What has been the total amount expended in connection with the North Breakwater Works, Clarence River Heads, to 31st December, 1876?
 - (2.) What amount was expended to that date respectively—
 - In preliminary surveys, specifying by whom the surveys were made, and when?
 - In erection of residences, offices, &c., for Resident Engineer and staff?
 - In boats and equipment for Resident Engineer?
 - In salaries to Resident Engineer, boatmen, engine-driver, overseer, and maintenance men?
 - In construction of wharf?
 - In construction and maintenance respectively of tramway?
 - In purchase of locomotive, together with cost of repairs and maintenance thereof?
 - In construction or purchase of trucks?
 - For stripping the quarry at the North Head?
 - In actual construction of the North Breakwater?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) £19,696 5s., expenditure to 31st December, on Vote of £30,000, for North Breakwater, Clarence River. This includes plant, railway, &c.

(2.) This information can be more readily given in the form of a Return, if considered desirable; but to have it prepared will involve a large amount of labour and time, as the expenditure is not kept in the particular form required to at once answer the details asked, to do which will necessitate a complete re-analysis of all moneys paid on account of this work, now extending over some years.

(13.) North Breakwater, Clarence River Heads:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What extent of the North Breakwater, Clarence River Heads, was completed on 31st January last?

(2.) What was the cost per lineal yard for plate laying the tramway?

(3.) What number of men are employed as maintenance men on the tramway?

(4.) What number of men on salary or wages are employed in connection with the works, and what are their names and respective duties?

(5.) Is it a fact that out of the quarry which has been opened at the North Head only one large block of stone has been obtained, and that weighing only $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons?

(6.) Is it a fact that the contractor for the works has been delayed in proceeding through the unsuitable nature of the quarry that has been opened?

(7.) Is it the intention to open another quarry further north?

(8.) Did the resident engineer, or any other person, and if so, who, test the quarry now open previous to or as the work of stripping proceeded?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) 165 feet.

(2.) The work has been done by day labour, the particulars of which will be shown in the Return proposed to be furnished in answer to the previous question.

(3.) This, of course, varies, but at present two labourers and one plate-layer.

(4.) This also varies, but the last return, viz., for the fortnight ending the 2nd February of this year, shows the following:—10 labourers, 1 carpenter, 1 smith, 1 striker, 1 engine-driver, 1 plate-layer, 2 boatmen (also employed as labourers), 1 fireman, 1 weigh clerk, 1 assistant engineer. Their names are as under:—Labourers—Patrick Harkins, John Mackay, Edward Whaling, Bartholomew Connors, William Eversen, John Wallace, Thomas Toller, William Eugene, Michael Sexton, James Clayton; carpenter—Michael Neary; smith—James Even M'Donald; striker—William Johnson; engine-driver and fitter—William M'Lintock; plate-layer—Michael Moran; boatmen and labourers—James Rogers, Henry Shaw; fireman—Louis Eugene; weigh clerk—Edward W. Blakeney; assistant engineer—Merion H. Moriarty; blacksmith has been employed making bolts for waggons, making dogs, cutting rails, &c.; carpenter, mounting waggons, with labourers assisting him; plate-layer, ballasting and lifting line at curves with rest of men; weigh-clerk, weighing stone; and engineer, driving engine; assistant-engineer, general supervision of the work, together with other public works in his district.

(5.) No; the quarry has not yet been properly opened, the work having hitherto principally consisted of cutting through a portion of the hill to get at the quarry.

(6.) No. See answer to question 5.

(7.) Yes, if sufficient stone cannot be obtained from the quarry now being opened.

(8.) The present resident engineer did not test the quarry; this had been already done by previous engineers, viz.:—Messrs. Baron, Edward Bell, and C. Darley.

(14.) Mr. Thomas Cox's Mineral Selection:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers and Correspondence with reference to Mr. Thomas Cox's mineral selection at Mitchell's Creek be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lucas answered,—The Papers are now being copied, and will be laid upon the Table of the House on Tuesday next.

(15.) The Coroner, Young:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Correspondence and Papers having reference to the inquiry into the conduct of the Coroner of Young be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—These Papers are in course of preparation.

(16.) Telegraph Office, Quirindi:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Telegraph Office for the convenience of the public at Quirindi, on the Great Northern Road, on the completion of the Railway to that town?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is the intention of the Government to establish a Telegraph Office at Quirindi on the extension of the Telegraph Line to that place.

(17.) Post and Telegraph Office, St. Leonards:—Mr. Farnell asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Additional Estimates for 1877 for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office, including site, at St. Leonards, North Shore?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Additional Estimates for 1877 for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office, and the purchase of a site for same, at St. Leonards, North Shore.

(18.) Telegraph Line, Gladesville to Ryde:—Mr. Farnell asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Additional Estimates for 1877 for the construction of a Telegraph Line from Gladesville to Ryde?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Additional Estimates for the construction of a Telegraph Line from Gladesville to Ryde.

2. RAILWAY FROM WERRIS CREEK TO GUNNEDAH:—Mr. T. G. Dangar presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Gunnedah and neighbourhood, praying that the Railroad from Werris Creek to Gunnedah may be constructed with the least possible delay, and that it may pass through the town of Gunnedah.
Petition received.
3. PAPERS:—
Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 2nd February, 1877, in reference to Mr. Kidman's Contracts.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 16th August, 1876, in reference to Public School Buildings.
Ordered to be printed.
4. MACQUARIE COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Driver, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 30th January, 1877,—together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Driver then moved, That the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Friday, 2nd March.
Question put and passed.
5. MACQUARIE COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from Octavius Mendez Levi Montefiore, John Meyerfeld, and Samuel Aron Joseph, praying that the House will not pass the Macquarie Coal Company's Railway Bill, and that the Petitioners have leave to appear by Counsel or Attorney in opposition to the said Bill.
Petition received.
6. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. J. S. Smith presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866*,"—which was read a first time.
Mr. J. S. Smith moved, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time on Friday "next."
Debate ensued.
Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "next," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "week."
Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Clarke,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Pilcher.
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Taylor,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. McElhone,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. R. Forster.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Original Question then put and passed.

7. LAND, CORNER OF BRIDGE AND PITT STREETS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Contracts, Grants, Plans, Letters, Reports, Minutes, having reference to John Terry Hughes's purchase, on the 15th of August, 1839, of an allotment of Crown Land, six perches, corner of Bridge and Pitt Streets, Sydney, and the erection by John Garsed, in the year 1857, of certain buildings, known as the Commercial Chambers, upon Crown Land, corner of Bridge and Pitt Streets, Sydney.
Question put and passed.
8. THE BASSETT DARLEY ESTATES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the Trustees of the Marriage Settlement of Mrs. Bassett to sell and dispose of certain lands at Manly Beach and elsewhere in the Colony of New South Wales.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Trustees of the Marriage Settlement of Mrs. Bassett to sell and dispose of certain lands at Manly Beach and elsewhere in the Colony of New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th February, 1877.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

10. **CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SEWERS**:—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 16th March, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1877, a sum not exceeding £30,000, for the construction of Public Sewers for the sewerage of that portion of the City of Sydney, Boroughs of Redfern and Waterloo, and for other purposes, recommended by the Sydney City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board, and to be approved by the Government; and any money paid for land or houses out of this sum, or for experimenting for deodorising the sewage matter, to be paid by the Government; and all sums paid for the construction of sewers to be charged to the Councils in proportion to the benefits conferred on each Council by such expenditure; and if any dispute arise as to the proportion to be paid by each Council, the amount to be ascertained by arbitration—one arbitrator to be appointed by each Council, and an umpire by the Government. So soon as the proper sums are ascertained, such sum to be charged to each Council as a loan, and repaid by yearly instalments at the same rate that may be approved by Parliament for loans to these Councils, under the provisions of the amended Municipalities Bill now before Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Abbot,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. Stephen Brown,	
Mr. Windeyer,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. McElhone.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. **MR. KIDMAN'S CONTRACTS**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the present and late Colonial Treasurers acted "illegally" in allowing Mr. Kidman and other Government contractors to be paid a higher price for the meat supplied by them to Government institutions than the price they contracted to supply at, and that in future no contractors should be paid anything over their contract price.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "illegally" with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "improperly."

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

Debate continued.

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

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

And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question put,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the present and late Colonial Treasurers acted improperly in allowing Mr. Kidman and other Government contractors to be paid a higher price for the meat supplied by them to Government institutions than the price they contracted to supply at, and that in future no contractors should be paid anything over their contract price.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Lynch,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. SMALL-POX:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, any person seized with Small-pox shall be allowed to remain at his or her own home, there to be nursed and attended by his or her own relations, instead of being removed to some hospital-ship or quarantine ground, where relatives cannot visit them, and will not be allowed even to attend their funeral in the event of death.

(2.) That the taking away of young children, and even grown-up persons, seized with Small-pox from the comforts of their home and the loving care and attention of their relatives, and carrying them off to hospital-ships among strangers, where their relatives cannot be there to soothe their last moments in the event of death, is an outrageous act of barbarous and wanton cruelty, and calculated of itself to kill many a poor victim so treated.

(3.) That the removing of people from their homes under any visitation of Small-pox, or other infectious disease, has never been attempted in the Mother Country or any European city, and should not be tolerated here.

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

Mr. Robertson moved the Previous Question.

Debate ensued.

Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Wisdom,	Tellers.
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Rouse,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Buchanan.	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Robertson,	Tellers.
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. Montague,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick.	

And so it passed in the negative.

13. SALARIES OF THE CIVIL SERVANTS:—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 16th March, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause (regard being had as well to the privations which in the years 1871 and 1872 were borne by all classes of Public Servants through the reduction of their rates of pay, as also to the present prosperous state of the Public Revenue) provision to be made on the Additional Estimates for the year 1877 for the payment of a bonus or gratuity to the Civil Servants, Members of the Police Force, and Workmen under the Government; such bonus or gratuities to be for each Public Servant, of whatever grade, equal in amount to the loss which he sustained by reason of the general reduction of salaries and wages in the years above referred to.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Robertson,	Tellers.
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Clarke.	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Piddington,	Tellers.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Montague,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. PARLIAMENTARY DRAFTSMAN:—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The titles of the Bills drafted at the request or expense of the Government since January 1st, 1875, by gentlemen other than the permanent Parliamentary Draftsman.

(2.) The names of the gentlemen who drafted each Bill.

(3.) The fee paid, or agreed to be paid, for drafting each Bill.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Salaries and Retiring Allowances to District Court Judges; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolution;—*until Friday, 2nd March.*

(2.) Mr. Street, Inspector of Conditional Purchases; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr McElhone;—*until Tuesday, 27th February.*

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Case of P. W. Wright *v.* Hartman:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) In reference to the case of P. W. Wright *v.* Hartman, lately decided at Murrurundi, has he noticed the case, and is sapping or ring-barking timber an improvement for which lessees of runs or land can claim compensation within the meaning of the Lands Acts?

(2.) If not, will he take immediate steps to make known to all Crown lessees that sapping or ring-barking timber is not an improvement for which they can legally claim compensation?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The case referred to has not come officially under my notice, but certainly ring-barking is an improvement, whether made by tenants or by conditional purchasers—of course, the value of the improvement, having regard to the cost per acre.

(2.) I do not think it necessary to take any.

- (2.) Road through Burns's Selection, Little Bumble Creek:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What decision has been come to in the matter of the complaint of William Gordon, of Millie, respecting the closing of a road through Burns's selection, Little Bumble Creek, Narrabri District?

Mr. Robertson answered,—If, as has been represented, the road has been obstructed by Mr. Eckford, a resident in the locality referred to, he will be at once informed that he must remove the obstruction.

- (3.) Case of Beazly *v.* Douglas, Menzies, and Co.:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) In the matter of Beazly, conditional purchaser, *versus* Douglas, Menzies, & Co., which he brought under the notice of the Secretary for Lands last Session, have the Government given any decision in this case as to who is to have the land; if so, who is to get it?

(2.) Is he aware that Douglas, Menzies, & Co. still hold Beazly's conditional purchase under the agreement they compelled him to sign, and are now going to sell his cattle for the amount of damages they compelled him to agree to pay?

(3.) Is he aware that this conditional purchase, which is claimed by Douglas, Menzies, and Co. under the 31st clause of the Act, was the only vacant piece of Crown Land on that part of their leased run, and that they are not entitled to purchase that portion of their run under the 31st clause of the Lands Act?

(4.) If the Government have not given a decision in this case, will they do so at once to save this poor man from ruin?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The case has not yet been finally dealt with. The application of Messrs. Menzies, Nicoll, and Douglas, dated 19th October, 1875, to purchase under the 31st clause of the Amended Land Act, was refused, under date 26th September, 1876. The selection made by Thomas Beazly on the 11th May, 1876, was cancelled at the instance of the applicant, Thomas Beazly, on the 21st August, 1876, and thus he was enabled to obtain a refund of his deposit, the previous selection of the land not having then been negatived. The land has since, on the 19th October, 1876, been again selected by the same Thomas Beazly, whose selection has not yet been dealt with. The land is reported to have been improved prior to selection, and the right to the land will depend upon the ownership and value of such improvements.

(2.) No report to this effect has been made.

(3.)

(3.) The application to purchase by Douglas, Menzies, and Co., has, as before stated, been declined.
 (4.) Further inquiry as to the improvements will be forthwith made, with a view to a decision being speedily arrived at. It may be mentioned that the case was referred by the late Minister for Lands for the Opinion of the Honorable the Attorney General as to the legality of certain terms proposed by Messrs. Menzies & Co. to the selector, and accepted by him, for the settlement of an action for trespass. An Opinion has been received, dated 9th February, 1877, to the effect that while the Government has nothing to do with this agreement as one between the parties, it is one that the Government should not recognize in any way.

(4.) Letter Carriers, Parramatta:—Mr. Taylor asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—
 Is it true that the Letter Carriers in the town of Parramatta are compelled, in addition to their work as Letter Carriers, to clear out the six or seven letter receivers in the outskirts of the town three or four times daily; if so, will the Postmaster General cause some arrangement to be made that will relieve these persons of this extra amount of work?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is part of the duty of the Letter Carriers at Parramatta to clear out the letter receivers; and, as far as I am yet informed, no more work is imposed upon them than is fair and reasonable.

(5.) Bridge over the Hunter River at Muswellbrook:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have Tenders been called for the Bridge over the Hunter River, at Muswellbrook?
- (2.) If Tenders have not been called for this work, when will they be called, and what is the cause of delay in calling for Tenders?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Tenders will be invited as soon as the necessary plans have been prepared; they are now in hand, and it is expected they will be completed in about six weeks.

(6.) Railway Workmen, &c.:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did the men on the Locomotive Branch of the Railway get eight days holidays last year, and traffic men only six days?
- (2.) Will he see that these men get the proper number of holidays?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Railway men only received their half-month's pay (due end of January) on 7th February; and will he cause the men to be paid every alternate Thursday, as they used to be paid some time ago?
- (4.) Is it a fact that there were eighty to ninety loaded trucks for Newtown Station at Sydney Station on the 6th or 7th instant, as there was no convenience to unload these trucks at Newtown?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1 and 2.) The men in the Locomotive Branch obtained eight days holiday. The men in the Traffic Branch have only received six days up to this time; but there are two days due to them, which will be given them as opportunity occurs. The traffic men, as a rule, are more required on general holidays than on other days, and, consequently, days in lieu thereof have to be given them on convenient occasions subsequent to the holidays. This is not the case, to the same extent, with the men in the Locomotive Branch.

(3.) It was necessarily the case; as I have previously explained, no unnecessary delay takes place in payment of wages, but after the due date expires, the time sheets have to be prepared, the amounts to be apportioned to the various votes for works on which the men have been engaged, and the necessary entries made in the Railway and Treasury books; with the exception of the first fortnight's pay, each man receives his wages regularly every fortnight. It would not be convenient to revert to the practice of paying the men every alternate Thursday; and this system would not remedy matters, as, from the causes stated, a week's wages would be always in arrear on actual pay day.

(4.) It is a fact that this number of trucks were waiting in Sydney yard, owing to want of siding accommodation at Newtown; but, as I said the other evening, additional land for sidings is to be obtained, and further accommodation will be provided without unnecessary delay.

(7.) Cattle Track near Rylstone:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) If any steps were taken in reference to special Cattle Track to avoid the town of Rylstone, as pointed out by him personally, and by a letter dated September 12th, 1876?
- (2.) What is the cause of delay in answering and in giving effect to the request made?
- (3.) Will the Minister give instructions to have the Cattle Track set out as early as possible?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) No communication dated in September, 1876, can be traced. It may have been made to Lands Department.

(2.) A reply was given to written and personal communications from Mr. Hurley, on Road Cooyal *via* Lawson's Gap to Mount Vincent and the Round Swamp, on the 13th May, 1876, informing him that £200 had been placed to the credit of the Trust nominated by him.

(3.) Instructions for marking out roads are usually given by the Minister for Lands.

(8.) Bridge at Rylstone:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) If he received a letter from him about eight months ago, asking for certain repairs to be done to a Bridge at Rylstone?
- (2.) Is he aware that repeated applications, personally and by letter, have been made, but work is not yet carried out?
- (3.) On what grounds is delay made, and is it to be done; if so, when?

Mr.

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Some two or three applications have been made.
- (3.) Difference of opinion as to the repair required. It will be so done, and a commencement made within a month, if possible.

(9.) Racecourse for Rylstone :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) If the Government intend to comply with request made some time since for a grant of land for the use of Rylstone Race Club?
- (2.) If the grant is to be issued, will the Minister give instructions for vesting it in the hands of the gentlemen whose names were submitted some time since as Trustees?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) The matter cannot be decided until report has been received from the Surveyor, to whom it is now under reference.
- (2.) These names will be considered.

(10.) Land on Breakfast Creek, Parish of Lowee :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Was an application received, dated 30 November, 1876, from Mr. James Cook, for a block of land, No. 132, situated on Breakfast Creek, parish of Lowee?
- (2.) Will his application be accepted; if not, in whose favour is it to be granted, and what is the date of the first application?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) An application was received from Mr. James Cook, dated 30th November, 1876, for a block of land situate on Breakfast Creek, parish of Lowee.
- (2.) This purchase was declared void, 9th February, 1877, as the land applied for encroached on portions already sold at auction.

(11.) Mr. Charles F. Kean :—Mr. Bawden asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any decision been arrived at upon the Petition of Mr. Charles F. Kean to the Governor and Executive Council, praying compensation in connection with the construction of the Telegraph Line from Cross Roads to Lawrence?
- (2.) If so, will there be any objection to communicate that decision to the House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No reason appears for altering the decision that has been arrived at, and that has been communicated to the gentleman; but I shall have no difficulty in laying that decision on the Table of the House, if it is desired.

(12.) Navigation of the Clarence River :—Mr. Bawden asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government had under its consideration the subject of improving the facilities for navigating the Clarence River by night, by the erection of leading lights and night beacons at the entrance and along the course of the river from the Heads to Grafton; if so, when will the work be undertaken?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes; but the expediency of erecting leading lights at the entrance to the Clarence River is very questionable, inasmuch as the channel constantly shifts, and the Marine Board is of opinion that it is dangerous to cross any exposed bar harbour during the night.

(13.) Dredge, &c., for the Clarence River :—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will the Dredge and Punts in course of construction for the Clarence River be completed?
- (2.) Are the Government aware that since the late flood the channel of the river Clarence has been silted up in several places, seriously affecting the navigation?
- (3.) When is it anticipated that dredging operations will be commenced to remove the obstructions referred to?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) In about four months.
- (2.) The Government have received no specific information to this effect, but it is probably true.
- (3.) In about five months.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 21st July, 1876, in reference to the Wallsend Coal Mining Company running Passenger Trains.
Ordered to be printed.

3. CUSTOMS REGULATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws for the Regulation of the Customs.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws for the Regulation of the Customs,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th February, 1877.*

4. RAILWAY FROM WERRIS CREEK TO GUNNEDAH (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. T. G. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on 13th February, from Inhabitants of Gunnedah and surrounding district, relative to the Railway from Werris Creek to that town, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. McElhone,

Tellers.

Mr. Moses,
Mr. Hill.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Teecc,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Montague,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Byrnes.
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Warden,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Mining Bill (No. 2) postponed, to follow after Order No. 3.
7. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1877.

There being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bawden, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cohen, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Montague, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stuart, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Teece, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at half-past Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

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No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 15.

In accordance with the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the amendment of the Law relating to Diseases in Sheep.

Government House,

Sydney, 16th February, 1877.

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

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 16.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of February, March, and April, 1877.

Government House,

Sydney, 15th February, 1877.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mail from Barraba to Moree:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was an application made for a bi-weekly mail from Barraba to Moree; if so, was such refused, and upon what ground?

(2.) The name of the Postal Inspector who reported upon this application?

(3.) Did he visit the locality and make himself acquainted with the increase of population in this district?

(4.) The number of times, and dates, the Postal Inspector visited this district during the last five years, and along the line petitioned for?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) There is now a bi-weekly mail between Barraba and Moree, but by different routes—one by way of Cobbadah, Crawley's, Eulourie, Rocky Creek, &c., and the other *via* Tareela and Eulourie, thence to Pallal, Derra, &c. An application was made by Mr. Jones, of Derra Derra, for the mail on the Barraba and Eulourie portion of the line, to omit Cobbadah and Crawley's, and to run twice a week *via* Tareela, and also to make the communication between Eulourie and Moree four times a week, *viz.*, twice a week by Rocky Creek, &c., and twice *via* Pallal and Derra, &c.

(2.) Mr. De Milhau was the Inspector who reported on the application.

(3 and 4.) Mr. De Milhau was at Barraba last year, and made full inquiries into the postal requirements of the district. He was also at Barraba and Moree in August, 1873, and at Barraba in June, 1876; but has not travelled over the line between Barraba and Moree.

- (2.) Public School, Yass:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the erection of the Public School at Yass be commenced?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The plans and specifications for this School are now in course preparation.

- (3.) Court House, Cowra :—Mr. Lynch asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has he taken any action in reference to a Petition that was forwarded to him by the Bench of Magistrates and other inhabitants of the town and district of Cowra, praying for the erection of a Court House at Cowra ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The erection of this Court House, at a cost of £1,200, has been approved, and will now be proceeded with.

- (4.) Comfort of Passengers on Railways :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make better arrangements for the convenience and comfort of passengers travelling long distances on our Railways ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A sample carriage, known as a "sleeper," has been ordered from America some time since, for the convenience and comfort of passengers travelling long distances on our Railways ; additional carriages will be obtained if the one imported answers the purpose.

- (5.) Use of Domain by "Australian Blondin" :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Who gave the Australian Blondin permission to erect his tent, &c., in the Domain ?
- (2.) Is he aware that by giving this person permission to erect his tent, &c., free, he is injuring owners of theatres and others who pay high rents ?
- (3.) Is he aware that the Corporation have a large piece of land at the Haymarket, which the Corporation let to circus proprietors, and which this person could rent ?
- (4.) Will he put a stop to this practice of letting these persons have the use of any part of the Domain ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) I did, as Acting Minister for Lands.
- (2.) No ; neither, I think, have any representations to that effect been made to the Department.
- (3.) I am told the Corporation have a piece of land near the Haymarket, but cannot say whether or not the person referred to could use it.
- (4.) Should sufficient reason be shown.

- (6.) Free Passes on Railways :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis Scott were given a free pass to travel by rail to Bathurst ?
- (2.) Who gave these persons the free pass ; and are the Government aware that Mr. E. L. Scott showed the free pass to the passengers in the train, and boasted in the train he could obtain a free pass at any time, and many of his friends could do the same ?
- (3.) Did Mr. Goodchap give this person the free pass, and has he, or any other Government official, the right to give these free passes ?
- (4.) Will the Government inquire into this matter, and put a stop to this practice ?

Mr. Lackey answered—

- (1.) It is not a fact that Mrs Scott obtained a pass—she paid for her passage to Bathurst ; a pass was granted to Mr. Scott.
- (2.) The Commissioner for Railways authorized the issue of the pass to Mr. Scott, who applied for it on the ground that he was engaged by the Government in a Postal Inquiry ; nothing is known of Mr. Scott's boasting in the train, but the boast, if made, is not true.
- (3 and 4.) Mr. Goodchap signed the pass, in the usual way, when its issue was authorized. Passes are not issued indiscriminately, and I am unaware of any improper practice existing in this respect which requires to be put a stop to.

- (7.) Village Reserve, Welaregang :—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the wishes of the inhabitants of Welaregang (as expressed by a numerous signed Petition, presented some six months since), to survey and bring to auction sale a number of town allotments within the village reserve of Welaregang or Greg Greg ; if so, when will the work be done ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I find my Honorable friend is in error in saying the application was made six months ago ; it was only in November last, and the matter has been referred for the surveyor. It is not usual to act without the report of the surveyor, and that is all the department is now waiting for.

- (8.) Overcrowding of Harbour Steamers, &c. :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware that the Harbour and Hunter River Steamers are frequently overcrowded with passengers, to a greater extent than they have accommodation for, to the great inconvenience of the public, and probable danger to life ?
- (2.) Are these steamers licensed to carry a certain number of passengers ?
- (3.) If so, whose duty is it to see the Law and Regulations carried out ?
- (4.) Will the Government take steps to see such done ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Complaints are sometimes made to this effect, and occasionally a conviction is obtained against a master or owner for carrying more passengers than is authorized.
- (2.) Yes ; they are each obliged to have a certificate posted up in a conspicuous position, showing the number of passengers they are licensed to carry.
- (3.) The Inspectors to the Marine Board, the Police, or any passenger who is aggrieved through breach of the regulations.
- (4.) The Government will continue to do what they can in the matter, but there is considerable difficulty in proving the numbers that are carried. A case occurred last week in which one of the harbour boats was fined for carrying forty passengers over the number, and application was made by persons on board, stating that they thought the captain was unjustly fined, believing that, as the boat was not overcrowded, there could not have been more than the licensed number on board.

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(9.) Sir Samuel Wilson's Applications for Crown Land:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Department to cancel the illegal applications under the 31st clause of the Land Acts Amendment Act, made by Sir Samuel Wilson, on the 17th and 18th October, 1876?

(2.) What is the reason of the delay in the cancellation of such applications?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Sir Samuel Wilson's applications have been cancelled already.

(10.) Railway from The Clarence to New England:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take immediate measures for the construction of a Railway from the Clarence River to New England?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This and other important Railway extensions are under the consideration of the Government, with a view to being submitted to Parliament in the Railway Estimate of the present Session.

(11.) Supply of Coal for Railways:—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were tenders called for the supply of Engine Coal for the Great Northern, Great Western, and Southern Railways for the year 1877?

(2.) How many tenders were received, and the names of such tenderers?

(3.) What was the price tendered for by each person per ton?

(4.) What is the name of the proprietor or proprietors of the colliery from which the coal has to be taken to supply the contract?

(5.) Has any tender been accepted; if so, what is the name of the tenderer or tenderers?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) Seven tenders were received for the supply of Engine Coal for the Great Northern, and eleven for the Great Southern and Western Lines, as follows:—

For Great Northern Line.		per ton.	
		s.	d.
Newcastle Wallsend Coal Co. ...	...	14	0
Waratah Coal Co. ...	...	13	6
Nott, Ward, & Co., delivered at East Maitland ...	...	9	3
E. Vickery ...	...	12	0
John Mitchell, delivered at East Maitland ...	...	11	9
L. O'Brien and Co. { delivered at Maitland ...	...	9	0
{ do. Newcastle ...	...	9	6
Wm. Summerbell ...	...	13	1

For Great Southern and Western Lines.

Bowenfels Coal, taken at the Mine.

Lithgow Valley Colliery Co. ...	...	4	6
Vale of Clwydd Coal Mining Co. ...	...	5	3
William Pitt ...	...	5	11
Thomas Brown ...	...	5	6
Bowenfels Coal Mining and Copper Smelting Co. ...	...	4	10

Newcastle or Southern Coal, delivered at Darling Harbour.

L. O'Brien & Co., Northern Coal from Alnwick Mines ...	...	14	6
J. Ward & Co., from Wollongong Collieries ...	...	14	0
Waratah Coal Co., Northern Coal ...	...	17	0
E. Vickery, do. Greta Mine ...	...	16	6
Newcastle Wallsend Co., do. ...	...	18	4
Wm. Summerbell, do. New Lambton Mine ...	...	17	6

(4.) The department has no means of knowing the names of the proprietors of the mines. The mines are known as the "New Lambton Mine" and the "Lithgow Valley Colliery."

(5.) Wm. Summerbell's tender has been accepted for Newcastle Coal, and the Lithgow Valley Colliery Co's tender for Western Coal.

(12.) Instructions to Surveyors as to Applications for Crown Lands:—Mr. Cohen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) In dealing with applications from pastoral tenants of the Crown for the survey of land for sale by auction, does the Survey Department pay due regard to the interests of the public estate, as distinguished from those of the applicant?

(2.) If there are any instructions on this point to surveyors, has the Minister any objection to lay a copy of the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The practice is, in dealing with applications from all persons, whether pastoral tenants or not, for the survey of land for sale by auction, in the first place, to take due care of the public interest.

(2.) I will lay the instructions on the Table of the House presently.

(13.) Post Office, Albury:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of the new Post Office at Albury?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders for the new Post Office will be invited in about a month from this time.

(14.) Albury Gaol:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the repairs and additions to the Albury Gaol?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Plans for the repairs and additions to the Albury Gaol have not yet been prepared, but the Colonial Architect has been instructed to expedite the necessary action.

(15.)

(15.) Rails supplied by Park Gate Iron Company :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government received any refund from the Park Gate Iron Company on account of inferior single-headed rails supplied by that Company ; if so, what amount has been received ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No refund has been made by the Park Gate Iron Company ; and, as the Crown Law Officers have advised that an action at law would not succeed, it has been decided to abandon the claim.

(16.) Barrack Wall, Green's Road :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of the delay in taking down, and the re-building of, the Barrack Wall in Green's Road, for which work moneys have been voted and re-voted for the past four years ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I see no reason why the matter should have been delayed. There was a difficulty originally, in consequence of the land being the property of the Imperial Government. So far as I understand it, that difficulty has been removed, as I explained more fully to-day, to a deputation that did me the honor of waiting upon me with reference to this matter.

(17.) Yanko and Colombo Creeks :—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that a Reserve was proclaimed last year for water supply along the Yanko and Colombo Creeks ?

(2.) Was such Reserve made after the Yanko Reserve was thrown open for sale ; is it the intention of the Government to cancel this Reserve ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Two Reserves were gazetted on the 15th December, 1876, Nos. 1,630 and 1,631, for water supply, and access thereto.

(2.) The Reserves were gazetted contemporaneously with the cancellation of the Yanko Reserve ; and as to cancelling them, that will depend upon the information that may be received on the subject, and the interest of the public.

(18.) Bridges over the Parramatta River :—Mr. H. C. Dangar, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Referring to Questions put and answered by the Secretary for Public Works, on 8th February instant,—

(1.) Has the advice or opinion of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, or that of the Engineer for Existing Lines, been taken in regard to the plans for the bridges across the Parramatta River ?

(2.) Has it not been the custom of the Department to submit to the opinion of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways the plans and specifications of all works on which it is contemplated to erect a railway line ?

(3.) If so, why has there been any departure from the rule in the present case ?

(4.) Will the acceptance of tenders for the proposed bridges be deferred until the opinion of the Engineer be obtained as to their suitability for railway traffic ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) No. The bridges were designed in the Roads Office, under the superintendence of the Engineer for Roads, who was instructed to make the bridge strong enough to carry a railway.

(2.) It has not been the custom of the department to submit designs for road works to the Railway Engineers. The main girders are of sufficient strength for railway traffic.

(3.) There has been no departure from any rule in the present case.

(4.) No decision has yet been arrived at with reference to the acceptance of tenders.

(19.) Cattle Track near Rylstone :—Mr. McElhone, on behalf of Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) If any steps were taken in reference to special Cattle Track to avoid the town of Rylstone, as pointed out by him personally, and by a letter dated September 12th, 1876 ?

(2.) What is the cause of delay in answering and in giving effect to the request made ?

(3.) Will the Minister give instructions to have the Cattle Track set out as early as possible ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The matter is referred for the report of the District Surveyor.

(2.) Non-receipt of such report

(3.) It will depend upon the necessities of the case when exhibited.

4. COMPULSORY VACCINATION :—Mr. Warden presented a Petition from P. H. Sheaffe, J.P. and Capt. U.V.R., praying that, should the Law make Vaccination compulsory, those who vaccinate direct from the cow may be protected from penalty.

Petition received.

5. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass the Bill for the Closing of Public-houses on Sundays, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. G. A. Lloyd. From William Slatyer, as Chairman of the Congregational Union of New South Wales.

(2.) By Mr. Davies. From certain Members of the Wesleyan Conference.

Petitions received.

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

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 8th August, 1876, in reference to Water Supply in Pastoral Districts.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 14th March, 1876, in reference to Reserves on the Messrs. Dangars' Stations.

(3.) Copy of Circular, &c., from Surveyor General, conveying Instructions to Licensed Surveyors as to Applications for Crown Lands.

Ordered to be printed.

7. AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Audit Act of 1870,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. THROSBY'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 9th February, 1877.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Friday, 2 March.
Question put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions in reference to Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee, postponed until Friday, 9th March.
10. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Davies moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Robertson,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Windeyer,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Stephen Brown,		Mr. Day,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Davies,	Mr. Montague,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Greville.	Mr. Scholcy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,		Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Clarke,		Mr. Rouse,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Warden,		Mr. Bawden,	

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Driver, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

11. AD EUNDEM AND HONORARY DEGREES 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 this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1877, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the Point of Order had been decided by Mr. Speaker.

The Chairman then stated the Point of Order, as follows:—

The Committee having considered all the clauses of the Bill, the Honorable Member for The Upper Hunter proposed the addition of a new clause, to enact that no fees shall be levied from the students in the University after the passing of this Bill,—and the proposed amendment being objected to, on the ground that it was not competent to the Committee to entertain it, by reason of its irrelevancy,—he (the Chairman) had given his opinion in favour of the objection—and, that opinion being dissented from, the Committee, on motion of Mr. McElhone, submitted the Point of Order for Mr. Speaker's decision;

And a Debate arising on the Point of Order,—

Mr. Speaker ruled that the proposed amendment is not relevant to the subject-matter of the Bill. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

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

Mr. Terry moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be re-committed for the consideration of the Title, and also a new clause."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 2.	
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Abbott,		
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. W. C. Browne,		<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,	Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McElhone.	
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Macintosh,		
Mr. Rouse,	Mr. Wisdom,		
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Driver,		
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),		
Mr. Charles,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Windeyer,		
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. H. C. Dangar.		
Mr. Day,			
Mr. Bawden,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then—That that Report be now adopted—put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

ELECTORATE OF THE WILLIAMS:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 16th ultimo, declaring the Seat of William Watson, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Watson, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of William Johnston, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of The Williams.

2. **ELECTORATE OF ORANGE:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 30th ultimo, declaring the Seat of Harris Levi Nelson, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Nelson, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Edward Combes, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Orange.

3. **QUESTIONS:**—

- (1.) **Post and Telegraph Office, Coonabarabran:**—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to make any provision for the erection of a new brick Post and Telegraph Office at Coonabarabran; and if so, how?

Mr. Burns answered,—Provision will be made in the Additional Estimates for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Coonabarabran.

- (2.) **Land Office for Moree:**—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a memorial received from the Inhabitants of Moree, praying for the establishment of a Land Office at that place?

(2.) If so, what decision has been come to in the matter?

(3.) Do the Government intend to appoint a Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent for Moree?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) A memorial has been received from Moree of the kind the Honorable Member describes.

(2.) The matter having been referred to the District Surveyor for his report upon it, and that report not having been received to the 12th instant, has not been dealt with.

(3.) Of course the appointment of a Land Agent will depend upon the report of the District Surveyor.

- (3.) **Reserves for Bridges at Mungundie and Goondawindi:**—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to make and proclaim Reserves for the public use on both sides of the river, at the approved sites for the erection of the bridges at Mungundie and Goondawindi?

(2.) If so, will there be any objection to state the extent of such reservations, and particulars?

Mr. Robertson answered,—A Reserve, containing 1,100 acres, for the purposes of crossing, has been made on the Macintyre River, opposite Goondawindi, at Meyundie, on the Barwon River. No Reserve has been made for a bridge site, but immediate inquiry will be made as to the necessity for such Reserve.

- (4.) **Department of Justice and Public Instruction:**—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What amount was voted by this House for the Second Clerk in the Department of Justice and Public Instruction (in charge of records) for the year 1876, and what amount did he receive?

(2.) What amount was voted by this House for the Third Clerk in the Department of Justice and Public Instruction for the year 1876, and what amount did he receive?

(3.) What are the names of the Second and Third Clerks in the above Department?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) £300 and £350; that is, £300 was voted, and £350 was received by him; the extra £50 was paid to him in consequence of an increase of duties not properly pertaining to his office.
- (2.) The amount voted to the Third Clerk was £300, and the amount he received was £250.
- (3.) Their names are, respectively, Chisholm and Macauley.

- (5.) Railway Line, Werris Creek to Gunnedah:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government determined to take the Railway Line from Werris Creek to Gunnedah through that town?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The plans will require the approval of Parliament; but the proposal is that the line shall be taken to the town of Gunnedah.

- (6.) Branch Railway Line, Petersham to Glebe Island:—Mr. Hill asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has anything been done about a branch line of Railway, which was surveyed by order of the late Government, from Petersham to the east end of Glebe Island?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Nothing has been done in this matter by this Government.

- (7.) Railway to Orange:—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Railway be opened to Orange?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Government hope to be able to open the line to Orange by the middle of April.

- (8.) Free Passes on Railways:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many Free Passes to travel on the Railway have been granted since the first day of December last?

(2.) To whom, and why, have such Free Passes been granted?

(3.) Was Mr. Lewis E. Scott paid for his services in connection with the Inquiry into the Oxford-street Post Office?

(4.) Was Mr. Scott called upon to travel to Bathurst under his employment on such Inquiry?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Exclusive of passes to Railway workmen and Officers of the Departments, there have been 576 Free Passes issued since 1st December last.

(2.) To newly arrived immigrants there have been issued 118 passes.

To the unemployed, 359 passes.

To destitute families, 6 passes.

To members of the Press there have been issued 6 passes.

To visitors to the Colony there have been issued 61 passes.

To English Cricketers 13 passes were issued.

One pass each was issued to Messrs. Gibson and Curtis to accompany English Cricketers.

The Mayor of Sydney, and Messrs. Gipps and Manning, each obtained a pass in connection with the Water Supply.

And a pass was issued to W. Archdale, to obtain samples of water for Hydraulic Engineer.

A pass was also given in each of the following instances:—

Geo. Bourne, to visit his brother, engine fireman, hurt at Goulburn.

W. B. Donaldson, in connection with his contract.

E. L. Scott, postal business.

Acting French Consul, to accompany Officers of French man-of-war.

Miss Weaver, daughter of late Engineer for the Windsor and Richmond Line.

Mrs. Middleton, widow of late Station-master.

Mrs. Cunningham, in connection with her railway land claim.

(3.) Mr. Scott was paid for his services.

(4.) The Chairman of the Board of Inquiry reports that he is not aware that Mr. Scott was called upon to travel to Bathurst under his employment on the Inquiry in question. The following is a copy of Mr. Scott's letter to the Commissioner for Railways, applying for the pass, and I have directed that he be called upon to state what the Postal Inquiry was to which he refers:—

“ Sir,

“ Sydney, January 29th, 1877.

“ Will you kindly grant me a pass to and from Bathurst, for about ten days, on Postal Inquiry business,

“ I have, &c.,

“ E. LEWIS SCOTT,

“ Ruskin Villa,

“ William-street, Paddington.”

- (9.) Sums paid to Attorneys for defending Policemen:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any, and what, sums been paid by, or on behalf of, the Government to any Attorney for defending Policemen, or conducting prosecutions on behalf of the Police, at the Central and Water Police Courts, Sydney, during the past two years; if so, out of what fund has same been paid?

(2.) The names of the Attorneys to whom such moneys have been paid, and the amounts paid in each case?

(3.) Is it a fact that £21 was paid out of the Police Superannuation Fund to an Attorney, in the case of Burns, some short time back; if so, who authorized such payment?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1 and 2.) No sums have been paid for defending Policemen. The undermentioned payments have been made to Attorneys for conducting prosecutions at the Central and Water Police Stations during the past two years:—14th March, 1876, Mr. William Roberts, Reg. v. Craddock, £4 4s., paid from Vote for Incidental Expenses, Petty Sessions; 16th October, 1876, Mr. William Roberts, Reg. v. Burns, £21, paid from Vote for Incidental Expenses, Police.

(3.) The amount, as above, was paid from the Police Vote for Incidental Expenses, upon the authority of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

P.S.—There were also two amounts paid during the period mentioned as fees to Barristers conducting prosecutions.

(10.) Mr. Maybury, C.P.S., Bathurst:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What was the gross amount of Salary received by Mr. Maybury, the Clerk of Petty Sessions, &c., of Bathurst, for the different offices filled by him?
- (2.) What position did he occupy in the Civil Service when the present Government took office?
- (3.) What salary did he receive when the present Government took office?
- (4.) Is he a son-in-law of the Member for Morpeth, Mr. Wisdom?
- (5.) What offices does he now fill?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) The Salary of Mr. Mayberry, as Clerk of Petty Sessions, is £225, and, as Warden's Clerk, £30.
- (2.) He was a teacher under the Council of Education.
- (3.) £120.
- (4.) I learn from the Honorable Member for Morpeth that he is his son-in-law, but that he was not at the time he obtained his last appointment.
- (5.) He fills now the offices of Warden's Clerk, Clerk of Petty Sessions, and Mining Registrar.

(11.) Land Sale, Yanko:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Was the sale of land, parish of Yanko, withdrawn from sale at Urana?
- (2.) What is date fixed upon for holding postponed sale?
- (3.) Have full inquiries been instituted as to what portions contain timber, and is it his intention to reserve them from sale or selection?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) No date has been fixed; the lands have been temporarily reserved from sale of any kind.

(12.) Reserves, Yanko:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Government received any report from the District Surveyor in reference to the necessity of making all the new Reserves, made on the Yanko, Public Reserves?
- (2.) If any report has been received from the District Surveyor or Surveyor General as to this case; if so, what is the nature of such report?
- (3.) Is it his intention to make all these Reserves Public Reserves?
- (4.) Is he not aware that the lessees of runs are improving all these Reserves?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No report has been received.
- (3.) Application for such reservation has been made, and is under consideration.
- (4.) No, nor can I see why they should act so foolishly.

(13.) General Post Office:—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a person who has not passed the Civil Service Examination is in the Account Branch of the General Post Office, and is in receipt of a salary of £150 per annum?
- (2.) Is he aware that there are Clerks who are not receiving that amount who have passed the Civil Service Examination, and are quite as efficient as the person in question?
- (3.) Will he take steps that this will be seen to?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) A gentleman named Leon, who has not passed the Civil Service Examination, was appointed a temporary Clerk by my predecessor, on the 5th February, 1875, at a salary of £75 per year, which was paid from the Vote for extra clerical assistance. On leave of absence on half-pay being granted to the Accountant of the Department, on the ground of ill-health and long services, Mr. Leon, who understands accounts, was specially employed during his absence in the Account Branch, and his salary was paid from the remaining half of the Accountant's salary. Since the return of the Accountant, Mr. Leon's services have been retained, as he is a useful officer, but he only ranks as a temporary Clerk.
- (2 and 3.) There is no clerk receiving £150 per year in the Post Office better qualified, or perhaps so well qualified, as Mr. Leon is to perform the duties in the Account Branch which are intrusted to him.

(14.) Public School, Surry Hills:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Council of Education call Tenders for the Erection of a Public School at Surry Hills?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have learned from the Council of Education that plans and specifications are now in course of preparation by the Council's architect. When completed, Tenders will be called for at once. Possession of the site cannot be obtained till the 1st April.

(15.) Sites for Public Schools:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice:—

- (1.) How many applications have been made to the Minister for Lands by the Council of Education for sites on which to erect Public Schools, from the 1st of January, 1874, to 1st of January, 1877?
- (2.) How many of such applications have been granted?
- (3.) The date of each application, and the date of each grant, where the application has been complied with?

Mr. Robertson answered,—In the course of a few days I will lay upon the Table of the House the information required by the Honorable Member.

(16.) Oyster-beds:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will a Bill to amend the Oyster-beds Act of 1868 be introduced?

Mr. Robertson answered,—There is a Commission sitting, appointed on the authority of the House, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the amendments necessary in the present Act, and I am informed their report will in the course of a few days be submitted to Government.

(17.) Light-houses at Barrenjuey and the "Solitaries":—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will Tenders be called for the Light-house at Barrenjuey?
- (2.) Are the Plans ready for the proposed Light-house at the "Solitaries"?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The Plans for the proposed Light-house at Barrenjuey have been prepared, and are now under consideration by the Government.
- (2.) The Plans for the proposed Light-house at the "Solitaries" have not yet been prepared, as it will be necessary to have a survey of the site made in the first instance, and this will be done on the first favourable opportunity.

(18.) Bridge over Cockfighter's Creek:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Bridge over Cockfighter's Creek, at Warkworth, is becoming dilapidated, and requires repairing and repainting?
- (2.) If so, when will this work be carried out?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) I have been made aware that the ordinary screwing up and painting are required to be done.
- (2.) Instructions have been given to get the necessary works carried out.

(19.) East Maitland Railway Station:—*Mr. W. C. Browne*, on behalf of Mr. Scholey, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide better accommodation to the public at the East Maitland Railway Station?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is proposed to give increased passenger accommodation at East Maitland.

(20.) Mail between East Maitland and Mount Vincent:—*Mr. W. C. Browne*, on behalf of Mr. Scholey, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Has any decision been come to with reference to the Petitions asking alteration in the time for running the Mails between East Maitland and Mount Vincent?

Mr. Burns answered,—It has been decided to revert to the time-table which was in operation prior to the 1st January last, for the mails between East Maitland and Mount Vincent.

(21.) Site for Public School, Cudgegong:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Rouse, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that the erection of the Public School buildings at Cudgegong has been, and is still, delayed on account of not having the proposed site for the school surveyed and vested in the Council of Education?
- (2.) Will the necessary instructions be at once forwarded to the District Surveyor to have the site for the school surveyed at once?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Non-vestment in the Council of Education does not preclude the erection of a Public School.
- (2.) Instructions have been given for attention to this matter.

(22.) Yass Gaol:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the promised enlargement of Yass Gaol be proceeded with?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The enlargement has been, and is still, delayed for the transfer of an additional piece of land, the purchase of which has been sanctioned; and the conditional purchase awaits the examination of title by the Crown Solicitor, which the persons interested have only now placed in his hands.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Certain of the Correspondence respecting the Remission of Sentence of Lawrence Cummins.
Ordered to be printed.
5. MEMBER SWORN:—William Johnston, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Williams.
6. COMPULSORY VACCINATION (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of Mr. Warden, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Warden on 16th February, from P. H. Sheaffe, J.P., relative to Compulsory Vaccination, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 16th February, from the Congregational Union of New South Wales, against Sunday Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY PATRICK NUGENT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Day* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Documents, Letters, Petitions, Memorials, Minutes, and other Papers having reference, or relating, to a conditional purchase made at Wagga Wagga, by Patrick Nugent, on or about the 7th April, 1864.
Question put and passed.
9. AD EUNDEM DEGREES BILL [*Heretofore AD EUNDEM AND HONORARY DEGREES BILL*] (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Windeyer, read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Windeyer then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without Examination.*"
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 empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without Examination,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th February, 1877.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Captain Onslow moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. **EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN** :—Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Employment of Children," brought up on 30th January, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. **BRIDGE OVER WOLLOMBI BROOK** :—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Wollombi Brook, on the road from Warkworth to Howe's Valley.
Question put and passed.
13. **SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS** :—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 16th February, from the Wesleyan Conference, against Sunday Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, be printed.
Question put and passed.
14. **MR. JOHN GARSED** :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the Printed Papers left at Government House, 1st March, 1860, together with copies and minutes of Emma Garsed's Petition—first signature to such Petition being Wm. Dean & Co; also, a letter dated 7th February, 1860, signed by the then Chief Justice, Sir Alfred Stephen; John Garsed's Petition and Attorney General's Opinion, forwarded to Sir Alfred Stephen; Chief Justice's report on same, dated 23 January, 1862; the Honorable Attorney General's Opinion respecting John Garsed's conviction, dated 5th—21st July, 1862, and letters referred to by Attorney General; also, John Garsed's letter to the Under Colonial Secretary, dated 8th February, 1877, having reference to Sir Alfred Stephen's, Chief Justice, reports on Garsed's case, dated 4th April, 1861, and 23 January, 1862.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
15. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Lands Acts Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 20th March.
16. **PAPER** :—Mr. Lucas laid upon the Table,—Additional Papers respecting the Cancellation of Mr. Thomas Cox's Mineral Leases at Mitchell's Creek.
Ordered to be printed.
17. **BRIDGE OVER THE HUNTER AT ABERDEEN** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McElhone, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for the purpose of erecting a Low-level Bridge over the Hunter River, at the crossing-place, Great Northern Road, at Aberdeen.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for the purpose of erecting a Low-level Bridge over the Hunter River, at the crossing-place, Great Northern Road, at Aberdeen.
On motion of Mr. McElhone, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
18. **BRIDGE OVER THE COLLAROY RIVER** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McElhone, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Collaroy River at or near the crossing-place.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Collaroy River, at or near the crossing-place.
On motion of Mr. McElhone, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
19. **BRIDGE OVER THE MERRIWA RIVER** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McElhone, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Merriwa River, at or near the crossing-place.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Merriwa River, at or near the crossing-place.

On motion of Mr. McElhone, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

20. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Mining Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 20th March.*

(2.) Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*

21. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twenty minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Case of "Frost v. Harris":—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) In reference to the case of Frost v. Harris—did not Mr. Frost purchase the land at the proper office, Wollombi, and Mr. Harris at the wrong office, Windsor?
- (2.) In the cases Dillon v. Murphy and Laycock v. Ogilvie—did he decide in each case in favour of the parties who took the land up at the proper district Land Office?
- (3.) Will he decide similarly in the case of Mr. Frost?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Mr. Frost's case was decided by the late Minister for Lands, I understand, on its merits. There will be no objection to exhibit the Papers.

(2.) Mr. Lord, Inspector of Conditional Purchases:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to amended Notice,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Lord, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, yet returned to his district?
- (2.) If so, when did he return, and how long was he absent from his district?
- (3.) For what length of time did he receive leave of absence?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I am unable to give any more information on this subject than has already been supplied in answer to the Honorable Member's question when previously asked, no reply having been received from Mr. Lord to the communication addressed to him.
- (3.) I have already informed the Honorable Member, in answer to the questions above referred to, that Mr. Lord obtained a few days' leave of absence, which was afterwards extended, for private reasons, but which has some time expired.
- (4.) As to the relationship to Mr. Lord, the Honorable Member for The Bogan,—I am told that he is related.

(3.) Railway Carriage engaged by Sir James Martin:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. James York and his family were ordered out of a first-class railway carriage, at One-tree Hill, on Saturday, 10th instant, by a railway official, who told him the carriage was ordered by Sir James Martin, as he travelled by no other?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the said carriage was taken off and put on the up-line for Sir James Martin, and Mr. York and family had to leave it?
- (3.) Did Sir James Martin pay his railway fare by this train, or travel free; if the latter, by whose authority is he allowed to travel free?
- (4.) Has any person authority to order a person out of any railway carriage (when he has paid his fare), to accommodate Sir James Martin, or any other person?
- (5.) Has Sir James Martin, when not travelling on Circuit, a greater right to use a railway carriage, or the sole right to use any carriage, to exclusion of other persons?
- (6.) What is the name of the railway official who ordered Mr. York and family out of the railway carriage, and will he reprimand this official for his conduct to Mr. York?

Mr.

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) I learn, on inquiry, that a carriage—the centre occupied by Sir James Martin and party of six, and the end compartment by Mr. James York and three ladies—was attached to the through Western train on the day named. On arrival at Numantia, Sir James and his party got out; and at Mount Victoria, Mr. York and party were requested to exchange to another carriage, as the one they occupied was not required for the train to Bathurst, but was wanted for the up-train to Sydney. Mr. York and the three ladies were put into a compartment capable of seating eight comfortably. It is generally the case when a part of a through journey has been accomplished that the train is made smaller for the rest of the journey.

(2.) Yes; the carriage was required for the up journey to Sydney—the centre for Sir James Martin and party, and the two ends for passengers generally.

(3.) The passages of Sir James Martin and party were paid for.

(4.) As I have explained, trains are required to be reduced at times, and then some of the passengers must vacate their seats and get into other carriages.

(5.) Sir James Martin has never claimed any privilege of the kind; but in his case, as in many cases, when parties of gentlemen are travelling together, a compartment is reserved for their exclusive use, if this can be done without inconvenience to other passengers.

(6.) I cannot learn that the guard (Edward Heaton) conducted himself in a manner to deserve rebuke. He respectfully requested Mr. York to change carriages, and found ample accommodation for that gentleman and party in another 1st class carriage.

(4.) Drainage from Gaol and Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the drainage from the Gaol and Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta is conducted into the sewer now in course of construction in the Parramatta River, and that the sewage matter is dammed at the lower or eastern end of the sewer, by which the offensive matter is thrown back to the vicinity of the bridge, thereby creating a dangerous and intolerable nuisance in the centre of the town?

(2.) Will he give instructions for the removal of the temporary dam, in order that the nuisance above referred to may be removed by the natural flow and ebb of the tide?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Information to this effect has been received, and the matter is being inquired into.

(2.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers will probably visit Parramatta to-morrow, when he will issue such instructions as the necessities of the case demand.

(5.) Works at Rushcutter's Bay and at Dawes Point :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What progress has been made in carrying out the works at Rushcutter's Bay and at Dawes Point, sanctioned during last Session of Parliament?

Mr. Lackey answered,—With regard to the proposed work at Rushcutter's Bay, I regret to say that, owing to objections raised by some of the surrounding landed proprietors, the Government has not yet been able to take the necessary steps for the commencement of the reclamation of the bay, but negotiations are in progress, which, I trust, will shortly terminate satisfactorily. With respect to Dawes Point, a contract has been taken for the work.

2. DRAINAGE OF LANDS ON THE LOWER MACLEAY RIVER :—Mr. R. B. Smith presented the following Petitions, representing that considerable property in the Macleay River District has been destroyed by periodical floods; and praying this House to adopt measures to secure to the Petitioners such relief as the circumstances of the case demand :—

(1.) From certain Inhabitants of the Macleay River District.

(2.) From certain Inhabitants of Summer Island, &c., Macleay River District.

Petitions received.

3. NO LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL :—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from certain Gold-miners and others, resident at Sydney, praying that this Bill may be passed into law.
Petition received.

4. THE CIRCULAR QUAY :—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table, as an *Exhibit only*, a Plan showing the proposed Improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney Cove.

5. PAPERS :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Destitute Children's Asylum.

(2.) Twentieth Annual Report of the Municipal Council of Sydney on the Sydney Sewerage and Water Supply, for 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. POSTPONEMENTS :—Mr. Stuart moved, That the Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive be postponed, to follow after Order No. 6.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—

Mr. Stuart moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "it is the opinion of this House that not more than one month's expenditure out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony ought to be granted in Committee of Supply, namely, for the month of February, 1877."

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

Debate ensued.

Question

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Lucas,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. J. Watson,	
Mr. Montague,	
Mr. Charles,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Windeyer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. R. Forster,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then—That it is the opinion of this House that not more than one month's expenditure out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony ought to be granted in Committee of Supply, namely, for the month of February, 1877,—put and passed.

Mr. Stuart moved, That the House do immediately resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee.

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

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

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

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

(3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the Services of the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £242,500, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1877, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1876, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1877.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

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

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

(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the Year 1877, the sum of £242,500 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1877.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

10. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2)**:—

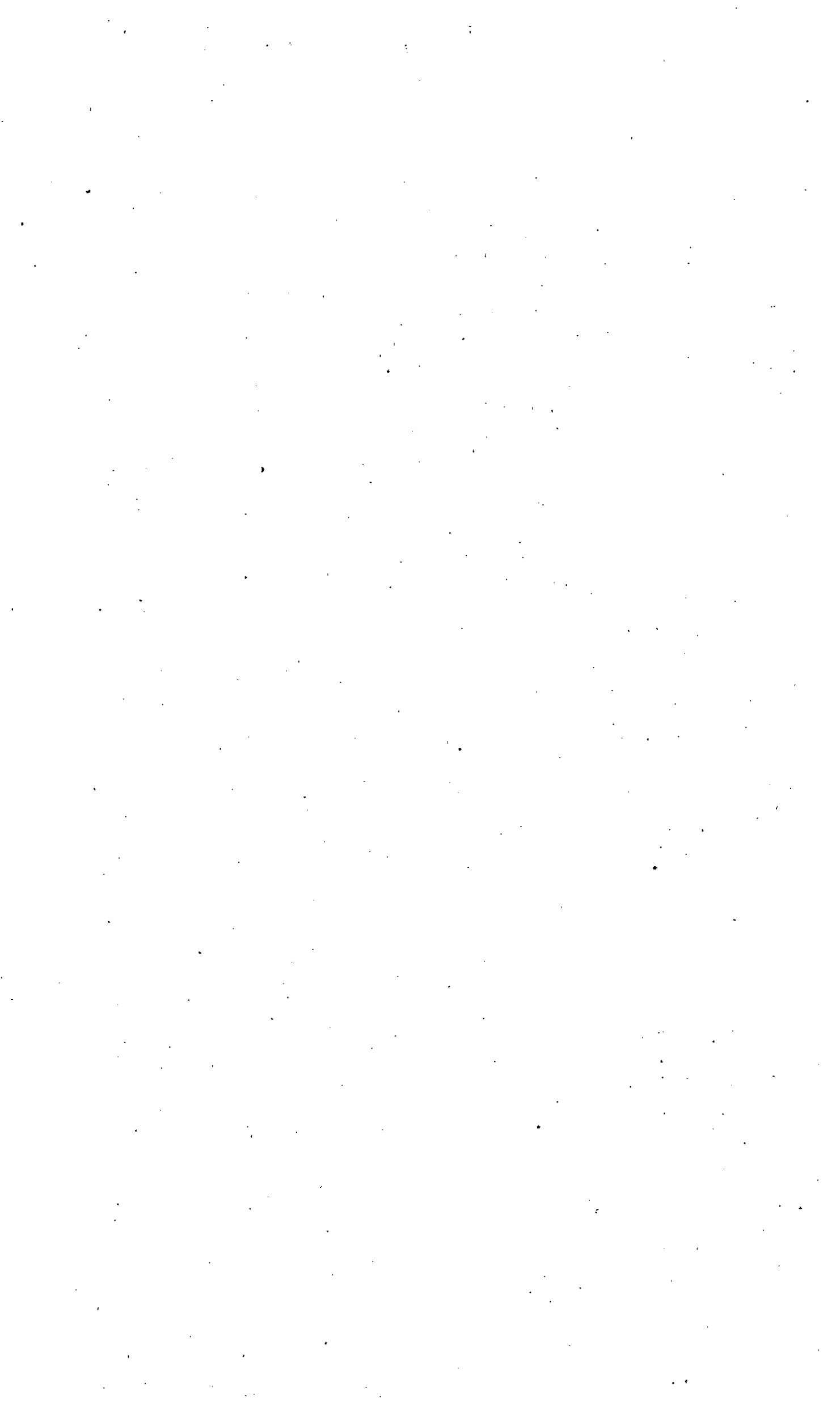
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Stuart, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 3), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877.

(2.) Mr. Stuart then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned at thirteen minutes to Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—Edward Combes, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Orange.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Walgett Court House:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What time has been allowed to the Walgett Court House Contractor to finish his Contract?
- (2.) What work has already been done in this Contract?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The bond has not yet been executed, and the time not fixed. I do not think the building can be completed in less than fifteen months from the time of commencement.
- (2.) No work has as yet been executed, the site not having been definitely settled.

(2.) Goulburn Gaol:—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What action (if any) do the Government propose taking with regard to the removal of the Goulburn Gaol?

Mr. Robertson answered,—An estimate of the probable cost of a new building has been made, and it amounts to £25,000. Before asking for so large an amount of money, the matter will require much consideration; but I shall be able in the course of a few days, after I consult my colleagues, to intimate the course the Government will pursue with regard to it.

(3.) Book Time-tables for Great Northern Railway:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is there any hindrance to Time-tables and Fares being issued in book form for the Great Northern Railway, similar to those published and supplied to Members of Parliament from time to time for the other lines; if not, will he cause it to be done?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Book Time-tables and Fares of the Great Northern Railway, similar to those issued gratis to the public on the South and West lines, are issued to travellers on the Northern Railway.

(4.) Maps of proposed Electoral Districts:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it a fact that Government contemplate publishing Electoral Maps through the medium of the newspaper press; if so, are the Maps to be copies of, or similar to, those laid upon the Table of this House recently, or will pains be taken to make them more reliable and correct?

Mr. Robertson answered,—It is in contemplation to circulate by means of two leading newspapers in the country districts a Map exhibiting the Electoral Districts. That Map cannot be altered until the House gives its sanction to alterations. Of course, as the House sanctions alterations they can be indicated, but the Map cannot be altered in the meantime.

(5.) Railway Carriage engaged by Sir James Martin:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What number of passengers does the carriage engaged by Sir James Martin on the 10th instant carry?
- (2.) What amount of money did Sir James Martin pay for the carriage so engaged by him on the 10th?
- (3.) What is first-class fare to One-tree Hill, and what would the total amount of first-class fares be to above place when the carriage is full?

Mr.

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) It will accommodate twelve passengers.
 (2.) Sir James Martin paid £3 14s. 3d.; two Members of Parliament travelled with Sir James in the carriage, the value of whose fare added to the above would have made the amount equal to sum usually charged. Any member of the public could have obtained the exclusive use of this compartment on payment of a sum of £5 8s. for eight passengers.
 (3.) The first-class fare to Mount Victoria is £1 0s. 3d.; if the carriage were full to that place, the fares would amount to £12 3s.; the distance, however, to Numantia, to which place Sir James Martin went, is 26 miles less than the distance to Mount Victoria.
3. DRAINAGE OF LANDS ON THE LOWER MACLEAY RIVER (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on 21st February, from the Inhabitants of the Macleay River, relative to two cuttings, one into Korogero Creek, and another into Killick Creek, in order to liberate the waters in times of flood, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
4. NO LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Macintosh, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Macintosh on 21st February, from Gold-miners and others resident at Sydney, in favour of the No Liability Mining Companies Bill, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
5. PAPER :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Return showing approximate number of Electors as per Schedule A of Electoral Bill.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE LANDS TRANSFER BILL :—Mr. Stuart, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 30th January, 1877.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Friday, 2nd March.
 Question put and passed.
7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Mr. Robertson made to the House a Ministerial Statement.
8. SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Macintosh, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 6th February, 1877.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Macintosh then moved, That the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Friday, 2nd March.
 Question put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Audit Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Wednesday next.*
 (2.) Supply; resumption of the Committee
 (3.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee } *to follow after Order No. 5.*
10. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Stuart, 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. Stuart, that report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
11. ELECTORAL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—
 And the Question being again proposed,—
 Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1877, A.M.

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Stephen Brown,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Lynch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Montague,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original

Original Question again stated.

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

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Farnoll,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. J. S. Smith.

Noes, 4.

Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. R. Forster,

Tellers.

Mr. Terry,
Mr. McElhone.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

ELECTORATE OF GOLD FIELDS SOUTH:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 6th instant, declaring the Seat of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Baker, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields South.

2. **MEMBER SWORN:**—The Honorable Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields South.

3. **QUESTIONS:**—

- (1.) **Erection of Bridge near Connolly's Mill, Goulburn:**—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to proceed with the erection of the Bridge for the convenience of water carriers over the creek opposite Connolly's mill, at Goulburn?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The construction of a bridge here has for some time been under consideration, but it is only lately that an offer of land for approach has been made. The question will be finally determined on when next Estimates are being prepared.

- (2.) **Reserves for Travelling Stock:**—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was an application made asking that Travelling Stock Reserves should be proclaimed on each side of the road from the Barwin River to Wilby Wilby, on the Narren River, and from Ulumbie, the crossing-place of the Walgett Bridge, to Brewarrina, along the existing road?

(2.) Was such reported upon by Surveyor M'Master on 29 November, 1876; if so, favourably or otherwise?

(3.) Do the Government intend to proclaim these Reserves, and when?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; the report is favourable to the reservation.

(3.) The matter is now under consideration.

- (3.) **Race-course for Moree:**—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has an application been made for a grant of a Race-course to Moree (Gwydir) Jockey Club; if so, will such be granted and vested in Trustees named?

Mr. Baker answered,—Yes; and it will be granted in the usual way as a recreation ground.

- (4.) **Telegraphic Communication with Tumberumba:**—*Mr. Jacob*, on behalf of Mr. Day, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Was an application made by the Inhabitants of Tumberumba for the extension of Telegraphic Communication to that township; if so, was that application refused?

Mr. Burns answered,—An application was received from the Inhabitants of Tumberumba for the extension of Telegraphic Communication to that township, which was not acceded to in consequence of its appearing probable that sufficient business would not be obtained to justify the expense.

- (5.) **The Customs Department:**—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Robert Christison has been appointed Landing-waiter in the Customs over older officers in the Service?

(2.) Is it a fact that Mr. A. C. Doutry, Tide-waiter or Extra Clerk, has been appointed Locker over older officers on supernumerary staff?

(3.)

(3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Douÿty has been taken from his original position as Acting Clerk and placed over the heads of officers on the regular staff, at a salary of £250 per annum, thereby giving Mr. Douÿty, who had no regular salary, £75 per annum more than these older officers, notwithstanding their position and length of service, many of them being three times as long in the Public Service as Mr. Douÿty?

(4.) Is it a fact that Mr. Douÿty was in the service or employ of Towns & Co.?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Applications for the vacant post of Landing-waiter were received from the 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Lockers. Mr. Christison, the 6th Locker, as the senior in rank, and being favourably recommended by the Collector of Customs, was promoted to the office referred to.

(2.) Yes; those above him on the extra Tide list who applied for the promotion not being considered eligible by the Collector.

(3.) There were nine applications for promotion (including Mr. Douÿty's) received at the Treasury—seven of which were from persons on the extra Tide staff, and two from persons who had been promoted from that staff to permanent appointments. Of these seven applications, two were received after the appointment was made. The claims of those before me at the time were fully considered, and I came to the conclusion that Mr. Douÿty was the one best entitled to promotion. I find on reference to his application, that the Collector of Customs recommends him in the following terms:—"Mr. Douÿty is, I believe, known to the Colonial Treasurer," (in which, however, Mr. Duncan is mistaken) "who, on occasion of promoting Mr. J. N. Brown, promised shortly to advance Mr. Douÿty, who was Mr. Brown's competitor at that time. The applicant might receive a Lockership made vacant by filling up Mr. Thomson's place from that branch.—W.A.D., 7/2/77." I find also from the records of the office that Mr. Douÿty had previously applied for promotion, and I will now read his application, and the minutes made thereon.

"Sir,

"Custom House, Sydney, 29 September, 1876.

"I have the honor to apply for the appointment of Junior Clerk, which, I understand, is now vacant.

"I have been nearly six years in this Department, during which period I was five months Acting Tide Surveyor at Newcastle, and have been now employed over three years as Acting Clerk in the Chief Clerk's Office. I beg to state that I have passed the Civil Service Examination at the University.

"Trusting that you will give this application your most favourable consideration,

"I have, &c.,

"A. C. DOUTTY."

"The Collector of Customs.

Minute by the Collector of Customs.

"Mr. Douÿty is thoroughly competent for this office, and I do not think there is any person in the Department who can prefer a better claim.—W.A.D., 29/9/76."

Minute by myself.

"It is a gratification to find that there are so many of the junior officers so well spoken of by the Collector. I regret in this case that I am unable to comply with Mr. Douÿty's request at the present time, but I hope that shortly there may be opportunity to advance him. For the present I think some consideration is due to J. N. Brown, who has been acting for Mr. Tide-surveyor Russell up to his death. The Collector spoke most strongly in his favour, and the only thing he has against him is the suspicion that he was concerned in writing me some anonymous letter. He assures me, and his friends assure me, that they place the most implicit confidence in what he says, that he would scorn to be guilty of such a thing, and knows nothing whatever about it. Under the circumstances, I approve of his being recommended to the Governor in Council for the office of clerk vacated by the promotion of Mr. Curran. I have known of Douÿty prior to his joining the Customs, and I believe him to be worthy of promotion, and request that when any other vacancy occurs his name be brought up.—A.S., 30/9/76."

(4.) Mr. A. C. Douÿty was never in the employment of Messrs. R. Towns & Co. His brother was employed by that firm some years ago.

(6.) Race-course for Coonabarabran:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a Race-course been granted to the people of Coonabarabran?

(2.) Have the names of the proposed Trustees been forwarded to the Government; if so, what are their names, and when will they be gazetted?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) Not as yet. The matter is under consideration.

(2.) Yes; Messrs. Jethro White, Frederick William Edwards, John Hill, John Lyons, and James M'Guire. The circumstance of their names being gazetted will depend upon the decision above referred to.

(7.) General Cemetery, Crookwell:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What delays the gazetting of additional Trustees for the General Cemetery at Crookwell?

Mr. Baker answered,—Additional Trustees have been nominated generally for the respective portions of the Cemetery allotted to the several religious denominations. No preventable delay has occurred in the appointments. It is the practice to refer nominations so made for the approval of the head of each denomination, and that course has been adopted in the present instance, and the appointments will not be made until the references have been replied to.

(8.) Oyster-beds Commission:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What are the names of the gentlemen sitting on the Oyster-beds Commission?

(2.) What are they paid for each day's sitting?

(3.) What sum of money has been paid to each of them?

(4.) Out of what Vote or Votes of Parliament are they paid?

(5.) How many times have the Board met?

Mr.

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) The Honorable Thomas Holt, M.L.C. (Chairman); the Honorable John Bowie Wilson; James Squire Farnell, Esquire, M.P.
 - (2.) Mr. Holt, £3 3s.; Mr. Wilson, £2 2s.; Mr. Farnell, nil.
 - (3.) Mr. Holt, £75 12s.; Mr. Wilson, £54 12s.
 - (4.) £1,000, in connection with the Oyster-beds, having been voted on the Supplementary Estimates for 1875, instead of on the Additional Estimates, the amount lapsed, and the Government, in order that the work might be proceeded with, asked the Treasury to authorize the necessary payment out of the Treasury Advance Account.
 - (5.) Twenty-nine times.
- (9.) Thomas Grieve's Selection, Deniliquin:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that necessary papers for deciding upon the merits of a selection made by Thomas Grieve, at Deniliquin, in November, 1875, are lost in the Department of Lands?
 - (2.) If so, what steps does the Minister intend to take, and will such steps be taken without further delay?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) A report from Mr. Licensed Surveyor Ræe upon the selection in question has been mislaid.
 - (2.) The Inspector of the district was, on the 17th instant, instructed to visit the land without delay, and furnish a report of the particulars necessary for deciding upon the case.
- (10.) Resignation of Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wyndham:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has the vacancy created by the resignation of Licensed Surveyor Wyndham been filled up; if not, when will such vacancy be filled up, and is there any objection to state who will be appointed?

Mr. Baker answered,—Yes; Mr. Licensed Surveyor R. Watkins is appointed, and will proceed to take up his district at the end of the present month.

4. PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL:—Mr. Taylor presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Parliamentary Committees to examine Witnesses upon Oath or Affirmation*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 2nd March.
5. EXTENSION OF GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO NEW ENGLAND:—Mr. T. G. Dangar presented a Petition from certain Residents in the District of Liverpool Plains, praying that the Great Northern Railway Trunk Line, from Tamworth to New England, may be taken *via* Barraba and Inverell. Petition received.
6. BAILIFF ALLEN, BATHURST (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copy of a letter sent to Mr. C. Cowper, Sheriff, by Mr. Scholey, a Member of this House, with reference to the conduct of Bailiff Allen, of Bathurst, together with Bailiff Allen's reply or replies to such letter. Question put and passed.
7. CASE OF LEGGE AND BRICKWOOD AND WOODS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all the Correspondence and other Papers in the mining case Legge and Brickwood and Woods. Question put and passed.
8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Order of the Day*):—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and passed. Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877*." Question put and passed. Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Messag:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd February, 1877.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Jacob moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.
10. EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, "That the Standing Order No. 89 be repealed, and in lieu thereof the following Order be substituted, viz.:—On any Member drawing the Speaker's attention to there being strangers in the House, the Speaker shall, without debate, put the question whether it is the pleasure of the House that strangers shall withdraw; and on such question being carried, the Speaker shall order strangers to 'withdraw,' and strangers shall immediately withdraw accordingly."

And the Question being again proposed,—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Jacob moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion, after the word "withdraw," in the sixth line, of the words "or the Speaker may in his own discretion at any time make such an Order."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

Debate continued.

Proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn:

Original

Original Question put,—That the Standing Order No. 89 be repealed, and in lieu thereof the following Order be substituted, viz.:—On any Member drawing the Speaker's attention to there being strangers in the House, the Speaker shall, without debate, put the question whether it is the pleasure of the House that strangers shall withdraw; and on such question being carried, the Speaker shall order strangers to withdraw, and strangers shall immediately withdraw accordingly.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. McElhone,

Tellers.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Cohen.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Tellers.
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Combes,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. CORONERS INQUESTS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. H. Suttor, 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 consolidate and amend the laws relating to Coroners Inquests; and to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Coroners Inquests; and that an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.

On motion of Mr. Suttor, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. W. H. Suttor presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Coroners Inquests*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd March.

12. BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES ENABLING 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 this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 9th March.

13. EMPLOYMENT OF FEMALES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cameron, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, 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 that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 9th March.

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

(1.) Railway from Dubbo to Bourke; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Friday, 23rd March.*

(2.) Railway from Wagga Wagga to Albury; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Friday, 9th March.*

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Baker, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Combes, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Day, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Greville, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Stuart, Mr. F. B. Suttor, and Mr. W. H. Suttor,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-three minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) University of Sydney.—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many meetings of the Senate of the University of Sydney were held during the years 1875-6?
- (2.) How many meetings did each member of said Senate attend during 1875-6?
- (3.) How many persons were candidates for, and had after examination, the Degree of Master of Arts conferred upon them by the said Senate during 1875-6?
- (4.) What was the amount of fees charged to each candidate presenting himself for examination to have the Degree of Master of Arts conferred upon him during 1875-6?
- (5.) How many educational establishments has the said Senate authorized to issue certificates to candidates as having completed a course of instruction determined by regulation of the Senate since the passing of the Act?
- (6.) How many persons have had the Degree of Master of Arts conferred upon them from each authorized educational establishment since the passing of the Act to date?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have received the following replies from the Registrar of the University,—

- (1.) Twenty meetings of the Senate of the University were held during the year specified.
- (2.) The attendance of members of that body was as follows:—The Chancellor, 17; The Vice-Chancellor, 19; The Honorable George Allen, 11; The Honorable John Hay, 5; His Honor Mr. Justice Faucett, 11; His Honor Sir James Martin, 2; The Honorable W. B. Dalley, 10; His Honor Sir W. Manning, 8; The Honorable Sir W. Macarthur, 2*; Professor Badham, 16; Professor Pell, 5; Professor Smith, 13; Mr. Windeyer, 12; Mr. Macleay, 13; Archbishop Polding, 1*; Mr. Russell, 15; Mr. Rolleston (on leave), 2. (*Attendance prevented by illness.)
- (3.) Fourteen.
- (4.) Each candidate paid a fee of £3 before being admitted to the degree of M.A. (†The fee for candidates from British Universities is £5.)
- (5.) None.
- (6.) None.

- (2.) Crossing for Stock at Tarriaro:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice—

- (1.) Referring to the answer given by the late Secretary for Lands to his Question, Votes and Proceedings No. 134, 3rd August last, with reference to the Crossing for Stock over the Namoi River, at Tarriaro,—what steps have been, or will be, taken to render this Ford available to stockholders and others?
- (2.) When is it likely the same will be open for public traffic?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) A further reference to the surveyor was necessary, and his report has just been received.
- (2.) The subject is now under consideration, and will receive immediate attention.

(3.)

- (3.) Common for Coonamble:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have the grazing rights over 2 miles around the town of Coonamble, set aside as population area, been granted to the people, in accordance with the promise made to T. G. Dangar, in a letter, dated 10 August, 1875, numbered 75-5,632, Ms.?
 - (2.) Has notification of same appeared in the *Gazette*; if so, what date?
 - (3.) Do the powers vested in the Trustees by Act of Parliament over the Permanent and Temporary Commonage extend equally to the whole unappropriated acreage included within the boundaries of the population area?
- Mr. Baker answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes; on 5th July, 1876.
 - (3.) Yes; that is to say, over the whole unappropriated area reserved for the purposes referred to.
- (4.) Forfeited Mineral Lease:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Was a lease, No. 1,154, declared forfeited in *Gazette* dated 3rd November, and was such lease in name of R. D. Graham?
 - (2.) Was W. F. Hurley the first applicant for the forfeited lease referred to?
 - (3.) And did he make all payments required in the Act when applying for the land?
 - (4.) Is it the intention of the Minister to cause this forfeited lease to be made out in favour of the said W. F. Hurley?
- Mr. Lucas answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) No; Mr. Hurley marked out one piece of ground, and applied for another.
- (5.) Road over Wolgen's Gap:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is the sum asked for in letter dated 13th September, for repair of Road over Wolgen's Gap, provided on Estimates?
 - (2.) Will he please to call Tenders as early as possible, in order that travellers may be benefited by the improvement required?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) Yes, on Schedule under Trustees.
 - (2.) The Vote will be made available to the Trust as soon as possible.
- (6.) Road from Capertee to Rylstone, and from Rylstone to Cudgong:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Will he cause a reply to be given to his letters, dated September 12th, asking for Survey of Road from Capertee to Rylstone, and from Rylstone to Cudgong?
 - (2.) Has anything been done in the matter; if so, what?
- Mr. Baker answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Instructions were sent to Mr. District Surveyor Dalglish, on the 20th September, to report in the matter, and no decision can be given until his reply has been received. It was through an inadvertence that the papers were sent away without the Honorable Member having been first apprised.
- (7.) Road from Glen Alice to Capertee:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is the sum of £10 per mile for 25 miles of road from Glen Alice to Capertee available; if not, when is it likely to be placed to credit of the Trustees for disposal?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—Yes; in a day or two.
- (8.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Young:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of Post and Telegraph Offices at Young, which are so much required, and the necessary funds for the erection of which were voted last Session?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—Plans are just completed, and Tenders will be invited in the next *Gazette*.
- (9.) Court House, Richmond:—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has the Colonial Architect been instructed to prepare Plan and Specifications for the Court House, Richmond; if so, when?
 - (2.) Has such Plan and Specifications been prepared; and if so, when were they completed?
 - (3.) When will Tenders be called for erection of such Court House?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) The Colonial Architect was instructed, on the 22nd May last, to proceed with this work.
 - (2.) The Plans will be completed by the end of this week, and the Specification a few days later.
 - (3.) Tenders will be invited probably on Tuesday next.
- (10.) Mr. Cavanagh—Telegraph Office:—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. Cavanagh, recently arrived from Melbourne, is now employed as a Corresponding Clerk in the Telegraph Office, at a higher salary than £100 a year, without having passed the Civil Service Examination?
 - (2.) Is it true that it is in contemplation to appoint this person to a position in the Post Office, which will place him higher than officials of several years service?
 - (3.) Is the Postmaster General aware that the Chief Clerk of the Post Office has proposed an exchange between a subordinate of his and Mr. Cavanagh, so as to get rid of the objection as to the latter person having been brought in from outside, over the heads of existing members of the staff?

(4.) Is it true that applications for the said position have been called for from persons inside the Office?

(5.) Will the Postmaster General prevent injustice being done to the officials before referred to, and not allow an inroad upon the principle of promotion which obtains in the Government Service?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) It is a fact that Mr. Cavanagh, who was formerly in the Civil Service of Victoria, and who has not yet passed the Civil Service Examination of this Colony, is temporarily employed as a Corresponding Clerk in the Telegraph Department at a payment higher than £100 per year.

(2.) It has not yet been decided whether Mr. Cavanagh shall be appointed to any permanent position in the Post Office, but he has been highly recommended by the Secretary, on account of his ability and official experience, for appointment temporarily as Senior Clerk in the Correspondence room.

(3.) No proposal for an exchange of offices between Mr. Cavanagh and a clerk in the Post Office has been made under my authority, and the Chief Clerk of the Post Office denies that he has made any suggestion of the kind.

(4.) It is true that applications have been called for from persons inside the office for the appointment in the Correspondence branch.

(5.) I am certainly in favour of promotion in rotation, but promotion cannot always be regulated by this rule, however desirable it may be to observe it.

2. **ELECTORAL BILL**:—Mr. J. S. Smith presented a Petition from certain Electors resident within the Police District of Molong, praying that the present Police District of Molong may be constituted a separate Electoral District.
Petition received.
3. **PAPEES**:—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—
 - (1.) By-laws for the Regulation of Public Vehicles, under the "Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act."
 - (2.) Road Trust Accounts, from 1st January to 30th June, 1876.
Ordered to be printed.
4. **NO LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL**:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from certain Goldminers and others resident at Hill End, praying that this Bill may be passed into law.
Petition received.
5. **EAST MAITLAND RAILWAY STATION (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Bennett, on behalf of Mr. Scholey, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the total number of Passengers Tickets issued at the East Maitland Railway Station, in the month of January in each year, for five years ending in 1877.
Question put and passed.
6. **PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. J. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return giving the names of all Public Schools on which a debt existed on the 20th April, 1875, and for which the Local Boards or any Local Committee were liable, with the amount of the debt due on each such School respectively at the date named, and at the present time; and also the names of all Public Schools, the Local Boards of which have been unable to collect, or have represented to the Council of Education that they have been unable to collect, the full amount of the local quota required for the erection of School Buildings prior to the 20th April, 1875, with the steps taken by the Council of Education on such representations, if any.
Question put and passed.
7. **REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Real Property Act.
Question put and passed.
8. **WALLIS CREEK WATER RESERVE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Davies, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Department of Public Lands and the Municipal Council of East Maitland, together with any Minutes, Plans, or other Documents concerning the opening of the Wallis Creek Water Reserve, together with any Correspondence which may have passed between the Crown Law Department and the Government concerning the opening of the aforesaid Water Reserve.
Question put and passed.
9. **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the deduction of £50 from the salary of the Third Clerk, and the addition of £50 to the salary of the Second Clerk, in the Department of Justice and Public Instruction, voted for 1876, under the circumstances of the case, call for the disapproval of this House.
Mr. Robertson moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned till Wednesday, 7th March.
10. **REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Terry presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to further amend the Real Property Act,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 30th March.
11. **REMISSION OF THE SENTENCE OF LAWRENCE CUMMINS**:—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Minutes, Recommendations, Letters, Documents, and Papers connected with the remission of the sentence of Lawrence Cummins, which have not been included in the Papers relating to that matter laid upon the Table by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Day,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Parkes,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Teece,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Davies.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. **EXTENSION OF GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO NEW ENGLAND:**—Mr. T. G. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd February, from Residents of Liverpool Plains, Manilla, and Barraba, in favour of extending the Great Northern Railway *via* Barraba to Inverell, be printed.
Question put and passed.
13. **ELECTORAL BILL:**—Mr. Gray presented a Petition from certain Electors of Woodburn, and surrounding Districts, Richmond River, representing that Petitioners are satisfied with the boundaries assigned to the proposed Electorate of The Richmond by this Bill; and praying that such boundaries may be adhered to.
Petition received.
14. **ELECTORAL MAPS:**—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the contemplated publication by the Government in the newspapers of copies of the Electoral Maps, laid upon the Table of this House, would be a wanton waste of public money, and unjustifiable, inasmuch as those Maps are manifestly incorrect and misleading, being at variance in some material respects with the descriptions contained in the Schedule of Electorates of the Electoral Bill now before the House, and therefore the expenditure ought not to be incurred.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Macintosh,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Byrnes.
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. Montague,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. **VOLUNTEER FORCE REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867; and to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.
Question put and passed.
16. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Mr. Street, Inspector of Conditional Purchases; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. McElhone;—*until Friday, 9th March.*
(2.) Married Women's Property Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 13th March.*
(3.) Police Magistrate for Carcoar; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolution;—*until Tuesday next.*
17. **BRIDGE OVER THE WOLLOMBI BROOK:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Wollombi Brook, on the road from Warkworth to Howe's Valley.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The

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

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Wollombi Brook, on the road from Warkworth to Howc's Valley.

On motion of Mr. Browne, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

18. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 23rd March.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Extension of Great Western Railway to Wellington:—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to call for Tenders for the extension of the Great Western Railway from Orange to Wellington?
 (2.) If so, by what route, and when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Tenders cannot be invited until the plans and books of reference have been approved by Parliament, in accordance with the provisions of the Railway Act.
 (2.) Plans and books of reference will, I hope, be ready in about a fortnight for the route by way of Ironbarks. The route by way of Molong having been more recently suggested, the plans, &c., cannot be ready for some months. The route to be taken must be determined by Parliament, as provided by the Railway Act.

- (2.) Police Protection, Mogil Mogil:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When is it intended to establish Police at Mogil Mogil, on the Upper Barwin River?
 (2.) Are the Police Quarters finished there; or, if not, when are they likely to be?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Immediately the buildings are completed.
 (2.) The building is in progress; but it is difficult to obtain workmen, hence the delay.

- (3.) Broadwater Creek Bridge, Moree:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Are the Approaches completed to the Broadwater Creek Bridge, Moree?
 (2.) When will this Bridge be ready for public use?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) When a dispute about right-of-way through Mrs. Sweatman's land is settled.

- (4.) Post and Telegraph Office, Brewarrina:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the Post and Telegraph Office at Brewarrina, the money for which was voted during last Session of Parliament?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The necessary plans are not yet ready, but probably Tenders may be invited in the course of next month.

- (5.) Bridge across Billabong Creek, Jerilderie:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Was a Petition received about twelve months since from the Inhabitants of Jerilderie, praying for the erection of a Bridge across the Billabong Creek, at that place?
 (2.) Was any answer given to that Petition; if so, what was the nature of such answer?
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to build the Bridge; if so, when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The Petition prayed for the purchase of a private Bridge.
 (2.) A reply was forwarded to the Member for the District (Mr. Hay), refusing to buy old Bridge as it was considered cheaper to build a new one.
 (3.) No decision has been arrived at on this point; a difficulty as to site exists, and it is thought the present Bridge will suffice for the traffic for some time to come.

(6.)

(6.) Road from Little Billabong to Tumberumba:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How much money was voted for the repairs of the road from Little Billabong to Tumberumba in 1876?
- (2.) Was the full amount expended on the said road; if not, how much was expended, and what has been done with the balance?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) £750.
- (2.) No; the balance has been reserved to cut down a hill, the surveys for which are now in hand, and could not be undertaken before.

(7.) Road to Hartley, *via* Brown's Gap:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is the application, made in letter dated August 16th, for road to Hartley, *via* Brown's Gap, likely to be complied with?
- (2.) What is the cause of delay in replying to the application, made over five months since?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes, the road has been provided for on Schedule for current year.
- (2.) Provision having been made, the letter advising the action taken was overlooked.

(8.) Provisional School, Botany Heads:—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it a fact that the Provisional School at Botany Heads, which is under the Council of Education, is now being taught by a teacher who is in no way connected with the Council of Education; if so, under what circumstances is this allowed?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I find from the Council of Education that a teacher was appointed on probation by the Council to the charge of the School at Botany Heads on the 2nd February instant.

(9.) Post and Telegraph Office, Singleton:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of the Post and Telegraph Office at Singleton?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders will be invited most likely in the course of next week.

(10.) Application of James Windsor for Land, parish of Whittingham:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has any, and if so what, decision been arrived at in reference to the application of James Windsor, made 27th September, 1876, for certain portions of land to be put up to auction in the parish of Whittingham, county of Northumberland?

Mr. Baker answered,—A report has recently been received from Mr. District Surveyor Evans, and is now under consideration.

(11.) Thomas O'Connell's Application for a Pre-lease:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) If an application was received from Thomas O'Connell for a pre-lease of 243 acres?
- (2.) The date of his application, and was rent paid?
- (3.) Will his application be granted; if not, on what grounds is refusal made?
- (4.) Are there any other applicants; if so, the date of their applications?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) 16 November, 1876; rent was paid.
- (3.) It was granted on 9th instant.
- (4.) I am not aware that there are any other applicants.

(12.) Land Selected at Rylstone by Mr. Highfield:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a person named Highfield selected at Rylstone a portion of land alleged to have been improved?
- (2.) Did such portion comprise land forfeited previous to the passing of the Amendment Act?
- (3.) Was an appraisalment of alleged improvements allowed at the instance of the Crown lessee?
- (4.) Is it his intention to treat such appraisalment as illegal, void, and without effect, on the grounds that the lands comprised had not reverted to the Crown lease, and the Crown lessee was not legally entitled to have a voice in such appraisalment?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1, 2, and 3.) Yes.
- (4.) The question as to whether the appraisalment was properly made as between the Crown and the lessee of the land was first brought under notice on the 20th instant, and has not yet been decided. The lessee was allowed to be a party to the appraisalment, he claiming to have been the owner of the improvements which were held to have been a bar to the selection of Highfield.

(13.) Land Laws:—Mr. McElhone, on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Land Laws?

Mr. Baker answered,—I am not aware of any such intention, except as relates to the Volunteer Land Orders.

(14.) Crown Lands sold by Auction:—Mr. McElhone, on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What is the area of Crown Lands sold by auction from 1st July to 31st December, 1876, and from 1st January, 1877, to the present date?

Mr. Baker answered,—To supply the information asked for by the Honorable Member, it will be necessary to examine all the sale lists and final reports of sale during the periods specified. A Return giving the required particulars will be laid upon the Table on Tuesday next.

(15.) Mr. Isaac Shepherd, junior, J.P. :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Does he intend to strike Mr. Isaac Shepherd, junior, of Ryde, off the Commission of the Peace, for offering to bribe Surveyor Lisle to survey P. Walsh's selection on a Reserve so that it would be cancelled; and if so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I made a communication to Mr. Shepherd some time ago with regard to this matter, to which I have had a reply, but I have not had an opportunity of consulting my colleagues with reference to that reply. So soon as I have an opportunity the matter will be dealt with.

(16.) Dr. Ramsay, Returning Officer for Mudgee:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any decision been come to in the case of Dr. Ramsay, Returning Officer of Mudgee, who has been charged with bargaining with, and taking part payment from, Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks, and of dividing the money charged for polling-booths with Publicans and others?

(2.) If no decision has been come to in Dr. Ramsay's case, when will it be decided?

Mr. Robertson answered,—A decision has been come to in the case of Dr. Ramsay, and this gentleman has been removed from the Public Service.

(17.) Extension of Railway from Murrurundi to Quirindi:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the extension of the Railway Line from Murrurundi to Quirindi be opened for traffic?

Mr. Lackey answered,—About the commencement of May next.

(18.) Railway Workshop Regulations:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Railway Workshop Regulations, which were promised by him, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a copy of the Regulations referred to.

(19.) Collection of Electoral Lists:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What was the cost each year for the last three years during which the Electoral Lists were collected by private persons, prior to the passing of 30 Vic. No. 21, which authorizes the collection of the said Lists by the police?

Mr. Robertson answered,—1864, £5,464 19s. 2d.; 1865, £5,112 18s. 7d.; 1866, £5,453 3s. 7d.

2. ELECTORAL BILL:—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table an amended Map, showing boundaries as defined in Schedule A of the Electoral Bill of 1876.

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

(1.) Rules and Regulations to be observed by the Workmen employed in the Government Railway Workshops.

(2.) Return showing the proposed distribution of the Vote on the Estimates for Subordinate Roads under officers of Roads Department.

(3.) Return showing the proposed distribution of the Vote on the Estimates for Subordinate Roads under Trustees.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Piddington moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 1 MARCH, 1877, A.M.

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. Stephen Brown,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Lynch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Davies.
Mr. Greville,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th February, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.)

(2.) Adulteration of Food Prevention Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to prevent the Adulteration of articles of Food or Drink*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th February, 1877.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Driver, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd March.

(3.) Animals Protection Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law respecting Cruelty to Animals*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th February, 1877.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Farnell; read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd March.

6. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Audit Act Amendment Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

7. ELECTORAL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
Debate resumed.Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Stephen Brown.
Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Burnas,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Greville,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again stated.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till to-morrow.

The House adjourned at eight minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 MARCH, 1877.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1 March, 1877.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Post and Telegraph Office, Gundagai:—Mr. Day, on behalf of Mr. Leary, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What rent is now paid by the Government for the Post and Telegraph Office at Gundagai?
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision in the Supplementary Estimates for a new Post and Telegraph Office at Gundagai?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The rent paid by the Government for the Post and Telegraph Office at Gundagai is £80 per annum.
(2.) It is the intention of the Government to cause provision to be made in the Additional Estimates for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Gundagai.

(2.) Volunteer Land Orders:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many Volunteer Land Orders were issued during the year 1876?
(2.) How many Land Orders were applied for, and refused on various grounds?
(3.) Have any of these cases been brought under the notice of the Colonial Secretary as cases of particular hardship?
(4.) If so, does he intend to take any action to let these men have their Land Orders?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) 434.
(2.) 17.
(3.) Yes; 12.
(4.) The Parliament will be invited to deal with equitable as contra distinguished from those who have no such rights.

(3.) Railway Labourers:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the attention of the Government been directed to the fact that a large number of Railway labourers are being thrown out of employment by the completion of the Western Railway Extension; if so, will the Government convey a knowledge of this fact to the various Emigration Agents, in order that it may be noted by them, to prevent an influx of this class of people?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The attention of the Government has been called to the fact that a considerable number of labourers are likely to be thrown out of employment by the completion of the Western Railway Extension, but certainly only temporarily; any such intimation on the subject to the various Emigration Agents would, it seems to me, only mislead.

(4.)

(4.) Building for School, Lithgow Valley :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Council of Education made any inquiry in regard to the advisability of erecting a suitable building for school purposes at Lithgow Valley; if so, what is the nature of such decision?

(2.) Are the Government and Council of Education aware that the increasing population of this place, Lithgow, should have immediate attention?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I learn from the Council of Education,—

(1.) Inquiry has been made.

(2.) The Council have given, as they state, all possible attention to the matter.

(5.) The Civil Service :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is there any rule in the Government Departments to prevent Civil Servants from criticising the public or private conduct of other Civil Servants in the public press of the Colony?

(2.) Is he aware that a Civil Servant has been indulging in this practice in the town of Orange?

(3.) Will he put a stop to this practice?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The members of the Civil Service are free to do what other citizens may do so that they transgress not law, morals, or public or official propriety. I am not aware of any such rule that prevents their doing what their public position would not make censurable.

(2.) I am not aware of anything of the kind.

(6.) Land Agent, Wagga Wagga :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Land Agent at Wagga Wagga accepted an application on Thursday, the 15th February, 1877, for 80 acres, under the 31st clause of the Amended Land Act, in virtue of improvements previously made?

(2.) If so, will such application be acknowledged as legal?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1 and 2.) It appears that no application of the kind mentioned has been received in the Department, but the Land Agent received two applications for 40 acres each, on the 14th February, 1877, for intended improvements.

3. ELECTORAL BILL :—Mr. W. C. Browne presented a Petition from certain Electors and others, resident in the District of Patrick's Plains, representing that Petitioners object to the proposed alterations in the boundaries of the Electorates of Patrick's Plains and The Hunter; and praying the House to allow the boundaries of the Electoral District of Patrick's Plains to remain as at present.

And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

4. PAPER :—Mr. Baker laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated for the use and general purposes of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Vict. No. 13.

Ordered to be printed.

5. ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—Mr. Driver, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 2nd February, 1877,—together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Driver then moved, That the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Friday, 23rd March.

Question put and passed.

6. NO LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 27th February, from Gold-miners and others, at Hill End, in favour of the No Liability Mining Companies Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

7. ELECTORAL BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. J. S. Smith, on behalf of Mr. Gray, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Gray on 27th February, from certain Electors of Woodburn and surrounding districts, Richmond River, in favour of adhering to the boundaries of the proposed Electorate of The Richmond, be printed.

Question put and passed.

8. PAPER :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 18th January, 1877, in reference to General Elections.

Ordered to be printed.

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 MARCH, 1877, A.M.

Question—That this House do now adjourn—put and negatived.

10. ELECTORAL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned till Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at half past Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

• Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 MARCH, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Public School, Murrumburrah:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that tenders were invited, and a contract entered into about nine months since, for the erection of a Public School at Murrumburrah, but that, owing to the great delay in the Lands Department in granting the site, although it was surveyed in March, 1876, the building cannot be proceeded with?

(2.) Will he expedite the matter by having the site forthwith vested in the Council of Education, so that the erection of the building, so much required, may be proceeded with?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Tenders were invited on the 14th July last, and one was finally accepted on the 18th November following.

(2.) The works have not been commenced, because the site has not yet been promised by the Government. I do not know how this delay has occurred, but I will look into the matter to-morrow, and shall then be able to tell my Honorable friend how the matter stands.

(2.) Permission to quarry Stone on Crown Land, Crookwell:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has any, and what, decision been arrived at with regard to the Petition presented to the Government in December last, from the Inhabitants of Crookwell, for permission to quarry stone on a portion of Crown Land adjoining the township?

Mr. Baker answered,—A report has been received from the District Surveyor favourable to the prayer of the Petition, and a decision in the matter will be given very shortly.

(3.) Bridge across Murray River, Howlong:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a numerously signed Petition received from the Inhabitants of Howlong, praying for the erection of a Wooden Bridge across the Murray River at that place?

(2.) Has there been any communication received from the Victorian Government on this question, pointing out the desirability of carrying out this work, and offering to pay one-half the cost of the same?

(3.) How much money has this Government expended on the approaches to this crossing-place?

(4.) Has the Government any objection to join with the Victorian Government in building this bridge?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) £1,997 10s.

(4.) The Government have not yet come to any decision on this matter.

(4.) Selection made by Thomas Rose, Deniliquin:—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a selection made by Thomas Rose, at Deniliquin, in 1873, was declared void in error?

(2.) Is it a fact that such error was proved in an action of ejectment brought by Messrs. Landale against Rose?

(3.) Is it a fact that balance of purchase money tendered upon such selection has been passed to Suspense Account at the Treasury?

(4.) Is it a fact that papers referring to the case have been lost in the Department of Lands?

(5.) Is it his intention to effect early inquiry into the case, and issue deeds of grant to the selector, in accordance with application?

Mr.

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) The selection referred to was declared void on the 21st August, 1873, under a report from the Survey Department, that it came partly within a Reserve at the date of application.
- (2.) It appears that an action of ejectment was brought against the selector; and it is alleged that in the course of such action it was proved that the land did not encroach upon the Reserve as supposed.
- (3.) The balance of purchase money has not been tendered, but £12 on account of interest thereupon has been received, and passed to the Suspense Account at the Treasury.
- (4.) The papers have not been lost in the Department of Lands, but the application, with reports, was impounded in the Supreme Court for some time, having been produced in evidence at the trial. They had been applied for, but have only recently been received.
- (5.) The case will now be further examined, and dealt with on its merits.

(5.) Transfer of Selection by Robert Graham, Deniliquin :—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Was a selection at Deniliquin transferred by Robert Graham to Margaret Agnes Graham, a minor, on August 5th, 1875?
- (2.) Was such transfer refused by the Department on the grounds that the Amendment Act debarred minors from holding selections, although such Act was not in existence at the time of transfer?
- (3.) Will the case receive early attention by the Department, and application, for its reconsideration and acceptance of transfer, receive reply?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes; but the notification of transfer was not received in this Department until after the amended Act came into force.
- (3.) The transfer has since been allowed.

(6.) Public School Buildings, Lower Southgate and Lawrence :—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How long over contract time has the contractor for Public School at Lower Southgate been in completing his contract for Public School, and is it finished yet?
- (2.) Is it true that the contractor was detected in building a 4-inch wall instead of a 9-inch wall in the underground tank?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to let the same contractor have the contract for building the Public School at Lawrence: if so, when is it to be completed?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I will answer the third question first. My Honorable friend knows that by the Public Schools Act the Government have nothing to do with these contracts. The Council of Education has furnished me with the following answers to questions 1 and 2 :—

- (1.) Four months; the contract is not yet completed.
- (2.) The Council has no information.

(7.) Tender for Repairs, &c., Court House, Warialda :—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has a Tender been received from a person called Senior for additional Court House work and Lock-up additions at Warialda?
- (2.) If so, has such Tender been accepted?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No; it was declined, as it greatly exceeded the estimate. A much lower Tender has been accepted.

(8.) Government Vaccinator for Wyrallah :—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Government Vaccinator at Wyrallah, Richmond River?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The only difficulty in making the appointment is to find a competent person. If my Honorable friend will suggest a competent person we will appoint him at once.

(9.) Public Buildings in Country Districts—Colonial Architect's Department :—*Mr. Day* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that fully two-thirds, if not three-fourths, of the money voted by Parliament for the erection of Public Buildings throughout the country districts is not likely to be appropriated this year through the management of the Colonial Architect's Department?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to allow this state of things to exist in the Public Service, or do they intend to see that the money voted by this House for Public Buildings shall be expended at the proper season?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The last Appropriation Act only having been assented to on the 22nd August last, the Votes in many cases—a great majority of them—will require further authorization, and with that object the amended Audit Bill has been introduced.
- (2.) Changes have already been determined in regard to the Colonial Architect's Department, which it is hoped will enable works to be carried out with satisfactory speed.

(10.) Selection made by late John Hoskisson, junior :—*Mr. Driver* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have any, and if so, how many, applications been made for the issue of a grant of 50 acres of land, selected by the late John Hoskisson, junior, part of the Gravesend Station?
- (2.) What is the cause of the delay in issuing such grant, and when is it likely to be issued?

Mr.

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) Two portions of land of 50 acres each, at Gravesend, were selected by John Hoskisson, under Volunteer Land Orders. No special application appears to have been made to the Lands Department for the issue of the grants.

(2.) One of these deeds of grant was forwarded to the Registrar General on the 26th July last, for delivery to Mr. Hoskisson, and the other is in course of transmission for signature.

(11.) Public Pound, Richmond:—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a letter forwarded to him on the 13th day of September last, applying for land as a site for a Public Pound in the town of Richmond?

(2.) Has any reply been forwarded to such application?

(3.) Has any, and what, action been taken in reference to such application?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; the matter was referred to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Pitt, whose report was received last month, recommending a site.

(3.) Mr. Pitt's report is at present under consideration.

(12.) Mineral Leases, County of Hardinge, Parish of Swinton:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have Messrs. Millis, Fearby, & Co. applied to have leases of portions 21 and 22 mineral leases 793 and 797, county of Hardinge, parish of Swinton, converted into Conditional Mineral Purchases?

(2.) Have the Government complied with, or agreed to comply with, the application?

Mr. Lucas answered,—The conversion of mineral leases into conditional mineral purchases is a matter pertaining to the Lands Department, but I have received from my Honorable colleague the following answers:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Not yet, as the papers do not at present contain sufficient information to enable the Government to arrive at a determination; further information is being obtained.

(13.) Oyster-beds Commission:—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has Mr. Lindsay Thompson, Secretary to the Oyster-beds Commission, received any pay, or is he to receive any pay, for acting as Secretary to above Commission?

(2.) Is he aware that this Commission sits between the hours of two and four, which are office hours, and that Mr. Thompson is already paid for working in these hours?

(3.) Was any money voted by this House to pay Commissioners to inquire into the growth of oysters?

(4.) Is it not a fact that the money was voted to promote the growth of oysters, and not to pay Commissioners?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) I understand he has been paid by the Oyster Commission.

(2.) Yes; but the sitting of the Commission involves the necessity of Mr. Thompson remaining in his office at the Lands Department after 4 o'clock to attend to his official duties. Apart from these particular occasions, Mr. Thompson bestows a considerable portion of his private time on official business.

(3.) The money was voted for an examination of the oyster-beds, and it was thought that this examination, and the necessary expenditure, could be best made under the supervision of Commissioners.

(4.) It is not a fact that the money was voted to promote the growth of oysters.

(14.) Postponed Land Sale, Forbes:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) On what grounds was the sale of land, advertised to be sold by auction at Forbes on Wednesday last, withdrawn?

(2.) Was the land withdrawn from sale by telegram on the day the sale was advertised?

(3.) Has the land which was advertised for sale been open to selection for many years past?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) As stated in reply to the Question of another Honorable Member yesterday, the Land Sale referred to was postponed for a month—not withdrawn from sale—to make inquiry into the statements made in a Petition from a number of Residents of Condobolin and the surrounding district.

(2.) The postponement was directed by telegram on the morning of the sale.

(3.) Yes.

(15.) Cleveland-street:—Mr. J. S. Smith, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the extension of Cleveland-street, near Abercrombie-place, been completely formed?

(2.) Is it the fact that the street is not opened for traffic by reason of a deep cutting or drain at the eastern end?

(3.) Is it intended to fill up such drain, or put a bridge over it; and if so, when will the work be done?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) Nothing is known of the formation of Cleveland-street in this Department.

(2.) The City Corporation undertook to execute the necessary work at the cost of the Government.

(16.) Thomas Grieve's Selection, Deniliquin:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will he institute an inquiry concerning the removal from other papers of Licensed Surveyor Rae's report on the selection of Thomas Grieve, made at Deniliquin, in November, 1875, admitted in reply to a previous question to have been mislaid in his Department?

(2.) Will he take steps to hasten action in the same case, delayed for so long a period by the loss of the paper referred to?

Mr.

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) Every inquiry has already been made for the mislaid papers without success. There is no reason to suppose that their removal is due to anything but accident.

(2.) As stated in reply to a previous Question on this subject by another Honorable Member, steps had already been taken to hasten the transmission of the information necessary for a final decision.

(17.) Legalization of certain Conditional and other Purchases :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill for the legalization of certain Conditional and other Purchases during the present Session?

Mr. Baker answered,—I hope to be able to do so.

2. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from the Reverend Arthur Edward Selwyn (Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle), Charles Frederick Stokes, Henry Bayes Cotton, and Frederick Ash, all of Newcastle, in the Colony of New South Wales, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Glebe annexed to Christ Church Newcastle to dispose of the Coal in the Glebe land.

And Mr. Lloyd having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Newcastle Morning Advertiser and Miners' Advocate*, and the *Newcastle Daily Pilot*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 27th February, 1877, in reference to the Remission of the Sentence of Lawrence Cummins.

Ordered to be printed.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. Bennett, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Charles, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Robertson, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. W. H. Suttor, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at three minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 MARCH, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lands Department:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many permanent Clerks are there employed in the Lands Department under his control who have not passed the Civil Service Examination?
 (2.) Their names, and when they were appointed?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) Thirty-three Clerks.

(2.) W. Blackman, 14th June, 1859; H. L. O. Rich, 9th October, 1856; L. G. Thompson, 1st January, 1867; C. A. Thurlow, 1st January, 1867; C. E. Neate, 1st January, 1867; T. H. Johnson, 25th March, 1862; C. A. Brown, 13th October, 1862; W. C. Edwards, 1st January, 1867; C. E. Phillips, 1st January, 1868; F. W. Croft, 1st January, 1867; H. S. Harpur, 1st January, 1867; J. Wiseman, 1st January, 1867; H. A. Fitzpatrick, 18th July, 1870; C. N. J. Oliver, 27th March, 1866; E. Patterson, 1st January, 1867; Fred. Williams, 1st January, 1867; Frank Williams, 1st January, 1867; Thos. P. Banks, 11th February, 1867; E. Bell, 1st March, 1871; R. H. Ormiston, 1st August, 1871; J. Edwards, 1st May, 1872; Thos. E. L. Newman, 1st July, 1869; H. O. Robertson, 1st July, 1869; J. G. Blaxland, 1st March, 1871; T. Horton, 14th August, 1871; C. G. Arnold, 1st November, 1873; John T. Locke, 20th September, 1875; Jas. P. Croft, 1st October, 1875; J. G. Neale, 7th July, 1874; J. R. Miles, 1st July, 1875; P. De Mestre, 24th July, 1876; J. W. Pidgeon, 22nd August, 1876; H. R. Hore, 16th September, 1875.

- (2.) Railway Station, Newcastle:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide increased necessary conveniences for the use of the travelling public at the Railway Station, Newcastle?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect new Station Buildings at Newcastle; and if so, when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) These are provided for in the design of the new Station-house.

(2.) Yes; Tenders were invited, but as the lowest received greatly exceeded the amount available for the building, it became necessary to postpone the work till a further Vote could be obtained.

- (3.) Bailiff Allen, Bathurst:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. Scholey, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Correspondence be laid upon the Table of this House as to the removal of Bailiff Allen from East Maitland to Bathurst, as ordered by this House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I hope to be able to lay the Papers on the Table this afternoon.

- (4.) Schools—Public, Denominational, and Provisional:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The number of Public Schools in actual operation on 1st February, 1877?
 (2.) The number of Certified Denominational Schools on the same day?
 (3.) The number of Provisional Schools on the same day?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) 494.
 (2.) 197.
 (3.) 267.

- (5.) Australian Museum—Free Public Library :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has any action been taken by the Government to convey to the Trustees of the Australian Museum and Free Public Library the Resolution agreed to by this House, instructing them to extend the hours for public inspection and issue?
 - (2.) Can he inform the House when it is likely that the hours during which the Australian Museum is open will be extended?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) It is under the consideration of a sub-committee, having been referred to the Trustees by the Government, but no decision has yet been arrived at.
- (6.) Transfer of Selection by Abel Graham, Warialda :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Was transfer of a Selection made by Abel Graham to Timothy Calor, at Warialda?
 - (2.) Will the parties concerned be informed without further delay whether such transfer will be accepted or refused?
- Mr. Baker answered,—
- (1.) A transfer has been received from Abel Graham to Timothy Calor, or Lalor, and returned to the Crown Lands Agent, Warialda, for the correct name of the alienee.
 - (2.) The Agent will be requested to return the paper at once with the required information, on receipt of which the transfer will be acted upon, and the parties informed.
- (7.) Bridge at Sandy Creek, Mount Vincent Road :—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. Scholey, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Government call for Tenders for the erection of a Bridge at Sandy Creek, near Mr. Child's, Mount Vincent Road, Maitland to Brisbane Water, promised many months ago?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—In a week.
- (8.) Michael Murphy, Confinee at Parramatta Gaol :—*Mr. McElhone*, on behalf of Mr. Leary, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to reply to the Petition on behalf of Michael Murphy, now a confinee at Parramatta Gaol, and which Petition was left at the Colonial Secretary's Office about six months since?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—Immediately.
- (9.) Department of Justice and Public Instruction :—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What amounts, with the dates thereof, have been charged against the items for incidental expenses and extra clerical assistance in the Department of Justice for 1876, and the nature of services for which such payments have been made?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—

Date.	Particulars.	Amount.
1876.		
March 9	G. Reiph, engrossing Estimates	£ 4 14 0
" 22	Mrs. Tierney, cleaning rooms in new premises... ..	1 10 0
April 25	John Reilly, cab-hire	4 9 3
May 19	J. M. Forde, Household Dictionary	1 10 0
June 1	John Reilly, arranging, &c., official records, &c.	2 0 0
" 1	Do. extra clerical assistance	11 0 0
" 2	Thos. Martin, repairing locks, &c.	0 10 0
" 6	John Reilly, cab-hire	1 7 0
" 9	Gordon & Gotch, six copies of Australian Handbook	1 10 0
" 21	Chas. Martin, wages of charwoman	2 10 0
July 14	Jas. J. Reilly, salary, temporary clerk, 1 to 17 June	8 10 0
August 2	W. B. Lee, <i>Herald</i> subscription	2 16 0
" 12	Wm. Coman, English Dictionary	1 5 0
" 26	J. M. Forde, 10 vols. Chamber's Encyclopædia	7 10 0
" 26	J. W. Reilly, cab-hire	1 15 3
October 2	Jas. Reilly, extra clerical services	0 15 0
" 16	Thos. Martin, repairing locks, &c.	2 0 6
November 24	Jas. J. Reilly, salary, temporary clerk	10 10 0
December 12	Jas. Gannon, extra clerical assistance	2 0 0
" 22	Jas. J. Reilly, salary, temporary clerk	1 10 0
" 29	Do. do.	3 0 0
" 31	W. Crook, temporary clerk, salary, 1st Jan. to 10th Sept. 1876	69 8 11
" 31	W. McKensy, do. 11th Sept. to 31st Dec., 1876	30 11 1
" 31	Jas. Gannon, assistant messenger, salary, Jan. to Dec.	52 0 0
1877.		
January 2	Thos. MacNevin, compiling returns for Coroners	50 0 0
February 5	J. M. Forde, Latin Dictionary	1 5 0
" 6	J. W. Reilly, cab-hire	0 15 0
Total...		£276 12 0

- (10.) The Reverend Dr. Barry :—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is Dr. Barry, the lately appointed Chaplain of the Volunteer Force, the Minister at St. Matthias's Church, Paddington?
 - (2.) What salary is attached to such appointment?
 - (3.) Upon whose recommendation was the appointment made?
- Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Dr. Barry has been appointed Chaplain to the Church of England troops stationed at Victoria Barracks, which position he formerly held in connection with the New South Wales Infantry; he is also Minister at St. Matthias's Church, Paddington.
- (2.) 10s. per officer and man per annum; and that provision is laid down in the Imperial Regulations.
- (3.) The Commandant's.

- (11.) Road from Wheeo to Gunning:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has any decision been arrived at on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Grabben Gullen, presented in July last, for the proclamation of a Road from Wheeo to Gunning?

Mr. Baker answered,—The survey of this road has been made, but the plan has not yet been received from the Surveyor.

- (12.) Walgett Common:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have the Rules of the Walgett Common, forwarded by the Trustees, been sanctioned?
 - (2.) If not, when are they likely to be?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The proposed rules reached here on the 10th ultimo, and were referred to the Attorney-General; and, under his opinion, the Trustees have been informed that the Rules will not be disallowed.

- (13.) Village Reserve at Gadooga:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to proclaim a Village Reserve at Gadooga, on the Bree River, and submit land for sale there as soon as a township can be laid out?

Mr. Baker answered,—The necessity for proclaiming a township at Gadooga was suggested to the Government in a communication dated the 6th ultimo. The letter has been referred for the early report of the District Surveyor.

- (14.) Case of George Bell, Conditional Purchaser, Eulah Creek:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What decision has been arrived at in the case of George Bell, a conditional purchaser of 40 acres, lot 5, Eulah Creek, near Narrabri?
- (2.) Were two roads surveyed through this conditional purchase by the Government Surveyor, at a distance from each other of about 300 yards, taking from Bell 3 or 4 acres which he paid for?
- (3.) Is not one of these roads useless, and do the Government intend to close one, making up the deficiency of area to Bell, or a refund in proportion?

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1 and 2.) George Bell holds two independent conditional purchases, viz., portions No. 50 and No. 53; through each portion a road was taken at the time of survey of the conditional purchases, exclusive of which the area of each portion is 40 acres.

(3.) It is not known that either road is unnecessary, but inquiry will be made into the matter.

- (15.) Railway Workshops:—Mr. Cohen asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers in connection with the purchase of the site for the Railway Workshops, ordered by this House on 7th February, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I will lay these Papers on the Table of the House on Tuesday next.

- (16.) Parliamentary Draftsmen:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Returns with reference to the payment of Parliamentary Draftsmen, ordered by this House on 13th February, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Return will be laid upon the Table to-morrow.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Despatch (with enclosures) respecting Merchant Shipping Act.
- (2.) Despatch respecting Sydney Branch Royal Mint.
- (3.) Return to an Order, made on 19th December, 1876, in reference to Gunpowder stored at Goat Island.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lucas laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Mining Act of 1874, relating to Mineral Licenses.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Inspector of the Insane, respecting the Newcastle Asylum for Imbeciles, &c.
- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 7th February, 1877, in reference to removal of Bailiff Allen from Maitland to Bathurst.
- (3.) Return to an Order, made on 23rd February, 1877, in reference to conduct of Bailiff Allen, of Bathurst.
- (4.) Correspondence and other Papers in reference to appointments and promotions in the Department of Justice and Public Instruction since 9th January, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

3. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL:—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from William B. Quigley, of New Zealand, Grazier, praying for leave to appear before any Committee to whom this Bill may be referred, by Counsel or Attorney, or as he may be advised, to oppose the Bill. Petition received.

4. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY *vs.* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MESSRS. MACAFEE, ALLEN AND OTHERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Informations, Bills, Answers, Affidavits, copies of Evidence, and all other Documents filed and taken in the Supreme Court having reference to the suit instituted against the Municipal Council of Sydney, at the suit of the Attorney General, and Messrs. Macafee, Allen, and others; also, a copy of the Bill of Costs, as filed and as taxed in such suit. Question put and passed.

5. **ELECTORAL BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 1st March, from Electors and others, resident in the District of Patricks Plains, in favour of adhering to the present boundaries of that Electorate, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. **JOHN DAVIS'S SELECTION, MURRURUNDI (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the copy of Evidence taken at Land Court, Murrurundi, this year, in reference to the case of John Davis's selection, made at Murrurundi; also, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, &c., in reference to this case.
Question put and passed.
7. **ELECTORAL BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 27th February, from certain Electors of Police District of Molong, in favour of constituting the present Police District of Molong a separate Electorate, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. **NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Glebe annexed to Christ Church, Newcastle, to dispose of the Coal in the Glebe land.
Question put and passed.
9. **CENSURE OF THE MINISTRY** :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the retention of office by Ministers after having suffered, within nine sitting days, four several defeats on motions expressive of condemnation and want of confidence, is subversive of the principles of the Constitution.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Combes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Byrnes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Greville.
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	

Noes, 32.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. B. Forster,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Hill,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Rouse,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. F. B. Suttor.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again stated.

Debate continued.

Original Question put,—

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Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Day,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Hill,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Cameron,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Robertson (*by consent*) moved, That this House do now adjourn until Friday next.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at eleven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until *Friday next*, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 MARCH, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sewage and Health Board:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How many meetings of the Health and Sewage Board were held during the years 1875 and 1876?
 - (2.) How many meetings of such Board did any of the Members of the Senate of the Sydney University attend during the years 1875 and 1876?
 - (3.) What is the amount of fees paid, or is now claimed as due, for attendance at such Board by Members of the said Senate to present date?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) 1875—90 Board and 98 Committee Meetings. 1876—54 Board and 196 Committee Meetings, exclusive of visits of personal inspection (145).
 - (2.) 1875—Professor Pell, 183; Professor Smith, 46. 1876—Professor Pell, 121, including attendances on office business; Professor Smith, 52.
 - (3.) Professor Pell, £998 11s.; Professor Smith, £202 (from 12 April, 1875, to 6 March, 1877).
- (2.) Case of Johnston, tried for Horse-stealing:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice.—
- (1.) Was a letter received by the Honorable Attorney General from Arthur C. Cobercroft, dated 19 January, 1877, respecting change of venue in the case of Johnston, tried for horse-stealing; warrant issued by Narrabri Bench; case heard at Coonabarabran, and committed to Dubbo?
 - (2.) Was such letter replied to; when and how?
 - (3.) Will there be any objection to the production of copy of this letter, and reply, if any, given?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes; immediately upon its receipt the Honorable the Attorney General referred the application to the Crown Prosecutor of the Western District for his report, and received from the Clerk of the Peace a report to the effect that there was not sufficient time to secure the countermanding of the attendance of the witnesses in the case, and that it would be a hardship to the prisoner to keep him in gaol until the 7th of March, the date of Narrabri Quarter Sessions, when the Dubbo Court would sit on the 7th February, and then take the prisoner in custody from Dubbo to Narrabri for trial; and that it would also be hard upon the three witnesses, who resided at Mundooran, which is nearer to Dubbo, to make them attend at Narrabri. The Attorney General made a memo. to the effect that he declined to accede to Mr. Cobercroft's request, and the Clerk of the Peace and Mr. Cobercroft were so informed.
 - (3.) A copy of the Attorney General's memo. can be furnished; but applications of this kind are not preserved, and the only record is the memorandum upon the papers.
- (3.) Railway Station, Anvil Creek:—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When will the Station-house at Anvil Creek be open to the public?
 - (2.) Is he aware that there is no convenience or shelter of any kind to protect the public from the weather at Anvil Creek Railway Station, Great Northern Railway?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Everything will be finished ready for opening in the early part of next week.

- (4.) Reserve at Botany:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has a surveyor been sent to align the Reserve at Botany; if not, when will he be sent?
 - (2.) When will the whole of this Reserve be thrown open to the public?

Mr. Baker answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but has had to discontinue, he being employed on other works.
- (2.) Part is open, and the remainder will be opened when marked.

(5.)

- (5.) Case of Frederick Capel, tried for Horse-stealing :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Was a petition received for the mitigation of sentence passed on Frederick Capel, at Narrabri, for horse-stealing?
 - (2.) What decision has been arrived at in the matter, and will the prayer of the petition be granted, and to what extent?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The prayer of the petition was not acceded to.
- (6.) Court of Quarter Sessions for Grenfell :—Mr. J. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Government gazette the Court of Quarter Sessions for Grenfell, so long since promised to be done?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—Quarter Sessions will be proclaimed in the next issue of the *Government Gazette*, to be held at Grenfell in April next.
- (7.) Thomas Tarrant's Conditional Purchase, Banna Creek :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What decision has been arrived at in the case of Thos. Tarrant, conditional purchaser of 40 acres, Banna Creek, Wallah Run, Narrabri?
- Mr. Baker answered,—There is not at present any question as to the conditional purchase of Thomas Tarrant awaiting decision. The selection has been measured, and the selector having been reported non-resident by the surveyor, the Inspector of the district has been called upon to report, and has not yet done so.
- (8.) Post and Telegraph Office, Parramatta :—Mr. Taylor asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice.—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Additional Estimates for 1877 a further sum of money for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office in the town of Parramatta?
- Mr. Burns answered,—It is the intention of the Government to place a further sum on the Additional Estimates for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Parramatta.
- (9.) Immigrants per ship "Kapunda" :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How many of the Immigrants from the ship "Kapunda" have received employment in the Traffic or Locomotive Branches of the Government Railways?
 - (2.) How many applications for employment are there at the present time in the Traffic and Locomotive Offices dated previous to the arrival of the abovenamed vessel?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware that any of the Immigrants by the "Kapunda" have either applied for or received employment in the Railway Department.
 - (2.) During the year 1876 upwards of 500 applications were received.
- (10.) Subdivision of Town of Bundella :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have instructions been forwarded to Licensed Surveyor Higgins, or District Surveyor Dewhurst, to subdivide the town of Bundella into sections and allotments for sale; if so, when?
 - (2.) If such has not been done, when will such instructions be forwarded to either of the abovenamed surveyors?
- Mr. Baker answered,—
- (1.) Instructions have not been issued for the subdivision of the town of Bundella.
 - (2.) Instructions for the measurement will be issued without delay.
- (11.) Bridge over Yellow Gully, Upper Cockburn River :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of a Bridge over Yellow Gully, near the school, Upper Cockburn River, and other repairs to the road from the above site to the new bridge at Johnson, which work was agreed to be done between three and four years back?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders for Bridge will be invited as soon as Vote now on Estimates has been passed by Parliament.
- (12.) Mr. M. Lackey, Department of Lands :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is there a person named Major Lackey employed in the Lands Office?
 - (2.) What salary does he receive per annum?
 - (3.) What sum of money did he receive for over time work in 1876 and in 1877?
 - (4.) Has his attention been called to the case of *Hay v. Lackey*, wherein it is reported Hay sued Lackey for board and lodging, and the latter pleaded in defence he was a minor; and what steps, if any, does he intend to take to make Lackey pay Mr. Hay?
- Mr. Baker answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) £150 per annum.
 - (3.) For the year 1876, nil; up to present time, in 1877, nil.
 - (4.) My attention has not been called to the case in question.
- (13.) Thomas M'Grath's Selection, Parish of Taunton, County of King :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to the case of Thos. M'Grath (a minor's selection), parish of Taunton, county King, heard before Mr. Commissioner King, that he would not allow ploughing land as an improvement to conditional purchasers?
 - (2.) Is he aware that Mr. Surveyor Jenkins, in same case, declared he would not allow clearing timber off land as an improvement?
 - (3.) Will he take steps to let this Commissioner and Surveyor, and other Government officials, know that ploughing and clearing land are valuable improvements?
- Mr.

Mr. Baker answered,—

(1.) The report on this case referred to has been received, and is now under consideration; but there is not any question raised therein as to ploughing being regarded as an improvement of a conditional purchase.

(2.) The surveyor stated in his evidence that he did not value the clearing referred to, as it was done to form the fence—a singular view of the matter.

(3.) All such matters are dealt with on their merits, and any necessary instructions will be given as the occasion may arise.

(14.) Reserve for Travelling Stock, Cobbedah to Moree:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to proclaim a Travelling Stock Reserve on each side of the road from Cobbedah to Moree; and if so, when?

Mr. Baker answered,—Reserves for Travelling Stock have been notified from Moree to the south boundary of the county of Courallie, south of Seven-mile Creek. A Reserve along the remaining portion has been recommended, and will be dealt with at an early date.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Report from the Agent for Immigration, for the year 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Robertson made a statement on the position of the Ministry, and the public affairs, arising out of what had taken place on Tuesday last. On Wednesday afternoon he conferred with his colleagues, but no definite conclusion was then arrived at. He then waited upon the Governor, and mentioned to His Excellency that fact. On Thursday he again met his colleagues, when it was resolved to advise His Excellency to dissolve this Parliament. Upon his mentioning that advice, His Excellency expressed his willingness to comply with it. Under this state of circumstances, it would be the duty of the Government to ask Parliament for supplies, to carry on the Public business during the interval between the dissolution and the meeting of a new Parliament. Mr. Robertson then read a Cabinet Minute, which had been prepared for the guidance of Ministers, but not presented to the Governor; he also read a Minute from His Excellency in reference to the advice tendered to him;—

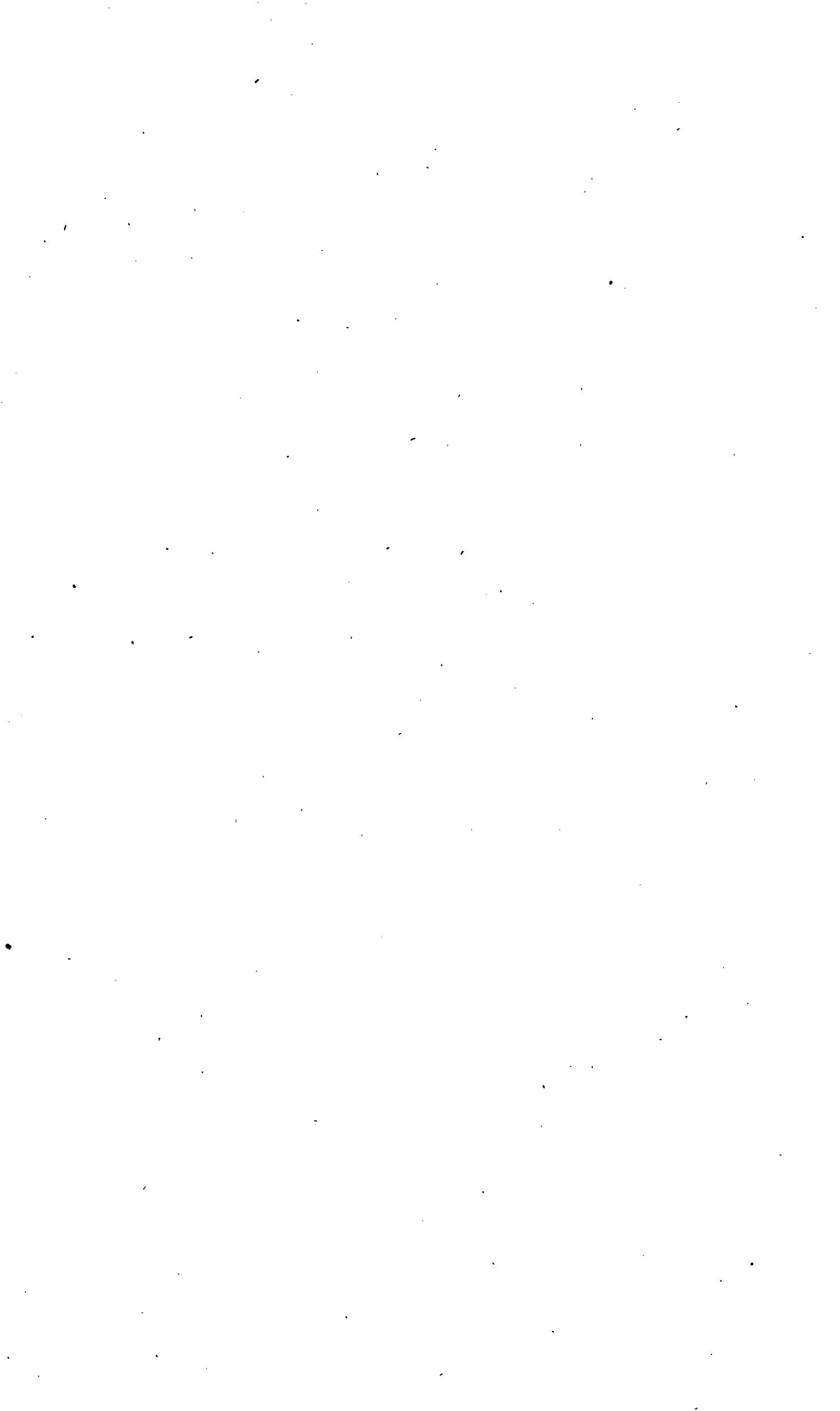
4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Robertson then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at nineteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 MARCH, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Public Tanks, Baradine and Bulgan :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—The decision arrived at with reference to the Public Tanks applied for at Baradine and Bulgan, Liverpool Plains District, on the main road from the Barwin and other rivers to Mudgee and Sydney ?

Mr. Baker answered,—A report has been received on the subject from the local surveyor, which is at present under the consideration of the Government.

- (2.) Railway Workmen :—Mr. Terry, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Minister for Works aware that the Superintendent of the works at Redfern, Mr. Mason, has made a regulation that the men should deposit their tickets when they come to work with the ticket-taker before the hour fixed for commencing work ?

(2.) Is the Minister aware that this is felt as a great inconvenience by the men, infringing on the time set apart for their meals ?

(3.) Will the Minister interfere, so as to arrange that the men deposit their tickets immediately after the bell rings in the morning, and on the expiry of the time set apart for meals ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The Engineer for Existing Lines informs me that the regulation made by him is that previous to commencing work the men must deposit their tickets with the time-keeper.

(2.) The Engineer states that a deputation of the workmen met him recently on this subject, and, after the explanation he afforded them, expressed themselves perfectly satisfied.

(3.) If the men are dissatisfied with the present arrangement, I will cause further inquiry to be made.

- (3.) Mr. Alexander Greville, Secretary to the Attorney General :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Attorney General lately gave to Mr. Greville, for delivery to Mr. Fraser, Clerk of the Peace, written instructions that he would not file a bill against two prisoners awaiting trial ?

(2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Greville did not deliver these papers to Mr. Fraser ?

(3.) Is it a fact that through Mr. Greville's absence from his office for several days that his office was broken open to get these papers ?

(4.) Is it a fact that these two persons were kept several days in prison, on account of Mr. Greville not giving the papers to Mr. Fraser ?

(5.) If above is true, have the Government taken any steps to punish Mr. Greville for neglect of duty ?

(6.) Is it a fact that Mr. Greville has been insolvent several times, and has not paid his creditors monthly instalments as ordered by the Commissioner in Insolvency ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The Attorney General recently declined to file bills against two prisoners who were awaiting their trial—one charged with obtaining goods under false pretences, and the other with horse-stealing. The usual intimation was endorsed upon the depositions. The depositions were not handed to Mr. Greville for delivery to Mr. Fraser, but, in the absence of Mr. Greville from his office through illness, were handed to another officer of the Department, for the purpose of procuring the necessary order of a Judge of the Supreme Court for the discharge of the prisoners

(2.) As Mr. Greville did not receive the papers, no answer is necessary.

(3.)

- (3.) The key of Mr. Greville's office not being found, it was necessary to obtain the aid of a locksmith to effect entrance for obtaining any papers which were necessary.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) The Government has not taken any steps to punish Mr. Greville.
- (6.) This is a question which, in the opinion of the Government, ought not to be answered.
2. PAPERS :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 7th February, 1877, in reference to the purchase of a Site for Railway Workshops.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Waverley.
 - (3.) Despatch, forwarding Rules, &c., under the Trade Marks Registration Acts.
 - (4.) Return to an Order, made on 19th January, 1877, in reference to the Roman Catholic Denominational School, Liverpool.
 - (5.) Depositions, &c., in the case of Eliza Jane Davis, and Report of Board of Inquiry into charges preferred against R. B. Armstrong, late Coroner, Young.
Ordered to be printed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Mr. Robertson stated that the course the Government intended to pursue, in the present state of the public affairs, would be to ask the House to-morrow for two months supply;—
4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Robertson then moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
5. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, TWEED RIVER DISTRICT :—Mr. McElhone presented a Petition from certain Residents in the Tweed River District, representing that the Petitioners are dissatisfied with the administration of Justice in their District; and praying the House to make inquiry into the matter, with a view to afford relief.
Petition received.
6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at ten minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH, 1877.

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

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

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 18.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of March and April, 1877, together with provision for carrying out certain Services of the year 1876, for Public Works, Roads, and Bridges, the appropriations for which lapsed on the 31st December, 1876.

Government House,
Sydney, 14th March, 1877.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Baker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of water supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to religious and public purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Despatch relative to a Communication from the Colonial Commissioners at the Philadelphia International Exhibition.

Ordered to be printed.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) The Bassett Darley Estates Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Trustees of the Marriage Settlement of Mrs. Bassett to sell and dispose of certain lands at Munly Beach and elsewhere in the Colony of New South Wales*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th March, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th March, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

4. SEWERAGE OF THE CITY :—Mr. Dibbs presented a Petition from certain Citizens of Sydney, and other persons interested in the health, commerce, and property of this Colony, representing that the insalubrious condition of this City is becoming well known, and threatens to damage the Colony generally, by discouraging Immigration and hindering trade; and praying that relief may be afforded to the Petitioners by the adoption, as soon as possible, of a comprehensive mode of disposing of the sewage, other than that of depositing it in the harbour.
Petition received.
5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed, to follow after Order No. 4,—
(1.) Audit Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
(2.) Electoral Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
Mr. Stuart moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Piddington moved; That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "whilst this House is anxious to proceed with the public business on the formation of an Administration entitled to the confidence of Parliament, it declines to grant supplies to a defeated Government under circumstances which would in all probability result in two General Elections within a short period of time. (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 15 MARCH, 1877, A.M.

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

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Long,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Captain Onslow,	
Mr. Johnston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Greville.
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Lord,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Terry,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Abbott,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Gray,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. J. Watson.
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	
Mr. Long,	

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Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Leary,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Farnell,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. J. Watson,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Long,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. J. S. Smith.
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	
Mr. Lord,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Day,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Day.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. McElhone,	

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Mr. Long,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. T. G. Dangar.
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Davies,	
Captain Onslow,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Lynch,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Question put,—

(1.) That whilst this House is anxious to proceed with the public business on the formation of an Administration entitled to the confidence of Parliament, it declines to grant supplies to a defeated Government under circumstances which would in all probability result in two General Elections within a short period of time.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Day,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Jacob,
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Mr. Long,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Warden,
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Mr. J. Watson,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Teece,	
Captain Onslow,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Robertson moved; That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-four minutes before Three o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 MARCH, 1877.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Robertson read to the House a note which he had received from His Excellency the Governor, acquainting him that His Excellency, in view of the crisis which had arisen, had reconsidered the position in all its bearings, and had arrived at the decision that he would not be justified in accepting the advice to dissolve verbally tendered to him on Thursday last. On receiving this note he (Mr. Robertson) had submitted the resignations of himself and colleagues, and they, therefore, now held office, at the desire of His Excellency, until their successors were appointed.

Mr. Robertson then, in order to give the gentleman who may be sent for by His Excellency time to make his arrangements for the formation of a new Government, moved (*by consent*),—That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twenty-eight minutes before Five o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 MARCH, 1877.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of Accounts of Government Savings Bank, from 1st January to 31st December, 1876.
- (2.) Mail Conveyance between San Francisco and the Colonies—Claim of Australian Steam Navigation Company for demurrage.
- (3.) Further Papers respecting proposed modification of Contract for San Francisco Mail Service. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report on Parramatta Lunatic Asylum for the year 1876.
- (2.) Report on Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville, for the year 1876.
- (3.) Progress Reports from Mr. Clark, Hydraulic Engineer, respecting City and Suburban Water Supply and Sewerage.
- (4.) Return to an Order, made on 16th August, 1876, in reference to Public School Buildings. (*In substitution for the Return laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on the 13th February, 1877.*) Ordered to be printed.

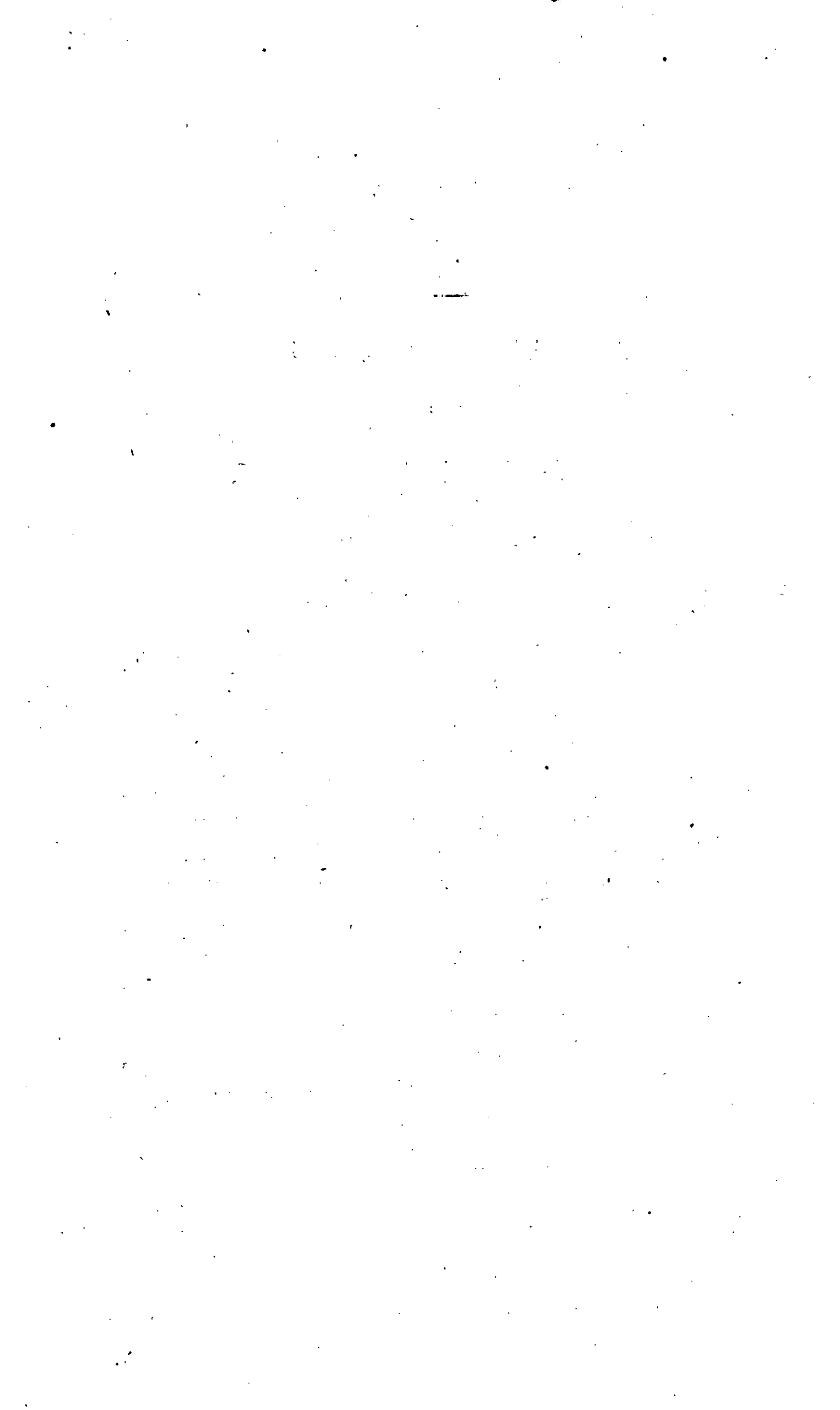
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Robertson read to the House certain communications which had passed between His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Parkes, and himself, in reference to obtaining supply for the month of March. Mr. Robertson then stated that up to within a quarter of an hour of the meeting of the House he had remained at Government House in the hope of hearing that a Ministry had been formed. He had learned from His Excellency that he had requested Mr. Parkes to form a Ministry, and that that gentleman had intimated that he would be prepared to assume office as soon as supply for the month of March had been obtained. He (Mr. Robertson) had understood from His Excellency that no list of new Ministers had been submitted for his approval.

Mr. Robertson then moved,—That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-three minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH, 1877.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Statement of moneys expended in 1876 under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
Ordered to be printed.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Robertson read to the House a note which he had received from His Excellency the Governor, dated this day, informing him that Mr. Parkes had formed a Government, and was prepared to assume office as soon as it would be his (Mr. Robertson's) convenience to vacate it. His Excellency begged, therefore, that he would obtain Supply, to-night, for March; and the new Government could then be sworn in at noon to-morrow. Mr. Robertson stated that the Colonial Treasurer would, in compliance with this request, move the suspension of the Standing Orders, that such Supply be granted.
3. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No: 19.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, 1877.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st March, 1877.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

4. SUSPENSION OF THE STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877," 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 said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

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

(4.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £242,500, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services, of the Colony for the month of March, 1877, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1876, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1877.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

6. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, 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 :—

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the Year 1877, the sum of £242,500 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, 1877.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3) :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Stuart, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 4), to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877.

(2.) Mr. Stuart then *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877*,”—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. Stuart, 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. Stuart, that report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Stuart, *passed*.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877*.”

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 a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st March, 1877.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 MARCH, 1877.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—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 a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st March, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

2. NEW ADMINISTRATION:—Mr. Stephen Brown, at the request of Mr. Parkes, informed the House that a new Administration had been formed, consisting of,—

Mr. Parkes as Colonial Secretary;
Mr. Piddington as Colonial Treasurer;
Mr. Driver as Secretary for Lands;
Mr. Hoskins as Secretary for Public Works;
The Honorable Saul Samuel, C.M.G., as Postmaster General;
Mr. F. B. Suttor as Minister of Justice and Public Instruction;
Mr. G. A. Lloyd as Secretary for Mines;
Mr. Windeyer as Attorney General.

3. VACANT SEATS:—Mr. Stephen Brown moved,—

(1.) That the Seat of Henry Parkes, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.

Question put and passed.

(2.) That the Seat of William Richman Piddington, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of The Hawkesbury.

Question put and passed.

(3.) That the Seat of Richard Driver, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Windsor.

Question put and passed.

(4.) That the Seat of James Hoskins, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of The Tumut.

Question put and passed.

(5.) That the Seat of Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice and Public Instruction since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Bathurst.

Question put and passed.

(6.)

(6.) That the Seat of George Alfred Lloyd, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Mines since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Newcastle.
Question put and passed.

(7.) That the Seat of William Charles Windeyer, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Attorney General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of the University of Sydney.
Question put and passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Stephen Brown (*by consent*) moved,—That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, the 24th day of April next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at eight minutes after Six o'clock, until *Tuesday, the 24th day of April next*, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 APRIL, 1877.

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

WRITS OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker reported,—

(1.) That, pursuant to Resolutions of this House, he had issued Writs for supplying vacancies in the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

(1.) In the room of Henry Parkes, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary.

(2.) In the room of William Richman Piddington, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of The Hawkesbury had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer.

(3.) In the room of Richard Driver, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Windsor had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands.

(4.) In the room of James Hoskins, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Tumut had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works.

(5.) In the room of Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Bathurst had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice and Public Instruction.

(6.) In the room of George Alfred Lloyd, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Newcastle had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Mines.

(7.) In the room of William Charles Windeyer, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The University of Sydney had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Attorney General.

(2.) That the said Writs had been duly returned to him, with certificates endorsed thereon, of the election of the whole of the said gentlemen as Members for the said Electoral Districts.

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

The Honorable Henry Parkes, Esquire,—for East Sydney.

The Honorable William Richman Piddington, Esquire,—for The Hawkesbury.

The Honorable Richard Driver, Esquire,—for Windsor.

The Honorable James Hoskins, Esquire,—for The Tumut.

The Honorable Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire,—for Bathurst.

The Honorable George Alfred Lloyd, Esquire,—for Newcastle.

William Charles Windeyer, Esquire,—for The University of Sydney.

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

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3.):—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message No 20.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 24 March, 1877.

(2.)

(2.) Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has reserved the said Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

The proper measures will be forthwith adopted for obtaining the Queen's decision accordingly, and in the meantime the Bill has been transmitted to the Legislative Council, to await Her Majesty's pleasure.

Government House,
Sydney, 12th April, 1877.

(3.) The Bassett Darley Estates Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Trustees of the Marriage Settlement of Mrs. Bassett to sell and dispose of certain lands at Manly Beach and elsewhere in the Colony of New South Wales*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st March, 1877.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Parkes made to the House a Ministerial Statement.

5. RAILWAY PLANS:—Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) the undermentioned copies of Plans and Sections of proposed Railway Extensions:—

Great Western Railway—Orange to Wellington and Dubbo. Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference.

Great Northern Railway—Werris Creek to Gunnedah. Plan, Section, and Book of Reference.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:—Mr. Burns (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence for three days be granted to the Honorable the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Farnell, to enable him to attend as a witness at Bathurst Circuit Court.
Question put and passed.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on Vaccination, for 1876.

(2.) Report on Nautical School-ship "Vernon," for the year ended 30 June, 1876.

(3.) By-law of the Municipal District of Nowra.

(4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hay.

(5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Deniliquin.

(6.) By-laws of the Borough of Orange.

(7.) By-law of the Borough of East Maitland.

(8.) By-laws, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875, of the Borough of Balmain.

(9.) By-laws, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875, of the Borough of Gulgong.

(10.) By-laws, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875, of the Municipal District of Deniliquin.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library, for 1876.

(2.) Report on Sydney Grammar School, for 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstracts of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to the use and general purposes of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act, 39 Victoria No. 13.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of water supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act, 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to religious and public purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act, 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Return to an Order, made on 13th February, 1877, in reference to Allotment of Land, corner of Bridge and Pitt Streets, and the buildings erected thereon by Mr. John Garsed.

8. SEWERAGE OF THE CITY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 14th March, from certain Citizens of Sydney and others, praying relief from the evils arising from the want of a proper system of sewerage, be printed.
Question put and passed.9. PARRAMATTA DISTRICT HOSPITAL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice,—That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £300, for the repairing of the Parramatta District Hospital.
Question put and passed.

10. **CASES "FROST v. HARRIS," "DILLON v. MURPHY," AND "LAYCOCK v. OGILVIE,"** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Papers, Letters, Minutes, and Correspondence in reference to the cases of—Frost v. Harris, land taken up at Wollombi and Windsor; Dillon v. Murphy, land taken up at Young and Burrowa; and Laycock v. Ogilvie, land taken up at The Clarence.
Question put and passed.
11. **PAYMENTS FOR OVERTIME, LANDS DEPARTMENT** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The total sum of money paid by the Lands Department for overtime clerical work during the year 1876.
(2.) The names of all clerks who received payment for such overtime work, and specifying the names of permanent and temporary clerks.
(3.) The rate paid per hour to each person.
(4.) The sum paid to each monthly.
(5.) The total paid to each in the year.
(6.) The work upon which engaged.
(7.) From what fund paid.
(8.) Copies of all Minutes, Papers, &c., having reference to the same.
Question put and passed.
12. **MR. A. LYSAGHT, J.P.** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Leary moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all Letters received by the Inspector General of Police in respect of a complaint made by Senior-sergeant Sheridan, of Wollongong, against A. Lysaght, Esq., J.P.
(2.) Copies of all Letters sent by the Minister of Justice to Mr. Lysaght in respect of such complaint, and all Letters and Statements forwarded by Mr. Lysaght in reply thereto.
(3.) Copies of the Evidence taken at an investigation held in Wollongong in the case of the Police *versus* Mr. Lysaght; also, a copy of the Report forwarded by H. M. Marsb, Esq., W.P.M., thereon.
(4.) Copies of the Evidence taken at the Police Court, Wollongong, in the case of Lysaght against Constable M'Garvie, for ill-treating James Smyth after his arrest on the 8th April, 1876.
(5.) Copies of all Letters and Papers between the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Lysaght relating to the foregoing cases, up to date.
Question put and passed.
13. **RAILWAY STATION, LITHGOW** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1876, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for the erection of a Station, Platform, and Siding in as central a position to the town of Lithgow as possible.
Question put and passed.
14. **ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, TWEED RIVER DISTRICT** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 13th March, from certain Residents of the Tweed River District, relative to the Administration of Justice in that district, be printed.
Question put and passed.
15. **AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Audit Act of 1870.
Question put and passed.
16. **CIVIL SERVICE**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no person in the Civil Service of this Colony shall be allowed to receive any pay for acting on any Commission, or for other work, when such work shall be, or has been, done in office hours, as these gentlemen are already paid for any work they may do in office hours.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Mr. Parkes moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued.
Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. McElhone.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Bonnett,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Stephen Brown.
Mr. Abbott,	

And so it passed in the negative.

17. **TOLLS ON CERTAIN BRIDGES**:—Mr. Shepherd moved, pursuant to Notice, That the levying of Tolls on the Bridge over the Nepean, at "Penrith," be abolished at the end of the present year.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Scholey moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "Penrith" of the words "Belmore West Maitland, Dunmore over the Paterson, and Pitnacree East Maitland."
Question

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.
Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Jacob.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Parkes,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Dibbs.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question then put,—That the levying of Tolls on the Bridges, over the Nepean at Penrith, Belmore West Maitland, Dunmore over the Paterson, and Pitnacree East Maitland, be abolished at the end of the present year.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Long,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Abbott,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. J. Watson.
Mr. H. H. Brown,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Lackey,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Pilcher.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

18. EAST MAITLAND JUNCTION RAILWAY STATION :—Mr. Scholey presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Maitland, praying for increased accommodation at the East Maitland and Morpeth Junction Railway Station.
Petition received.
19. PROPOSED ABOLITION OF POSTAGE ON CERTAIN PUBLICATIONS :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that books and pamphlets, being the work of residents of this Colony, and printed in this Colony, and not being reports of the proceedings of any public Company or institution, or trade circular, or lists of goods for sale, or catalogues of any description whatsoever, should be admitted to the privilege of free transmission through the Post, on the same terms as newspapers, without, however, the restriction as to time of publication.
(2.) That no book or pamphlet shall be so transmitted, a copy of which has not been furnished to the Postmaster General for inspection.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—
And Division called for,—
But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.
20. PUBLIC SCHOOL, SPRINGSIDE :—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters and Papers relating to the establishment of a Public School at Springside.
Question put and passed.
21. PAYMENTS MADE TO THE HONORABLE THOMAS HOLT. M.L.C. :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the payments made to the Hon. Thos. Holt, a Member of the Legislative Council, for acting on the Oyster-beds Commission, is in contravention of the Resolution passed by this House on 21st December, 1875.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
22. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Lands Acts Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—until Friday, 4th May.
(2.) Mining Bill (No. 1) ; second reading ;—until Friday, 11th May.

- (3.) Married Women's Property Bill; second reading;—
 (4.) No Liability Mining Companies Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Terry, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—
 (5.) Liberation of the Prisoner Thynne; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan;—
 (6.) Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—
 (7.) Bathurst Presbyterian Church Trustees Enabling Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—
 (8.) Employment of Females Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Friday, 4th May.*
 (9.) Railway from Wagga Wagga to Albury; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Tuesday, 22nd May.*
 (10.) Mr. Street, Inspector of Conditional Purchases; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. McElhone;—*until Friday next.*
23. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. Driver, discharged.
24. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Police Magistrate for Carcoar; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Tuesday next.*
 (2.) Duty on Gold Abolition Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 18th May.*
 (3.) Common Lodging-houses Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cameron, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until Friday, 18th May.*
 (4.) Contractors Debts Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 18th May.*
 (5.) Macquarie Coal Company's Railway Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday, 11th May.*
 (6.) Salaries and Retiring Allowances to the District Court Judges; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill;—*until Friday, 11th May.*
 (7.) Throsby's Leasing Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday, 11th May.*
 (8.) Bathurst and Grafton and Armidale Lands Transfer Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday, 4th May.*
 (9.) Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday, 25th May.*
 (10.) Parliamentary Witnesses Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 18th May.*
25. VOLUNTEER FORCE REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs 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 Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867; and to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.
 Question put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867; and that an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867*," which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd May.
26. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Construction of Public Sewers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday, 11th May.*
 (2.) Salaries of Civil Servants; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Tuesday, 8th May.*
 (3.) Coroners Inquests Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 4th May.*
27. RAILWAY FROM DUBBO TO BOURKE:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. F. B. Suttor, discharged.
28. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
General Business:—
 (1.) Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*
 (2.) Adulteration of Food Prevention Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
 (3.) Animals Protection Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 4th May.*
 (4.) Orange Cattle Sale-Yards Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday next.*
 (4.) Real Property Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 1st June.*
Government Business:—
 (1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee;—
 (2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee;—
 (3.) Audit Act Amendment Bill (No. 1); second reading;—
- } *until To-morrow, on motion of Mr. Piddington.*

29. **ELECTORAL BILL:**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time," read,—and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
30. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill postponed until Friday next on motion of Mr. Robertson.
31. **MINING BILL (No. 2):**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
32. **CIVIL SERVICE BILL:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, discharged.
Ordered that the Bill be withdrawn.
33. **LUNACY BILL:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at fourteen minutes past Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Superseding certain Magistrates.—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have the Government taken with a view to superseding those Magistrates who were described by the Minister of Justice as some of the greatest criminals in the Country?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have referred to the report of what was said by Mr. Francis Suttor on the occasion alluded to—I think in the *Herald* of March 10th—and I cannot admit that it justifies the interpretation put upon it in this Question. As to the fact, we have not considered it our first duty to inquire into the appointments made by our predecessors; but since my attention has been called to these appointments, I find that one of the gentlemen has already himself resigned, and I will cause such inquiry to be made as will enable me to decide whether any steps ought to be taken in the other cases.

- (2.) Extension of Great Western Railway beyond Orange:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government had under their consideration the Extension of the Great Western Railway beyond Orange?

(2.) If so, what determination have they come to;—is it their intention to ask Parliament to sanction the extension *viâ* Molong or *viâ* Ironbarks?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Government have had the question of this Extension under their consideration, and have decided to ask Parliament to sanction the route *viâ* Ironbarks.

- (3.) Telegraph Office, Parramatta:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of persons employed or admitted in the Telegraph Office at Parramatta?

(2.) Is the Postmaster General aware that in consequence of the exposed and inconvenient position of the said office, and the number of persons constantly in and about the same, the residents have no confidence in the privacy of any telegrams they may send?

(3.) When will Tenders be called for the building of the new Post and Telegraph Office on the site purchased by the late Government?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) One operator, one probationer, and one messenger.

(2.) The Postmaster General is not aware of the circumstances stated by the Honorable Member, but will cause inquiry to be made.

(3.) Tenders will be called for the new building as soon as the plans and specifications are prepared and Parliament has voted the sum necessary for the purchase of a-site.

- (4.) Parramatta Railway Station:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—In view of the large revenue derived by the Railway Department from the fruit-growers and others of the town and district of Parramatta, as well as to the insufficient accommodation afforded to such persons,—Will the Secretary for Public Works give instructions for carrying out at an early date the increased accommodation at the Parramatta Railway Station promised by the late Secretary for Public Works?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The Traffic Manager has suggested certain additional sidings at Parramatta, with loading shed and platform, to accommodate the fruit traffic, and I am awaiting the report of the Engineer on the proposal; he has been requested to expedite it. No time shall be lost in carrying out the required works.

(5.)

(5.) Regulations for Railway Workmen :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that during the last month Mr. Mason, the Engineer-in-Chief for Existing Lines, has issued an order calling upon all men employed in the Railway workshops to sign an agreement expressing their willingness to be bound by any regulations he may issue in the future, without the men knowing anything of the nature of such regulations?

(2.) If so, does he approve of Mr. Mason's course of action in this respect; and, if not, will he take steps to express his disapproval of the same?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Mr. Mason informs me that he put before the men the form of rules and regulations which had been in force since 1869, and asked them to sign it; on the men objecting to the clause binding them to observe future regulations, Mr. Mason immediately struck it out.

(2.) I may mention that it is my intention to visit the workshops, and to inquire into these matters myself.

(6.) Wages of Railway Workmen :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. Mason, the Engineer-in-Chief for Existing Lines, has disallowed the privilege hitherto enjoyed by mechanics, labourers, and others, residing in Sydney, and employed at various stations distant from their homes, of empowering any other person in the employ to receive their wages for them, in order that no inconvenience might arise in their households during their temporary absence, they having previously signed an order to that effect, printed forms of which were provided by Government for that purpose?

(2.) If so, will he kindly say whether he approves of Mr. Mason's action in this matter, or otherwise?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Mr. Mason informs me that no such order has been issued. It is believed that the misunderstanding (if any exist) has arisen from a suggestion made by Mr. Mason, at the instance of the cashier, that the practice which existed of allowing a boy to receive the wages of a large number of the workmen, though duly authorized by the men, should be discontinued for fear that the money, which sometimes amounted to over £200, might be lost. It was thought that if the orders to receive the money were more distributed the risk of loss would be diminished.

(2.) The suggestion was made solely with a view of protecting the interests of the men.

(7.) Free Passes on Railways :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many Free Railway Passes have been granted to persons seeking employment since the 1st of January last, such passes having been obtained by recommendation from Members of Parliament?

(2.) Will the Minister have any objection to inform the House for what reason the issue of these Passes has been stopped since the present Government came into office?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) 446 Passes have been granted on the recommendation of Members of Parliament since the 1st January last.

(2.) The practice of issuing Free Passes has not been stopped; but the issue has been limited to those cases the circumstances of which are found upon inquiry to justify the granting of Passes.

(8.) Richard Locke, Railway Workman :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was Richard Locke, a shunter, employed in the Railway yard at Redfern, accidentally injured while at work to such an extent as to incapacitate him for the further performance of his duty?

(2.) Is it true that since the time the accident occurred the said Richard Locke has not received any pay from the Department?

(3.) Is it usual in cases of accident to allow the men half-pay while they are off work; and if so, will he give orders that Locke be so paid from the time he was injured till the present date?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) On the 18th January last Richard Locke met with an accident while on duty, and it was stated that in consequence of the injury he had received he would not be able to resume work for several weeks.

(2.) It is not true.

(3.) Half-pay is allowed for one month, and in exceptional cases for longer periods; Locke has been paid half-pay for two months, viz., to 15th March last. Inquiry will be made whether the circumstances of his case justify a further allowance of half-pay.

(9.) Railway Workmen employed on Good Friday :—Mr. Long asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the men employed as repairers of the permanent way between Sydney and Campbelltown were compelled to work on Good Friday last?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Trains are run on Good Friday as on other days, and it is absolutely necessary to have some of the permanent-way men at work on that day for the protection of the line and the safety of the travelling public. The men who work, however, on that day are allowed a day in lieu thereof.

(10.) Seven Hills Railway Station :—Mr. Long asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice.—Is it the intention of the Government to erect a Goods Shed and Horse Dock at Seven Hills Railway Station?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—There is already a Goods Shed at Seven Hills, and also accommodation for loading horses. A special horse and carriage dock at this small station does not appear to be necessary; but I have directed inquiry to be made whether the requirements of the traffic necessitate further accommodation.

- (11.) Campbellfields Railway Platform:—Mr. Long asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide shelter for passengers and facilities for loading hay at Campbellfields Railway Platform?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The Traffic Manager has recommended a new platform and waiting-shed for Campbellfields. The hay traffic is conducted at Campbelltown, and the expense necessary for establishing accommodation for this service at Campbellfields would not be justified.

- (12.) Liverpool Railway Station:—Mr. Long asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to build a Horse and Carriage Dock and to repair the Passenger Platform at Liverpool Railway Station?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes; the work is already in hand.

- (13.) The Honorable James Hoskins, Esq.:—Mr. R. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is Mr. Hoskins, the senior member of the firm of Hoskins & Blomfield, land and commission agents, Pitt-street, and the Secretary for Public Works one and the same person?

(2.) If so, is the Secretary for Public Works still pursuing the business of Land Agent?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) It is a fact that Mr. Hoskins, the Secretary for Public Works, is the Mr. Hoskins who is a member of the firm of Hoskins & Blomfield.

(2.) I understand from Mr. Hoskins that before accepting office he made such arrangements as entirely to exclude him from having any concern or interference with the business of Hoskins & Blomfield.

- (14.) Travelling Stock Reserve, Walgett to Nugil:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has Mr. Surveyor McMaster reported upon and marked the Travelling Stock Reserve application from Walgett to Nugil, on the Castlereagh River; if so, favourably or otherwise; if favourably, when will same be gazetted for public use, or has it been so gazetted, and when?

Mr. Driver answered,—The surveyor has reported favourably on this Reserve, and it will be gazetted within a week.

- (15.) Land for Timber Reserve, Hay:—Mr. Day, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did he receive a Petition sent him, praying that certain lands advertised for sale at Hay, on the 25th instant, may be made into a Timber Reserve?

(2.) Has he stopped the sale of this land pending inquiries as to the necessity of part of this land being reserved from sale as a Reserve for Timber for public purposes; and will he cancel it from lease when reserved?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Sale has been postponed for a fortnight pending inquiry, when the case will be finally decided upon.

- (16.) Public School at Ben Bullen:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was an application received from any person or persons asking for the erection or establishing of a School at Ben Bullen?

(2.) If so, have the Council decided what action they will take in the matter?

(3.) Did Inspector Huffer report in favour of establishing a School at the place abovenamed?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Council has, I am informed, decided to establish a Public School, and the application for the site has been referred to the Surveyor for his report, whose attention will be called to the subject, and further necessary action will be taken with a view to the speedy settlement of the matter.

(3.) Yes.

- (17.) Postponed Land Sale at Hay:—Mr. H. C. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that he has stopped the sale of 20,000 acres of land advertised to take place at Hay on Wednesday, 25th April?

(2.) If such is the case, at whose instigation, and upon what grounds, has such sale been stopped?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) The sale of the land in question was postponed for a fortnight pending inquiry as to the portions required for a Timber Reserve.

(2.) The question of the reservation of certain portions was brought under notice by a memorial signed by selectors, forwarded by Mr. Day, M.P.; and the matter was further urged upon my attention by representations from Mr. McElhone, M.P.

- (18.) Inquest on the body of John Veitch, Parramatta Asylum:—Mr. R. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the evidence taken on the Inquest held on the body of John Veitch, at the Government Asylum for Infirm at Parramatta, on the 6th instant, whose death appears to have been occasioned by falling down the dangerous stairs in that building?

(2.) How many deaths have occurred at that Institution from the like cause?

(3.) Has any action been taken to remedy the evil?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) As soon as the intelligence reached the Government of this accident the Colonial Architect's Department was put in motion to effect the necessary repairs to prevent the recurrence of a similar accident. I understand from the officers in charge of this institution that two deaths have occurred from this cause; but I will see that nothing is left undone to prevent further accidents.

- (19.) Police Buildings, Singleton :—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of Police Buildings at Singleton?
Mr. Hoskins answered,—Tenders will be invited so soon as the question of site, which is now under the consideration of the Government, shall have been determined.
- (20.) Road, Rockley to Swallow's Nest—New Street, Rockley—Bridge over Campbell's River :—
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), on behalf of Mr. Pilcher, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) When does he intend to cause the road from Rockley to Swallow's Nest to be proclaimed?
(2.) When does he intend to cause the street to be proclaimed and opened in the town of Rockley along the Water Reserve, in front of Mr. Budden's mill?
(3.) Is he aware that the erection of the bridge over Campbell's River is being delayed for the proclamation of the first-named road?
Mr. Driver answered,—
(1.) As soon as the site for the proposed bridge, and consequently the position of the road, has been agreed upon by the officers of the Works and Survey Department the road will be laid out and proclaimed.
(2.) The question is awaiting the introduction of an Act of Parliament to enable the Executive Council to alter designs of towns.
(3.) No, as the selection for the site of the bridge has delayed the survey of the road.
- (21.) Railway Station, Back Creek—Edwards's Platform, Perth—Bridge across Vale Creek :—
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), on behalf of Mr. Pilcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) When will the erection of the Goods Shed and Passenger Station at Back Creek, which was lately authorized by him, be proceeded with?
(2.) When will he be in a position to give an answer about the goods accommodation applied for at Edwards's Platform, at the village of Perth?
(3.) Has he arrived at any conclusion with reference to the bridge across Vale Creek, asked for by Petition last week, upon the road crossing from the Lagoon Road to the Vale Creek Road?
Mr. Hoskins answered,—
(1.) The erection of these buildings will be proceeded with at once.
(2.) From inquiries made it appears that additional land will have to be purchased to afford siding accommodation at Perth.
(3.) The local road officer has been called upon to furnish a report and section, and I will decide the question directly I can obtain the necessary information to enable me to do so.
2. PAPERS :—
Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Borough of Tamworth.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the Board of Audit on the Public Accounts.
(2.) Despatch respecting Sydney Branch Royal Mint.
Ordered to be printed.
3. SALE BY AUCTION OF CROWN LANDS :—Mr. Leary presented a Petition from certain Electors and other Residents of the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Districts, in opposition to the sale by auction of Crown Lands other than town and suburban lands.
Petition received.
4. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, TWEED RIVER DISTRICT :—Mr. Leary presented a Petition from certain Residents in the Tweed River District, relative to the Administration of Justice in that district.
Petition received.
5. EXTENSION OF GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO NEW ENGLAND :—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Western New England, and Gwydir Districts, in favour of extending the Great Northern Railway towards Queensland, *via* Manilla, Barraba, Bundarra, and Inverell.
Petition received.
6. WITHDRAWAL OF ESTIMATES FOR 1876-7 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Piddington, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
HERCULES ROBINSON, *Message No. 23.*
Governor.
- A change having taken place in the Administration since the transmission of the Estimates of Expenditure for the present year, and the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1876 and previous years, which accompanied His Excellency's Message No. 8, the Governor requests that those documents (except in so far as the Committee of Supply may have voted any sums therein submitted) may be returned to him with a view to the substitution of other Estimates, which have been prepared under the present Administration.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 25th April, 1877.
- Mr. Piddington then moved, That His Excellency's Message No. 23 be now taken into consideration.
Question put and passed.
And the Message having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Mr. Piddington moved, That the request contained in His Excellency's Message No. 23 be complied with, and that an Address be accordingly presented to His Excellency, returning the Estimates which accompanied his Message No. 8, of the 22nd December, 1876, and that the Message No. 23 be printed.
Question put and passed.

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

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April, 1877.

Government House,
Sydney, 24th April, 1877.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

8. ROAD TO HARTLEY *viâ* BROWN'S GAP (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Taylor, on behalf of Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Petitions, and Minutes in regard to Road *viâ* Brown's Gap to Hartley.
Question put and passed.
9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Farnell, moved, pursuant to Notice,—That leave of absence for one week be granted to the Honorable Member for the Wollombi, Mr. Cunneen, on account of illness.
Question put and passed.
10. EAST MAITLAND JUNCTION RAILWAY STATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Scholey moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Petition presented by him on 24th April, from certain Residents of the district of Maitland, praying for increased accommodation at the East Maitland and Morpeth Junction Railway Station, Great Northern Railway, be printed.
Question put and passed.
11. VOLUNTEER LAND ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Minutes, Correspondence, and other Documents in the possession of the Government relative to disputed cases as to the issue of Volunteer Land Orders.
Question put and passed.
12. PAPER:—Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 25th April, 1877, in reference to Road to Hartley *viâ* Brown's Gap.
Ordered to be printed.
13. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Piddington (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.
14. SUSPENSION OF THE STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Piddington 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 of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1877," 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 said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.
15. RAILWAY EXTENSION—ORANGE TO WELLINGTON AND DUBBO:—Mr. Hoskins moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" this House approves of the Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference of a proposed extension of the Great Western Railway, from Orange to Wellington and Dubbo, laid before the House on the 24th April, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22nd Victoria No. 19.
Mr. J. S. Smith moved, pursuant to *Contingent* Notice, That all the words after the word "That," at the commencement of the Resolution, be omitted, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof,—“the consideration of the question as to the route to be adopted in the construction of the Railway Line from Orange to Wellington be postponed until a survey of the line from Orange *viâ* Molong has been completed, and the plans thereof submitted to this House; and that such survey be proceeded with without delay.”
Question proposed—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That this Debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and passed.
Original Question then put and passed.
16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
17. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—

(5.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £242,500, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April, 1877, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1876, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1877.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

18. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

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

(5.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1877, the sum of £242,500 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April, 1877.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

19. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4)**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 5) to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877.

(2.) Mr. Piddington then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,"—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. Piddington, 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. Piddington, that report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Piddington, *passed*.

Mr. Piddington then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*," presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th April, 1877.*

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 APRIL, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Extension of Great Western Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision during the present Session of Parliament for the extension of the Great Western Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—This is a question which the Government will take into their consideration in framing their Railway policy, if the necessary data as to the route and cost can be obtained in time.

(2.) Barrack Wall, Green's Road:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of the delay in the taking down and the re-building of the Barrack Wall in Green's Road, for which money has been voted and re-voted for the past three years?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The delay is caused by the necessity of referring the matter to the Imperial Government. When the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies has been received, the question will have immediate attention.

(3.) City Municipal Bill:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to introduce a new City Municipal Bill?

Mr. Parkes answered,—At the present moment I cannot say positively whether any such Bill will be introduced this Session or not.

(4.) Immigrants from America:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—(1.) How many ships with Government Immigrants are at the present time *en route* from America to this Colony?

(2.) How many persons in all are there in such ships?

(3.) Can the Colonial Secretary inform the House how many of the persons are mechanics employed in the building or iron trades?

(4.) By whom were these Immigrants selected?

(5.) Does the agent who is responsible to this Government receive any remuneration for his trouble; and if so, in what manner?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Altogether there are three ships reported to be on float at the present time from America to this Colony with Immigrants.

(2.) The total number of Immigrants in these three vessels is about 520; but there are no particulars of the last vessel, which sailed only in the beginning of this month.

(3.) Of the two vessels of which we have particulars, one sailed on the 3rd February, and the other on the 10th March; and these two ships together contained 248 Immigrants. These Immigrants consist of 34 mechanics and engineers, 30 carpenters, painters, and plumbers, 3 blacksmiths, 115 farm and other labourers, 8 domestic servants (single women), 36 married women, and 22 children under twelve years of age.

(4.) These Immigrants appear to have been selected, and all arrangements made in respect of them, by Mr. Cameron, of New York, who, I believe, represents the New York agents of Messrs. Robert Towns & Company, of this city. I have no means in my possession of saying under what regulations the Immigrants have been selected; and I take this opportunity to express some little anxiety as to the arrival of these ships, and for this reason: I find that the charterers in New York have drawn for the whole of the passage money, so that whatever immoralities may exist on the voyage there will be no means, such as exist in the usual immigrant ships, of punishing the officers. Every penny to which the charterers are entitled has already been drawn. The

seriousness

seriousness of this circumstance will be understood by Honorable Members when I give an instance that came under my own investigation in 1873—the case of the “British Commodore”—where the immorality permitted on board was so great that the captain alone was fined nearly £300, and the doctor was fined the whole amount of his gratuity. Whatever may occur on board these ships the Government will have no power in their hands of punishing such misconduct.

(5.) The remuneration agreed upon is £300 per annum, with 5s. per head for each statute adult forwarded.

- (5.) Clerk of Petty Sessions, Goulburn:—Mr. Tecce asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient to make the salary of the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Goulburn equivalent to the amount which it is proposed to give to the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Bathurst?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—The Government are not at present in a position to deal with the subject of my Honorable friend's Question, but when dealing with the Estimates for next year the matter shall receive careful consideration.

- (6.) Public School, Woomargama:—Mr. Day asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Public School at Woomargama has been closed for the last two months?

(2.) Is he aware that between thirty and forty children are deprived of the means of education by the closing of this school?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Council of Education to appoint a Teacher; if so, when will such appointment be made?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) The Woomargama Public School has been closed since 28th February, 1877.

(2.) The Council is not aware that between thirty and forty children are deprived of the means of education by the closing of this school, as the average attendance of pupils for the whole of last year was only 15·8.

(3.) It is the intention of the Council to appoint another Teacher when the services of a suitable person willing to accept charge of so small a school can be secured.

- (7.) Site for Railway Workshops:—Mr. Cohen asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether all the Papers relating to the purchase of the site for the Railway Workshops, and ordered by this House on February 7th last, have been laid upon the Table of the House?

(2.) If not, will he lay the further Papers upon the Table?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that all the Papers relating to the purchase of this land have already been laid upon the Table of the House.

- (8.) Pacific Mail Service:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Whether the Government intend to submit for the consideration of Parliament during the present Session any Resolution in reference to the Pacific Mail Service; and if so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—We think it is very probable the Government will open new negotiations, with the view of an alteration of the Service, and I doubt much whether we shall submit any such Resolution as the Honorable Member alludes to.

- (9.) Conditional Purchase of James Butler, Bulga:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

Has he arrived at any, and if so, what, decision with the view to afford James Butler ingress to and egress from his conditional purchase through Mr. Richards's land at Bulga?

Mr. Driver answered,—

No decision has been arrived at. The matter is one of extreme importance, and is now under consideration. If the Honorable gentleman will repeat his Question on Tuesday next, a reply will be given.

- (10.) Grants awaiting Signature of His Excellency:—Mr. Long asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that a large number of Grants which have been transmitted to His Excellency the Governor are now awaiting his signature?

(2.) If so, how many?

(3.) Is the Government aware that a large number of persons are put to great inconvenience by these Grants not having been issued; and when is it likely they will be finally issued?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Some few months ago—I think in December—His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson objected to affix the Sign Manual of the Governor to Grants unless he had some better certification of their genuineness than was afforded by the loose system, or rather by the absence of all system, which up to that period appears to have prevailed; and he did so on the ground, or on this ground, among others, that there would be nothing to prevent his signing a spurious Grant. Considerable difficulty arose under the late Administration in devising some plan which would be effective, and at the same time so easy as not to throw impediments in the way of a thing which is constantly occurring, by which His Excellency would be satisfied before he signed these Grants. The system agreed upon by our predecessors was not entirely adopted by us; but I understand from the Minister for Lands that he has now arrived at a check which he considers sufficiently guarded to ensure genuineness, and at the same time sufficiently simple not to throw impediments in the way, or to render the process too cumbrous, so that probably Grants will go on without delay. Of course, I cannot be aware of my own knowledge that injury has occurred to individuals, but I can imagine that inconvenience may have arisen. Still, the matter was so serious—it was so necessary to have the thing done in such a way that it could not afterwards be disturbed—that the delay was unavoidable. I think in two or three instances where serious inconvenience was likely to be caused by delay, Grants have been issued.

(11.) Stopping Places, Great Western Railway:—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Western Railway Trains are frequently stopped at eight private houses on their way to Bathurst?

(2.) To how many more private persons is this privilege to be extended?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) I presume the Honorable Member is alluding to the platforms which have been erected at various places on the Blue Mountains. Trains stop at these places by signal only; and as they have been established, and are said to have induced an increase of traffic, I do not see my way clear at present to alter existing arrangements.

(2.) I shall not be disposed to increase the number of stopping places on the mountains.

2. DISPUTED MINING LEASE, HAWKINS HILL:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from Thomas Helsby, relative to the disputed possession of Mining Lease, No. 1,741, situated at Hawkins Hill, and praying that the House will cause inquiry to be made into the circumstances of the case. Petition received.
3. SALE BY AUCTION OF CROWN LANDS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Leary moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 25th April, from Electors and other Residents of the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Districts, in opposition to Auction Sales of other than town and suburban lands, be printed. Question put and passed.
4. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, TWEED RIVER DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Leary moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 25th April, from certain Residents in the Tweed River District, relative to the Administration of Justice in that District, be printed. Question put and passed.
5. EXTENSION OF GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO NEW ENGLAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. T. G. Dangar, on behalf of Mr. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Abbott on 25th April, from Inhabitants of Western New England and Gwydir Districts, relative to extension of Great Northern Line of Railway by Inverell to the Queensland Border, be printed. Question put and passed.
6. RAILWAY EXTENSION—WERRIS CREEK TO GUNNEDAH:—Mr. Hoskins moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference of a proposed extension of the Great Northern Railway, Werris Creek to Gunnedah, laid before the House on the 24th April, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22nd Victoria No. 19. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day for the resumption of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means, postponed until Wednesday next.
8. AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday next. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 APRIL, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Cost of Fencing on Railway Line:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What price per mile do the Government pay for two-rail fencing on the Railway Line?

(2.) What price per mile do the Government pay for three-rail fencing on the Railway?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The contract prices for two-rail fencing range from £88 to £120 per mile, and for three-rail sapling fencing from £80 to £128 per mile.

- (2.) Payments made to Commission on Growth of Oysters:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) In reference to certain sums of money paid to Mr. Lindsay Thompson, the Honorable T. Holt, and the Honorable J. B. Wilson, as a Commission on Growth of Oysters,—does he intend to at once put a stop to this expenditure of public money?

(2.) Is he aware that Mr. Lindsay Thompson is occupied on this Commission from 2 to 4 p.m., and that he is already paid for work done in those hours by the public; and will he put a stop to this practice of public officers receiving pay for work done in office hours?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) I understand that the Commission's Report is almost ready for submission; when submitted, further expenditure will cease.

(2.) As to the first part of the second Question—Yes, on the occasions of the Commission's sittings, three only of which have occurred since the end of February; the hours so occupied were made up to the Department by Mr. Thompson out of his private time. As to the latter part of the Question—Yes.

- (3.) Treasurer's Public Advance Account:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What amounts have been charged against the Treasurer's Public Advance Account for the last quarter of 1875?

(2.) The same in regard to last quarter of 1876?

Mr. Piddington answered,—Amount for last quarter of 1875, £87,427 18s. 1d.; amount for last quarter of 1876, £110,732 13s. 1d. Should the Honorable Member require details, a Return will be prepared, and laid upon the Table in a few days.

- (4.) Land taken up as Mineral Selections:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to lands lately taken up as mineral selections, as is done in many cases where no minerals exist, but which are taken up to defraud the *bonâ fide* selectors of their rights,—Is it his intention to compel the persons taking up these mineral leases to execute their leases, and cancel them if not executed within fourteen days, in accordance with the Mining Regulations?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—In all such cases as those referred to in the Question, special instructions have been issued that the land be surveyed forthwith; and after survey the applications are at once refused or granted, and the leases are tendered, and if not executed are declared void.

- (5.) Applications for Gold-mining Leases:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What was the shortest space of time from the date of application for a Gold-mining Lease to its refusal during the time the Honorable John Lucas held the portfolio of Mines?

(2.) What was the name of the person or persons whose application was refused?

(3.) On what date did the Honorable J. Lucas leave office, and what was the date of refusal of lease in *Gazette*?

(4.) Does the Department consider the refusal referred to surrounded by any mystery or difficulty?

Mr.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) Two months, namely, from 23th December, 1876, to 27th February, 1877.
- (2.) Messrs. Pope and Mullens.
- (3.) The Honorable J. Lucas left office on the 21st March. Refusal notified, 27th February, 1877.
- (4.) No.

(6.) Reserves, Sally's Flat and Monkey Hill:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Mines pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) If a Petition was received from certain persons at Sally's Flat and Monkey Hill, asking for certain auriferous lands to be reserved from conditional purchase?
- (2.) Was a report received from the Geological Surveyor in regard to the land referred to; if so, what is the nature of such report?
- (3.) What does the Minister intend to do in regard to this matter?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No; the Geological Surveyor has been prevented from visiting the locality by other pressing engagements.
- (3.) The Geological Surveyor will be sent as soon as possible.

(7.) Circular Quay:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government come to any decision with regard to the plan of the Circular Quay Wharf; if so, when will Tenders be called for its construction?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Government have not as yet had time to consider this matter, but it will have their earliest possible attention.

(8.) Road through Yanko Reserve:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is the road, 3 chains wide, recently surveyed through the revoked Yanko Reserve, crossing Water Reserve No. 1,397, and running through the parish of Wood, considered a main road within the meaning of the Crown Lands Acts Amendment Act, and such as to bar the legality of additional selections made in virtue of originals with such road between?

Mr. Driver answered,—Yes.

(9.) Selections made in vicinity of Toogong:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that many selections made in the vicinity of Toogong, county Ashburnham, three, and even four, years ago, still remain unsurveyed?
- (2.) Will he direct early attention of the Surveyor General to the matter?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) It is not known, and the facts cannot be ascertained without the names of the conditional purchasers.
- (2.) Three conditional purchases are unmeasured in the county of Ashburnham, made in 1873, and thirteen in 1874.

(10.) Case of Mr. John Garsed—Loss of certain Exhibits:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The date that Archibald Ashdown's and Charles Pritchard's joint affidavit, filed in the Prothonotary's Office, 2 March, 1858, was found in said office, or returned to the Prothonotary?
- (2.) Has a search been made in the Crown Solicitor's Office, also in the Prothonotary's Office, for Crown Exhibits now missing, and produced by A. Ashdown at the Police Office, and mentioned in the depositions deposited in the Crown Solicitor's Office?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) The Prothonotary states that he is not aware when this affidavit was found in his office, or when it was returned; it is now in that office.
- (2.) A search has been made in the Prothonotary's Office for the exhibits referred to, but they have not been found. The Crown Solicitor has reported as follows:—"The only Exhibit that I am aware of as being missing is a copy of an account referred to as a copy of an account in red ink, said to have been given by Mr. A. Ashdown to Mr. John Garsed, and a copy account which I have seen in Mr. Garsed's possession is, I believe, this Exhibit."

(11.) Land Office, Gunning:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What decision has been arrived at with respect to the Petition for the establishment of a separate Land Office at Gunning?

Mr. Driver answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at, the Petition having been brought under my notice only this morning.

(12.) Australian Museum:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When are the Trustees of the Australian Museum likely to arrive at a decision with reference to the Resolution of this House directing them to take steps to extend the hours for public inspection?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—I have received from the Curator of the Australian Museum the following report:—"In answer to your question respecting the extension of hours during which the Museum shall be open to the public, I have to inform you that the Trustees have recommended the extension of the hours of closing the Museum until 6 p.m. in the summer, and until 5 p.m. in the winter months."

(13.) Superseding certain Magistrates:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to the cases of the Magistrates brought before the House by Mr. F. B. Suttor some short time ago, with severe commentary, what steps, if any, has he taken in the public interest?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—I would remind the Honorable Member that all matters connected with the appointment and removal of Justices of the Peace are in the Colonial Secretary's Department, but as a similar question was put by another Honorable Member to the Colonial Secretary on Wednesday last, I will read his reply:—"We have not considered it our first duty to

"inquire

"inquire into the appointments made by our predecessors; but since my attention has been called to these appointments, I find that one of the gentlemen has already himself resigned, and I will cause such inquiry to be made as will enable me to decide whether any steps ought to be taken in the other cases."

- (14.) Extension of Southern Railway to Albury:—*Mr. Lackey*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When the House will be asked to sanction the extension of the Southern Railway to Albury?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The proposals of the Government in regard to future Railway extensions will be communicated to the House on an early day. The question of the Railway to Albury and other extensions are now under their consideration.

- (15.) Reserves on the Messrs. Dangars' Stations:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to his motion as to Reserves made on W. J. Dangar's and Dangar Brothers stations, the Papers as to which were ordered to be laid upon the Table of this House some months since,—when will these Returns be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Driver answered,—The Return in question was laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on 16th February, 1877, and ordered to be printed.

- (16.) Sir J. O'Shanassy's Applications for Land at Moira:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did Mr. A. Armstrong, Land Agent, apply for permission to obtain copies of all improvement purchases made by Sir J. O'Shanassy at Moira, during the rush for selection, in October, 1876, on Reserves cancelled at Moama?

(2.) Is it a fact that he was not allowed to copy these papers; and what is the objection, if any, to his doing so?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Under Secretary is away at Bathurst; if so, on what grounds, and for what purpose?

(4.) Is he aware why the copies of these improvement purchase applications of Sir J. O'Shanassy are wanted by the Free Selectors Association at Moama?

(5.) Will he allow Mr. Armstrong to get copies of these papers?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1 and 2.) Mr. Armstrong yesterday made an application to this effect, and was informed that it was not usual to comply with such applications, but advised to apply officially, stating the grounds of his request.

(3.) The Under Secretary is at Bathurst, attending the Circuit Court, in obedience to a Subpœna.

(4.) No.

(5.) The application will be dealt with on its merits when received.

- (17.) Light on Nobbys:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Light at Newcastle is very often obscured by the smoke and fumes from the Smelting Works, thus endangering the lives of persons travelling by steamer and otherwise?

(2.) Will he take immediate steps to abate this nuisance, or prosecute the proprietor of these works for creating a nuisance?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1 and 2.) I find that the attention of the late Government was, on two occasions, by Questions in this House, called to this matter. There appears to be considerable difficulty in dealing with it. I will, however, cause further inquiry to be made, with a view to ascertain if the nuisance can be abated.

- (18.) Existence of Coal under Sydney:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Report of the Geological Surveyor in reference to the existence of Coal under and in the district of Sydney be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—No comprehensive report has yet been furnished by the Geological Surveyor, but there is no objection to lay on the Table, during next week, such information as has been furnished.

- (19.) Railway Line from Orange to Wilcannia:—*Mr. W. H. Suttor* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, at an early date, all Correspondence, Reports, and other Documents referring to the Trial Survey of the Railway Line from Orange to Wilcannia?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—This information has already been ordered by the House, and it will be laid upon the Table, with the General Return of Railway Trial Surveys, on Tuesday next.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—*Mr. Piddington (by consent)* moved, without Notice, That John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.

Question put and passed.

3. RAILWAY STATION, LITHGOW (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, including Letters, Minutes, Petitions, in reference to Lithgow Valley Siding Platform or Railway Station; also, the same in reference to Platform known as Brown's.

Question put and passed.

4. SCHOOL AT BEN BULLEN (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence in regard to establishment and building of School at Ben Bullen.

Question put and passed.

5. DISPUTED MINING LEASE, HAWKINS HILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th April, from Thomas Helsby, in reference to a disputed Mining Lease, Hawkins Hill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. **PAPER**:—Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 2nd February, 1877, in reference to the Conditional Purchase of David Sawyer, junior.
Ordered to be printed.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Parramatta District Hospital; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday next.*
(2.) Railway Station, Lithgow; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday, 11th May.*
(3.) Married Women's Property Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
8. **NO LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Terry, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Debate not being resumed,—
Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Day.
Mr. McElhone,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Long,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 11th May.

9. **LIBERATION OF THE PRISONER THYNNE**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
" (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the liberation of the prisoner Thynne, found guilty of rape and sentenced to death, sentence afterwards reduced to twelve years imprisonment, while two other prisoners, namely, John Heappy and John Quye, found guilty at the same time and of the same offence as Thynne, are still detained in prison, is calculated to shock the public sense of justice and fair dealing.
" (2.) That the cases of John Heappy and John Quye, being in no manner different from that of Thynne, should receive the same merciful consideration.
" (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
And the Question being again proposed,—
And the Debate not being resumed,—
Question put and negatived.
10. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions in reference to Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee, postponed until Friday, 25th May.
11. **BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. W. H. Suttor, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
12. **MR. STREET, INSPECTOR OF CONDITIONAL PURCHASES**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. McElhone,—
" (1.) That Mr. Street, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, should be dismissed from the Public Service for disobeying the circular letter of the Minister for Lands, which instructed all Inspectors of Conditional Purchases and Commissioners of Lands not to stay in the houses of either squatters or selectors who had cases to be heard before the Lands Courts; and that, as Mr. Street wilfully disobeyed these instructions by stopping with certain squatters who had cases coming on before the Lands Courts, viz., Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Rawlings—Mr. Jenkins at the time trying to get the Conditional Purchases of Mr. Moffat and family forfeited; and for every day that he stayed with these squatters he charged or was allowed 25s. per day travelling expenses; and that he was robbing the Public Revenue of this 25s. per day for every day that he stayed with these squatters; and for that he also corruptly lent himself to Mr. Jenkins by going round of a night with his manager to report on these selections; and that he did also go to Moffat's house on the Sunday or Sabbath day to report on the Conditional Purchases of Moffat and family,—he should be dismissed from the Public Service.
" (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
And the Question being again proposed,—
Mr. Driver moved,—That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That this Debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Original Question again proposed.
 Debate ensued.
 Original Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Bennett,
 Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Day,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Taylor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. W. H. Suttor.
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Wisdom,	

And so it passed in the negative.

13. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Adulteration of Food Prevention Bill postponed until Friday, 25th May.
14. **ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day, having been read,—Mr. Combes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Combes, 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. Combes, that report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
15. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill postponed until Friday next.
16. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Piddington moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
- Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at two minutes after Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Land Office at Parkes:—Mr. Lord asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Lands Office at Parkes; and if so, when?

Mr. Driver answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at.

(2.) District Court at Parkes:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a District Court at Parkes; and if so, when?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—The District Court Judge having reported against the expediency of establishing such Court at Parkes, the matter is still under consideration. Further inquiry is being made upon the subject.

(3.) Conditional Purchase of Robert Patterson, Narrabri:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What decision has been arrived at in the case of Robert Patterson, Narrabri, conditional purchaser, 1 July, 1875, 200 acres?

(2.) Is it true that Patterson has been deprived of his frontage as taken up by him, and his land thrown back by the surveyor into a dense scrub?

(3.) Is it a fact Patterson has spent £100 in improvements on this land?

(4.) Was not his selection made some thirteen months before the population boundary was surveyed?

(5.) Will Patterson be allowed to take his frontage as originally taken up by him, having frontage from and to Doyle, pegs No. 170, No. 171?

Mr. Driver answered,—A representation on the subject of Robert Patterson's selection has been received from the applicant, through Mr. T. G. Dangar, M.P., but the survey having been only recently received into the Charting Branch of the Survey Office, has not yet been dealt with. Instructions have been given for the case to be speedily reported on; and the decision, when arrived at, will be duly communicated to the applicant.

(4.) Road, Walgett to Nugil:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a new direct road been surveyed and marked, by direction of the Government, by Mr. Surveyor M'Master, from Walgett to Nugil, on the Castlereagh River?

(2.) When will such road be proclaimed and opened for public use?

(3.) Will the public be permitted to use such, pending the necessary proclamation?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Surveyor General has recommended the proclamation of this road, and the same will be complied with as early as possible.

(3.) No.

(5.) Inspectors of Conditional Purchases:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many Inspectors of Conditional Purchases are there?

(2.) What are the names of the Inspectors?

(3.) On what date was each one appointed, and by which Government?

(4.) How many cases has each of these Inspectors reported on since the date of their appointments?

(5.) What numbers of cases have they got to report on at the present time?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Fourteen.

(2 to 5.) The desired information is given in a statement which I will presently lay upon the Table.

(6.)

- (6.) Mr. Patrick Brougham :—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is there a person named Patrick Brougham employed as a Police Magistrate, or in any other position in the Civil Service?
 - (2.) Are the Government aware that this person was Curator of Intestate Estates and Sheriff in Fiji?
 - (3.) Will the Minister inquire into the matter, and the cause of his ceasing to hold this office and leaving that Colony?
- Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—
- (1.) Yes, Mr. Patrick Brougham is Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Bingera.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (7.) Application of Mr. C. B. Fisher for certain Crown Lands :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has any application been made by C. B. Fisher for lands under the 2nd clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act in virtue of a bridge erected over Yanga Creek, in the parish of Mamanga, county of Cairn?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to allow such improvement to give right to purchase lands adjoining?
- Mr. Driver answered,—No such application has been received.
- (8.) Certificates of Ratification of Selections :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will certificates of ratification of selections applied for under 14th clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act be prepared for delivery to applicants?
- Mr. Driver answered,—I am informed that these certificates are always forwarded when applied for.
- (9.) Improvements on Conditional Purchases :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Will he take the opinion of the Crown Law Officers upon the question as to the proper parties to appoint Appraisers to settle questions as to disputes concerning improvements upon conditionally purchased land?
- Mr. Driver answered,—There is not any pending question as to whether such an opinion as that suggested is required; but any legal difficulty that may arise as to the appointment of Appraisers will be dealt with under proper legal advice.
- (10.) Circular Quay :—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. J. Watson, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any, and if so what, steps, and when, with a view to improve the Wharfage Accommodation at the Circular Quay?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—The answer I must give to this Question is similar to that given to Mr. Macintosh's Question on Friday, 27th ultimo,—Government have not yet had time to consider this matter, but it will have their earliest possible attention.
- (11.) Railway Workshops :—Mr Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to remove from the Redfern Station, Sydney, the Workshops, or any portion of them, to the ground at Parramatta Junction purchased by the late Government for that purpose?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—The matter is under the consideration of the Government.
- (12.) Goulburn Recreation Ground :—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to comply with the application made for the granting of trees to improve the Goulburn Recreation Ground?
- Mr. Driver answered,—If any trees can be spared from the Botanic Gardens for the purpose, the request will be complied with.
- (13.) Greta Railway Station :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When the erection of the Goods Shed at Greta Railway Station is likely to be proceeded with?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—The Traffic Manager has reported that a Goods Shed at Greta is not required at present; one will be erected directly the traffic justifies it.
- (14.) Extension of Railway into Sydney :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government come to any decision in reference to extending the Railway from Redfern to the deep waters of Port Jackson, at or near the Circular Quay; if so, when will the plans and sections be laid upon the Table of the House?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—No decision has been arrived at in this matter; but the question will have the careful consideration of the Government at an early day.
- (15.) Electric Telegraph, Moree to Mugundie :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to make any provision on the Loan Estimates for extending the Electric Telegraph from Moree to Mugundie, on the Upper Barwon River?
- Mr. Piddington answered,—This matter has been under consideration, but the Government have not yet determined what course to take.
- (16.) Extension of Railway from Murrurundi to Quirindi :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the extension of the Railway from Murrurundi to Quirindi be open for general traffic?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—It is anticipated that the line to Quirindi will be opened for traffic by the end of June, or early in July.
- (17.) Police Station, Manilla :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What is the intention of the Government with reference to the completion of the Police Station, Manilla, for which tenders were accepted, and part of the work done, some fifteen or eighteen months back?
 - (2.) If it is true that the contractor has abandoned the work and left the district, will the Government call for fresh tenders for the said work without delay?
- Mr.

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) The work will be proceeded with as early as practicable.
 (2.) The contractor performed portion of the work, and then left. A fresh tender was obtained and accepted, but the tenderer declined to carry out his offer. Further action is being taken.

(18.) Delivery of Letters, Parramatta :—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that there is only one Letter-carrier now doing the work on the north side of Parramatta, where two were employed—one having been taken to assist in the increased work in the Post Office, in consequence of which persons do not receive their letters within two or three hours after their arrival?
 (2.) Will he cause the vacancy to be filled up as early as possible?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The Postmaster General is making inquiry into the conduct of the postal business at Parramatta, with a view to an improvement in present arrangements.

(19.) Towns Police Act, Bingera :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has an application been made for an extension of the Towns Police Act to Bingera?
 (2.) If so, when will such town be brought under the operation of this Act?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Almost immediately.

(20.) Bridge across Parramatta River :—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

In reference to an Act passed on the 25th June, 1874, authorizing the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, and providing that the proceeds of the sale thereof may be devoted towards defraying the cost of constructing a bridge across the Parramatta River; and having regard to the Public Works Loan Acts of 1873 and 1876, wherein £90,000 has been authorized to be raised for the construction of the said bridge and a bridge across Iron Cove Creek,—

Is it the intention of the Government (in consideration of the above facts, and the fact that the Common, containing 6,235 acres, has been resumed for a period of nearly three years, and that the construction of the bridge will not be a charge upon the public) to proceed with the construction of the said bridge with as little delay as possible?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The late Government decided that fresh tenders should be invited both in England and the Colony. The specifications, with some necessary modifications, are now being printed, and tenders will be re-invited in the Colony in a few days, and instructions forwarded to England by next mail.

(21.) Selection made by Peter Will, Deniliquin :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a selection made by Peter Will, at Deniliquin, has been declared void, in consequence of alleged improvements, which consist of a temporary iron hut?
 (2.) That selection of the same land has since been made, excluding the portion alleged to be improved?
 (3.) That application has been repeatedly made for refund of the deposit paid by second selector, and the case has already been in abeyance for fifteen months, without satisfaction to either of the selectors?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) The selection of Peter Will has been declared void, as containing certain improvements, which have been specially reported on by Mr. Surveyor Lucas, as being of a substantial character, and the applicant was advised in February last that the decision to the above effect could not be re-opened, but that he had the option of appealing to appraisalment.

(2 and 3.) Without the name of the applicant these Questions cannot be satisfactorily replied to—but the first selection having been void, the second applicant would not appear to be entitled to a refund of his deposit.

(22.) Dubbo Gaol :—Mr. Lord asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When Tenders will be called for the repairs and alterations to Dubbo Gaol, plans having been submitted in September, 1875?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Plans for a new Gaol at Dubbo, to cost £6,000, were submitted in September, 1875, but no decision has been arrived at. The sum of £2,500, for repairs and alterations to the present building, was placed on the Estimates for 1876, but not having been expended before the end of the year, it will have to be re-voted, and as soon as funds are available the matter will be dealt with.

(23.) Pre-leases granted to R. and W. Oakes :—Mr. Hill asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—How many pre-leases have been granted to R. and W. Oakes, near Forbes, since 1st January, 1874; their extent; when granted; and upon what date were they notified in the *Gazette*?

Mr. Driver answered,—

R. and W. Oakes	had 15 pre-leases granted.
"	360 acres, notified 30 July, 1875.
"	1,704 " " 21 Sept. "
"	903 " " 28 " "
"	150 " " 2 May, 1876.
"	2,670 " " 1 July, 1876.
"	360 " " 9 Feb., 1877.

(24.) American Railway Carriages :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Railway Carriages ordered from America been completed; or, if not, when is it expected they will arrive?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—By the last advices received, these Carriages were to be shipped on the 15th April last. They may be expected in July next at latest.

(25.) Railway Workmen:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the men employed in the Traffic Branch of the Railway Department are often kept five or six days without their wages after they are due, while the Civil Servants, who receive higher salaries, are, as a rule, paid on the first of the month?

(2.) If he finds such to be the case, will he take steps to provide against its occurrence in the future?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) I am informed that no unnecessary delay takes place in paying the wages of the men employed in the Traffic Branch. It is true that they are not paid for five or six days after they are due; but it is not possible to pay the wages on the day they are made up to; the time-sheets have to be prepared and checked, entries made in the Railway books, and certificates prepared for the Treasury, before the money can be obtained. With the exception, however, of the first fortnight's pay, each man receives his wages regularly every fortnight; and should any man wish to leave the Service, provision has been made for paying his wages in full at once.

(2.) As regards payment of wages, the workmen are in a better position than the ordinary Civil Servant—the former being paid once a fortnight, and the latter once a month only.

(26.) Sale of Land near Eulorio, Warialda District:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will lot 19, 106 acres, joining King's purchased land, Eulorio Run, Warialda District, measured in December, 1875, be submitted for sale?

(2.) What reasons exist for delaying the sale thereof?

Mr. Driver answered,—This land will be advertised for sale this week.

(27.) Sheep Released from Quarantine:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did Routledge Brothers lately have a lot of sheep in quarantine; and is it a fact that these sheep were kept only thirty-seven days in quarantine, whilst the law prescribes that they must be kept sixty days in quarantine?

(2.) By whose authority were these sheep released from quarantine within the time prescribed by law, thus giving the owners an undue preference over other people?

(3.) Is it not a fact that all other persons who have imported sheep here have been compelled to keep their sheep sixty days in quarantine?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Yes; yes.

(2.) By that of the Minister for Lands—the Chief Inspector of Stock having reported that there would be no risk in doing so.

(3.) No other persons asked for reduction of quarantine under similar circumstances; if they had it would have been granted.

(28.) Lieutenant-Colonel Maunsell:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is Lieutenant-Colonel Maunsell employed as a clerk in any department of the Lands Office?

(2.) Is he aware that this person is a J.P., and takes his seat on the Bench at Water Police Court as a Magistrate, and by doing so must neglect his work as clerk, for which he is paid?

(3.) Will he at once put a stop to it?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Yes; temporary clerk.

(2.) Yes, from 10 to 1 on two days in the week, by permission.

(3.) Yes.

(29.) Railway Line between Parramatta Junction and Parramatta:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Byrnes, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has any report been made to him by any officer of the Engineering Department of the necessity of establishing a double line of Railway between the Parramatta Junction and Parramatta?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—No report of the kind has been made.

2. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from certain Owners or Occupiers of Lands at Paddington, near Sydney, and also of the City of Sydney, representing that this Bill, if passed without amendment, would be injurious to their interests; and praying the House to expunge the tenth clause of the said Bill.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table:—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 27th February, 1877, in reference to East Maitland Railway Station.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 16th January, 1877, in reference to Railway Trial Surveys.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—Return of number of cases referred to, and number of reports received from, Inspectors of Conditional Purchases, to 30th April, 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

4. RESERVES NEAR WESTERN RAILWAY (*Formal Motion*):—

Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return and Tracing showing all lands within three miles of the Western Railway between Emu Plains and Lithgow Valley that have been reserved for any public purpose; also, copies of any Correspondence, or Minutes thereon, having reference to said Reserves.

Question put and passed.

5. IMMIGRATION AGENTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the names of the various Immigration Agents in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, on the Continent of Europe, and in America, with the dates of their appointments, and amount of remuneration received by them individually up to the present time.

Question put and passed.

6. ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lackey, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Lackey then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act intituled 'An Act to authorize the Erection and Maintenance of Cattle Sale-Yards by the Borough Council of Orange within the said Borough.'*"

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 intituled 'An Act to authorize the Erection and Maintenance of Cattle Sale-Yards by the Borough Council of Orange within the said Borough,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of a Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st May, 1877.*

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Garrett moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS AT AND NEAR CAMPBELL'S WHARF:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) All Applications, Papers, Plans, Correspondence, and other Documents relating to proposed reclamations and extensions of jetties from the wharf known as Campbell's Wharf, adjoining the Circular Quay, in the harbour of Port Jackson, by the Australasian Steam Navigation Company.

(2.) Also, all similar Documents relating to the land and water frontage lying between Campbell's Wharf and Dawes Battery.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS AT CERTAIN WHARFS, MILLER'S POINT:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Applications, Papers, Plans, Correspondence, and other Documents relating to reclamations and extensions of jetties, and proposed reclamations and extensions by Messrs. Munn, Cuthbert, or Dibbs, or any of them, from the land and wharf known as Munn's, Cuthbert's, or Dibbs's Wharf, at Darling Harbour, Miller's Point.

(2.) Also, all similar Documents relating to the land and wharf known as Bettington's, or Smith's, Wharf, at Darling Harbour, Miller's Point.

Question put and passed.

10. TOLLS ON PUBLIC ROADS AND BRIDGES:—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to abolish all Tolls on public roads, "ferries," and bridges throughout the Colony.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cameron moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "ferries," in the first paragraph.

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Windeyer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
My. Piddington,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Stephen Brown.
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Dibbs,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Teece,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Rouse.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then put,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to abolish all Tolls on public roads and bridges throughout the Colony.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Long,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Tecece,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Scholcy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Groville,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Terry.
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Rouse,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Hill.
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Stephen Brown,	
Mr. Driver,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. CROWN LANDS RESERVES:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the practice on the part of Crown Lessees in improving lands reserved from sale, and thereby preventing conditional selection, is fraught with danger to the interests of the Colony; and in order to avert such danger, all Reserves under Crown Lease throughout the Colony be declared excised from Crown Lease, and proclaimed Public Reserves.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Mr. Driver moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered—That the Debate be adjourned till Friday, 11th May.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Piddington moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. APPOINTMENTS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, any appointments made by the present or any future Governments after they have resigned the offices held by them are improper and unconstitutional, and should not be tolerated by this House.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
14. RECLAMATION OF LAND, PORT JACKSON:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A Return giving the names of persons who have had permission, previous to the passing of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, to reclaim land in front of water-side properties in that part of the City of Sydney from the west end of Liverpool-street round to the Circular Quay, giving in each case the date when permission was so granted, the area of land reclaimed, the amount paid for the same, and when; the names of the persons who have had permission and have not paid for the land reclaimed by them; likewise the names of persons in the occupation of reclaimed land unpaid for, and without authority for holding the same.
 (2.) A Return to the 20th March, 1877, giving the names of owners of water-side property along the before-mentioned distance who have reclaimed and purchased land in accordance with the 9th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, stating in each case the date of permission, the area, amount of valuation, and time of payment.
 Question put and passed.
15. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES:—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The names of the various Registered Friendly Societies in the Colony.
 (2.) The number of Lodges or Branches of each Society, the number of members in each branch, their place of meeting, and the total amount of the funds of each branch, and the weekly amount contributed by each member.
 (3.) The number of Branches of each Society registered in conformity with the Friendly Societies Act, and the number not so registered, with their names in each instance.
 (4.) The amount of money received weekly by sick members in each Lodge or Branch.
 (5.) The date of registration of each Society, or Branch of Society.
 (6.) The different heads under which the expenditure and income of each Branch are placed, with the total amounts of the same.
 (7.) The number of Lodges or Branches, the meeting place of which is registered, the number not so registered, with their names in each instance.
 Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) East Maitland Race-course:—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When were the Trustees appointed for the East Maitland Race-course Reserve, their names, and were they consulted before appointment?
 - (2.) How many summoned Meetings have they held, and date of each, since they were appointed?
 - (3.) Is the Race-course Reserve rented or leased; if so, to whom, for what purpose, what buildings are erected thereupon, and at what rent; who holds the proceeds; if expended, by whom, and on what improvements, or otherwise?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) March 24th, 1876; Messrs. J. N. Brunker, William Cains, A. J. Cobcroft, G. T. Chambers, Samuel Clift, James McLoughlin. These gentlemen were nominated by Mr. A. Dodds, at the instance of the Mayor of East Maitland. I am not informed whether they were previously consulted.
- (2.) I have no information on the point.
- (3.) It has been represented that the Race-course Pasturage Reserve was leased to Mr. P. Burke, who erected a slaughter-house and boiling-down establishment thereon. The Trustees were directed that the lease should be cancelled. By a subsequent letter from the Trustees, it appears that Burke's buildings are outside the fence between the Race-course and the Pasturage Reserve. It is not known that this fence is on the defined boundary. The matter will be inquired into.

- (2.) Reserves, Boggabri Run:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has a petition been received from the residents of Boggabri, on the Namoi River, praying that Reserves for water supply on Boggabri Run, gazetted 3 August, 1876, No. 135, about 1,380 acres, and No. 136, 960 acres, be converted into Reserves for public use?
- (2.) Do the Government intend to grant this request; and if so, when will such Reserves be so proclaimed?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Portions of these Reserves have been recommended for withdrawal from lease for Public Camping Places, and will be gazetted as soon as possible.
- (3.) Police Buildings, Narrabri:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Was a sum of money voted for the erection of Police Buildings, Narrabri; if so, when, and the amount?
 - (2.) If so voted, have Tenders been invited for the erection of these buildings, and when?
 - (3.) If not, what is the cause of delay in so doing, and when will such be done?
 - (4.) Has it been represented that the amount proposed is not sufficient for the requirements, and will provision be made for an additional sum?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) The sum of £1,000 was voted in 1875, and re-voted in 1876, for the erection of Police Buildings, Narrabri.
- (2.) Tenders have not been invited.
- (3.) The cause of delay was the want of information as to the accommodation required; this has been obtained, and a plan is nearly ready.
- (4.) The plan now in preparation is for barrack and stabling only, and a further sum of £300 will be required to meet their cost. I am not aware of any representation on the subject; but I understand that application is to be made for an officer's quarters, the cost of which will be, if approved, about £800, and for this sum a Vote will be required. (4.)

- (4.) Township of Goangora:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
When is it intended to offer land in the township of Goangora, Namoi River, for sale?

Mr. Driver answered,—The town and suburban allotments at Goangora are now being scheduled, and notice of sale will probably appear in the *Gazette* this week.

- (5.) Volunteer Land Orders :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Was Sapper George Marks of the Engineer Company of Volunteers refused a Land Order on the ground of his not having served the requisite number of drills?
(2.) Is it true that Sapper Marks was only one drill short of the required number, although he had attended several for which no credit was given, owing to the small number present?
(3.) Will the Colonial Secretary kindly inquire into this case, in conjunction with that of Gunner Bamford, according to his promise made on the 24th instant?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The following replies have been received by the Government from the Commandant :—

- (1.) Sapper Marks has never been refused a Land Order, not having applied for one. He was refused an efficiency certificate for the year 1875, having only done ten instead of twelve company drills.
(2.) The returns for the year 1875, rendered by the officer commanding the Volunteer Engineer Corps, showed Sapper Marks had attended only ten company drills, instead of twelve—the number required by Regulation. On Sapper Marks' certificate for 1875 being disallowed by the Commandant, the officer commanding the Volunteer Engineer Corps forwarded a roll showing that Sapper Marks had attended one working parade, for which the officer commanding the Volunteer Engineer Corps had not given him credit in the returns; allowing this parade to count, he was still one company drill short. No evidence has been produced that Sapper Marks attended other parades; if he did attend parades where the number required by Regulations was not present, he was not entitled to count such parades.

- (6.) Court House, Bingera :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has a requisition been received from the Bingera Bench for the supply of furniture for that Court House?
(2.) When will the same be supplied?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes; a contract appears to have been taken for supply of the furniture in July last.
(2.) I am informed that inquiry was made by the Colonial Architect in November last; that the furniture was then ready for delivery, and only awaiting carriage. There is an impression that it has since been supplied. Further inquiry is now being made respecting the furniture in question.
(7.) Sheep Released from Quarantine :—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the case that permission was given for the removal of certain Imported Sheep from quarantine during the late Exhibition?
(2.) Is it not essential, according to the provisions of the Act for the Prevention and Cure of Diseases in Sheep, that Imported Sheep should be quarantined for sixty days before removal?
(3.) Were the sheep referred to in quarantine that time?
(4.) Were the Board of Sheep Directors in Sydney consulted in reference to their removal?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) No, only thirty-seven days.
(4.) No; it has never been customary to consult the Directors in such cases.

- (8.) Mr. Keele, Inspector of Conditional Purchases :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Commissioner Rose sent in any report in reference to the inquiries held before him having to be postponed many times on account of Inspector Keele having neglected to attend the Court and give evidence before the same, and by this means putting a number of selectors to great inconvenience and loss of time?
(2.) Has his attention been called to a report in an Albury paper, where it is stated Mr. Commissioner Rose stated it was not the first, second, tenth, or twelfth time the Court had to be postponed on account of Inspector Keele neglecting to attend the Court and give his evidence?
(3.) Has Mr. Keele been called on to show why he neglected to attend the Courts of Inquiry, and does he intend to dismiss him for gross neglect of duty?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Commissioner Rose has reported Mr. Inspector Keele for neglect of duty in failing to attend Courts of Inquiry pursuant to his arrangements.
(2.) Attention has been called to the report referred to.
(3.) Mr. Keele has been called upon for an explanation, and a telegram has been received from him, stating that his reply has been duly posted; but it is not yet to hand, and consequently has not yet been decided upon.
9.) Supply of Coal for Railway Purposes :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) How many tenders were received for the supply of Newcastle Engine Coal required in 1877 for the Northern and for the Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways; what were the prices tendered at; and what tenders were accepted?
(2.) If the lowest tender was not accepted, what consideration weighed with the Government in giving preference to the higher tender?
(3.) During the last five years, when the Coal of the Waratah Colliery was used on the Government Railways, how many official complaints respecting its quality or mode of delivery were addressed to the Head of the Department?
(4.) How many complaints have been sent in since the present contractor has begun to supply the Government Railways?
(5.)

(5.) Is not Mr. G. R. Dibbs, a Member of this House, the owner of the New Lambton Colliery, from which the Newcastle Engine Coal is at present supplied?

(6.) Is it true that the Waratah Coal Company offered to supply Coal either from its old, as before supplied, or from its new pits, in the event of its tender being accepted, and that the Engineer for Existing Lines reported only upon one waggon load of the coal taken from the new pits, without having tested that from the old colliery, as tendered?

(7.) Is the Government aware that upwards of 600 tons of Coal from the new pits of the Waratah Coal Company were used on the Great Northern Railway in November and December, 1876, and that no complaint was made respecting its quality?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Seven tenders were received for the supply of Engine Coal for the Great Northern, and eleven for the Great Southern and Western Lines.

For Great Northern Line.

	Per ton.	
	s.	d.
Newcastle Wallsend Coal Company	14	0
Waratah Coal Company	13	6
Nott, Ward, & Co. (delivered at East Maitland)	9	3
E. Vickery	12	0
John Mitchell (delivered at East Maitland)	11	9
L. O. Brien (delivered at Maitland)	9	0
Do. (do. Newcastle)	9	6
Wm. Summerbell	13	1

For Great Southern and Western Lines.—Bowenfels Coal, taken at the mine.

Lithgow Valley Colliery Company... ..	4	6
Vale of Clywd Coal Mining Company	5	3
William Pitt	5	11
Thomas Brown	5	6
Bowenfels Coal Mining and Copper Smelting Company... ..	4	10

Newcastle or Southern Coal, delivered at Darling Harbour.

L. O. Brien & Co., Northern Coal, from Alnwick Mines	14	6
J. Ward & Co., from Wollongong Collieries	14	0
Waratah Coal Company, Northern Coal	17	0
E. Vickery, do. Greta Mines	16	6
Newcastle Wallsend Coal Company, Northern Coal	18	4
Wm. Summerbell, Northern Coal, New Lambton Mine	17	6

(2.) The lowest tender was accepted, regard being had to the relative values of the Coal, as shown by the tests made in each case.

(3.) There is no record of any complaint having been made.

(4.) Three complaints have been made.

(5.) The Department has no means of knowing the names of the proprietors of the mines, and I am not therefore in a position to answer this Question.

(6.) The Waratah Company offered to supply Coal from either their old or new pit. It was arranged with the various companies that, in order to avoid picked samples, any Coal might be taken indiscriminately while in transit from the mine, with the view to its being tested. Some coal from the Waratah Company was intercepted in this way, and it was not known from which pit it was taken.

(7.) It was not known from which pit the 600 tons of Coal in question were supplied. No report was made as to its quality.

(10.) Road between Eight-mile Bridge and Moonbi.—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—By whose authority has the old line of road been closed between the Eight-mile Bridge and Moonbi township, District of Tamworth?

Mr. Driver answered,—Nothing is known in this Department respecting the closing of the road in question.

(11.) Suburban Trains.—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. H. H. Brown, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that suburban first-class railway season ticket-holders are compelled to travel regularly by second-class carriages, there being insufficient first-class carriage accommodation, especially by the morning business trains into Sydney, in which the average number of passengers may be easily estimated?

(2.) How long this inconvenience may be expected to last, so that suburban travellers purchasing fresh season tickets, may procure second-class tickets during that period?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that first-class railway season ticket-holders have regularly to travel by second-class. During the last five or six weeks, owing to the press of traffic, caused by the Easter holidays and Exhibition, the first-class suburban passengers have been much inconvenienced in the way pointed out, but as the pressure slackens this will be remedied.

(2.) Tenders were received yesterday for the supply of additional first-class carriages; and it is expected that in a short time the Department will be able to meet all requirements in this respect.

(12.) Council of Education.—Mr. Dibbs asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Report of the Council of Education for the year 1876 be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—The Report of the Council of Education for the year 1876 will, I am informed, be ready to be laid before Parliament in the course of next week.

2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th April, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

3. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1877, SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1876 AND PREVIOUS YEARS, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Piddington, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure of this Government for the year 1877, together with the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1876 and previous years, and Additional Estimates for 1877, in substitution for those submitted with His Excellency's Message No. 8, of 22 December, 1876.

Government House,
Sydney, 2nd May, 1877.

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

4. PAPER:—Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 13th February, 1877, in reference to Bills drafted by gentlemen other than the Parliamentary Draftsman.
Ordered to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Long moved, That this House do now adjourn:
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

6. BANKERS' BOOKS AND CHEQUES BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law respecting Crossed Cheques and the reception in evidence of Bankers' Books*," presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chambers,
Sydney, 2nd May, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Lackey, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 18th May.

7. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Piddington, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the names of Mr. Parkes and Mr. Piddington be added to the Library Committee.
Question put and passed.

8. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Piddington, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the names of Mr. Piddington and Mr. Driver be added to the Refreshment Committee.
Question put and passed.

9. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Piddington, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the name of Mr. Piddington be added to the Standing Orders Committee.
Question put and passed.

10. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 1st May, from Owners and Occupiers of Lands at Paddington, and also of the City of Sydney, praying that an alteration may be made in the Real Property Act Further Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.

12. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That to make good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1877, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the sum of £1,733, for the expenses of the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1877.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, 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.

14. PAPERS :—Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1877.
 (2.) Memorandum explaining the difference between the Ways and Means now submitted for the year 1877 and those submitted by the late Colonial Treasurer on the 24th January last.
 Ordered to be printed.
15. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Piddington moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
16. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
Government Business :—
 (1.) Audit Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—*until To-morrow.*
General Business :—
 (1.) Police Magistrate for Carcoar ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—*until Tuesday next.*
 (2.) Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 1st June.*

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 MAY, 1877.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Piddington, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the services of the year 1877*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 3rd May, 1877.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land Office, Bingera:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have Books, Maps, and necessary Documents for the purpose of constituting Bingera into a separate Land Office been forwarded to that place?
 - (2.) If so, when will it be proclaimed a separate Land Office?
 - (3.) When is it intended to appoint a Land Agent there, and relieve the public from the great inconvenience they are now subject to?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It was proclaimed on 20th April last.

(3.) Bingera is a subdivision of the former Warialda District; and the appointment of the Assistant Land Agent at Warialda, as Land Agent at Bingera, has been approved as far as my Department is concerned; and the Papers have been referred to the Department of Justice and Public Instruction concerning matters connected with that Department.

- (2.) Post and Telegraph Office, Brewarrina:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the new Post and Telegraph Office at Brewarrina, the money for which was voted last Session?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The plans have not yet been prepared in consequence of information required as to site and accommodation, applied for on 9th March last, not having yet been received from the Post Office Department.

- (3.) Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Field:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf on Mr. R. Forster, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When was the Gold Field at Alfred Gully, near Seven-Mile, thrown open for free selection, and on whose recommendation was this done?

(2.) Was it communicated to the Government, prior to this Gold Field being thrown open for free selection, that there were upwards of fifty gold-miners at work on the Field, and that one man (John O'Brien) had, at great expense, made a large dam and erected puddling-machines?

(3.) Is the Minister aware that the land on which O'Brien erected his puddling-machines has been free selected?

(4.) Is he aware that as far back as two years since petitions and letters were addressed to his Department in reference hereto, and that no reply has been vouchsafed thereto?

(5.)

(5.) Is he aware that the Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Field has been measured for sale by auction, notwithstanding the report of Mr. Wilkinson, Geological Surveyor, against alienating any of this Gold Field?

(6.) Is it true that Mr. Wilkinson has reported that on geological grounds he is satisfied a very rich gold deposit underlies the land at Emu Creek and Tyagong?

(7.) Has any of the land been sold; and if not, will he take steps to prevent such sale, conditional or otherwise?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) The Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Field was proclaimed 22nd March, 1867, and was never excluded from conditional purchase.

(3.) Conditional purchase application has been made (14th May, 1874—5,426), but in the survey the improvements of O'Brien have been excluded.

(5.) Lands have been measured for auction sale at Grenfell, prior to Mr. Wilkinson's report, and also within the Tyagong Gold Field, and have been submitted to Mines for objections as to submitting such measurements for auction sale.

(7.) Land has been sold within the Tyagong and Emu Creek Gold Field under auction sale and improvement clause, and also under conditional purchase.

The answers to Questions 2, 4, and 6 I have received from the Department of Mines, as follows:—
(2 and 4.) The first communication received in this Department is a Petition undated, registered 5th February, 1876; the Gold Field was proclaimed in 1867, and has never been restricted. Replies have been sent from this Department to the petitioners.

(6.) Mr. Wilkinson has reported that auriferous deposits exist in the locality—that the selections ought not originally to have been permitted—that some of the land is of greater importance for agricultural than for mining purposes; and he recommends that the conditional purchase of certain blocks be cancelled. [Copy of report and tracing sent to the Lands Department on the 19th July, 1876.]

(4.) Railway Workmen:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the men working in the Goods Shed allowed the same number of holidays as other men working on the Railway Works?

(2.) Is he aware that the late Secretary for Works promised to give these men the holidays they did not get last year?

(3.) Is it his intention to give these men the Saturday before Christmas and the Saturday before Easter, or pay them for the holidays they ought to have got, but did not?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The late Secretary for Public Works admitted the fact that there were two days due to the men, which he stated would be allowed them as opportunity occurred.

(3.) The men will either be allowed leave or pay for these two days; they were so informed by circular on 21st April last, and offered their choice.

(5.) Pacific Mail Service:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Government entered into any arrangements with the Government of New Zealand and the Mail Contractor on the Pacific Line for any deviation from the route originally contracted for, and known as the Forked Service?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of the arrangements made?

(3.) Have the alterations been made subject to the approval of Parliament?

(4.) When will the Government submit the altered Contract for the approval of this House?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The Papers which have been laid before Parliament show the precise position of this question up to the retirement of the late Government. The present Administration has given permission to the contractors to continue performing the Service as sanctioned by the late Government in January and February last, and continued to the present time, excepting that the subsidy to the contractors is to be at the rate of £72,500 a year instead of £89,950, as hitherto paid; calling at Fiji is to be omitted, and the New Zealand Government to perform its own coastal service, as arranged by the late Government. This is only temporary, and the contractors clearly understand no permanent arrangement will be made without the approval of Parliament.

(4.) The matter has been, and still is, under the consideration of the Government, and an early decision will be arrived at.

(6.) Cost of Railway:—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The cost (including repairs and renewal of engines) of Locomotive Power per train-mile run?

(2.) The cost (including repairs and renewal) of open Goods Trucks per mile run?

(3.) The cost of maintaining and renewing Permanent Way per train-mile run?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The cost varies slightly in different years; for 1876 the following were the expenses:—Locomotive power, 1s. 6d. per train-mile; waggons (the cost of open Goods Trucks cannot be given separately), 1½d. per train-mile; maintenance of Permanent Way, 10½d. per train-mile.

(7.) Sites for Public Schools:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many applications have been made to the Minister for Lands by the Council of Education for sites on which to erect Public Schools, from 1st January, 1874, to 1st January, 1877?

(2.) How many of such applications have been granted?

(3.) The date of each application, and the date of each grant; and where the application has been complied with?

Mr. Driver answered,—The preparation of replies to these Questions will involve considerable clerical labour. I hope to be able to furnish the Honorable Member with the desired information at an early date.

(8.) Light-houses at Barrenjuey and "The Solitaries":—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will Tenders be called for the erection of the Light-house on Barrenjuey?
- (2.) When will Tenders be called for the erection of the Light-house on "The Solitaries"?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Plans for the Light-house at Barrenjuey were submitted by the Colonial Architect on the 27th January last. The land on which it is proposed to erect the building belongs to private parties, and its resumption by the Government is now being proceeded with.

(2.) The survey of the site for Light-house at "The Solitaries" has not yet been made, and this is indispensable before plans can be prepared. The Colonial Architect informs me he has not yet had an opportunity of getting this done.

(9.) City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will he be pleased to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the Final Report and Evidence, or so much of same as is completed to date, of the City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board having reference to the Sewerage of the City?

Mr. Piddington answered,—Immediately that the Final Report is received it shall be laid on the Table of this House.

3. RAILWAY PLAN:—Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) copies of a Plan and Section of a proposed Railway Extension, viz.,—
Great Southern Railway—Wagga Wagga to Albury. Plan, Section, and Book of Reference.
4. PROPOSED RAILWAY FROM JUNEE TO NARRANDERA:—Mr. Leary presented a Petition from certain Residents in the Wagga Wagga and surrounding Districts, representing that the proposed Railway from Junee to Narrandera is not calculated to effect the object in view, viz., the interception of the Darling trade with Victoria; and praying that so important a matter may receive the attention of the House.
Petition received.
5. PAPERS:—Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—
 - (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (4.) Report of the Royal Commission on Oyster Culture, together with the Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply,—

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 MAY, 1877, A.M.

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

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Conditional Purchase of Arthur Coless:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What decision has been arrived at in the case of Arthur Coless's conditional purchase of 320 acres, taken up under Crown Lands Act of 1861, in July, 1875, at Narrabri, and since surveyed by Surveyor M'Master?

Mr. Driver answered,—No such conditional purchase or measurement can be traced.

(2.) Refund Vouchers for Selectors:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many applications has he in the Lands Office for Refund Vouchers for selectors by *Mr. McElhone*, and the names of selectors who vouchers are for?

(2.) When is it likely these Refund Vouchers will be sent to him?

(3.) Is he aware that there is great delay in issuing Refund Vouchers, and that a large number of selectors cannot get their Refund Vouchers?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) As far as can be ascertained there are six applications by *Mr. McElhone* for Refund Vouchers, in favour of the following selections, viz.:—*John Cassidy*, *J. Pearson*, *J. Barclay*, *Margaret D'Arcy*, *A. Munro*, *G. Wadds*.

(2.) Refund Vouchers will be sent immediately on its being ascertained that the parties are entitled to refunds.

(3.) There is no delay in issuing Refund Vouchers; on the contrary, this business is kept up from day to day.

(3.) Delivery of Letters, Goulburn:—*Mr. Teece* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide for a second Postal Delivery at Goulburn?

(2.) If so, will the Government appoint an additional letter-carrier for this purpose; and when?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) It is intended to provide for a complete second Postal Delivery at Goulburn.

(2.) An additional letter-carrier will be sent to Goulburn in a few days.

(4.) Inquest on body of Thomas Dunn:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. R. Forster*, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the evidence taken at the inquest held in the Gaol at Parramatta, on the 30th ultimo, on the body of Thomas Dunn, *alias* Smith, a confinee in the Gaol, who died there on Monday morning, the 30th ultimo?

(2.) Is it true, as reported in the *Herald* of the 2nd instant, that the deceased, prior to his removal to the hospital, was allowed to remain in the Gaol yard in bodily agony, notwithstanding attention having been drawn to his sufferings by a fellow prisoner?

(3.) If so, will the Minister take steps to enforce a more humane and charitable performance of duty on the part of the officials in that establishment?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It appears from the evidence taken at the inquest that the deceased was observed by a fellow prisoner lying on a stool in the yard, and he complained of being very ill. The matter was at once reported to one of the warders, and deceased was subsequently seen by the acting senior warder, who reported the case, when instructions were given for his admission to the Gaol hospital, where he received every attention till his death, which took place three days after his admission, from apoplexy of the lungs.

(3.) Further inquiry will be made in reference to the conduct of the officials in connection with this case.

(5.)

(5.) Mr. Kermodé, J.P. :—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were any reports made to him by residents of Nundle or neighbourhood, complaining of the conduct of Mr. Kermodé, J.P., in his character of Magistrate?

(2.) If so, what decision has been arrived at in relation thereto?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter was left over by our predecessors in office, and is now under the consideration of the Government.

(6.) Mining on Commons :—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to bring in a Bill this Session to legalize the working for Gold on Commons?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The Government intend to take up the question, but as it is of opinion that the public good requires that the Session should be brought to a close as speedily as possible, I cannot promise that it will be done this Session.

(7.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Bathurst :—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Can he inform the House how long the buildings in Bathurst known as the new Post and Telegraph Offices have been in the course of construction, and if there is any prospect of their ever being finished?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The Telegraph Office was about twenty-four months in hand. It has been reported complete, and only awaits fittings and furniture, for which tenders have been invited. The Post Office has been in hand twenty-three months, and is on the eve of completion. The furniture and fittings will have to be contracted for, which will be done as soon as the tenders called for the 22nd instant shall have been received.

(8.) Returns as to Conditional Purchases :—*Mr. Bennett* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Returns, ordered some months back by this House, be laid upon the Table, in the following cases :—David Roberts, David Sawyer, Francis Cameron, Rosanna Blacker?

Mr. Driver answered,—The correspondence, which is rather considerable, in the case of David Roberts, having been copied, is being scheduled, and will be ready to be laid upon the Table of the House next week. Copies of the correspondence in the case of David Sawyer were presented to the Legislative Assembly on 27th April, 1877, and ordered to be printed. The Returns in Francis Cameron's and Rosanna Blacker's cases will be prepared as soon as possible. I might state that there are thirty-seven Returns ordered by the House, many of which are very voluminous, together with these two of earliest date, all of which will be dealt with as speedily as possible, with due regard to the current work.

(9.) Volunteer Land Orders :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Returns promised by him relating to the issue of Land Orders to certain members of the Volunteer Force be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Piddington answered,—Within a fortnight.

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

(1.) Coroners Inquests Bill :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

In accordance with the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the consolidation and amendment of the laws relating to Coroners Inquests.

Government House,
Sydney, 4th May, 1877.

(2.) Volunteer Force Regulation Act Amendment Bill :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

In accordance with the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with an amendment of the Volunteer Force Regulation Act.

Government House,
Sydney, 4th May, 1877.

3. PAPER :—*Mr. Driver* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 18th July, 1876, in reference to the suspension of *Mr. J. F. Blake*, Land Agent at Hay.
Ordered to be printed.

4. PROPOSED RAILWAY FROM JUNEE TO NARRANDERA (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Leary* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd May, from the Residents in and around Wagga Wagga, in opposition to the proposed Railway from Junee to Narrandera, be printed.
Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. McElhone* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

6. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Lands Acts Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 15 May.

7. **EMPLOYMENT OF FEMALES 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 this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Cameron (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Friday next.
8. **BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE LANDS TRANSFER BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Stuart 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. Stuart, 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. Stuart, that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Coroners Inquests Bill; second reading;— } *until Friday, 25th May.*
(2.) Animals Protection Bill; second reading;— }
10. **PARRAMATTA DISTRICT HOSPITAL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £300, for the repairing of the Parramatta District Hospital.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
11. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Married Women's Property Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
(2.) Municipalities Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Friday, 8th June.*
12. **MR. JOHN GARSEED**:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon a case instituted against one John Garsed, in October, 1859.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. McElhone, Mr W. C. Browne, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Day, Mr. Terry, and the Mover.
Mr. Davies moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Motion—for the adjournment of the Debate—by leave withdrawn.
Original Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at nine minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reserves at Moama:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that Sir John O'Shanassy has erected a large quantity of improvements on the Reserves at Moama some time since?

(2.) Is it a fact that he claims a large quantity of this Reserve in virtue of improvements made on these Reserves?

(3.) Is he legally entitled to purchase this land for improvements erected on Reserves?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1 and 2.) It is known that several applications have been received from Sir John O'Shanassy to purchase portions of improved land on the Moira Run, near Moama; but there is no report yet from the Surveyor as to the position of these portions in regard to the Reserves referred to.

(3.) It is not known (as above stated) that he has erected the improvements on Reserves.

- (2.) Improvements on Reserves:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have lessees of runs any right to erect improvements on Reserves?

(2.) If so, have they any right to purchase such improved lands in virtue of improvements erected on Reserves?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) There is nothing in the law to prevent them from erecting improvements on lands reserved from sale, but still under lease to them.

(2.) Not so long as the Reserves continue in existence.

- (3.) Selections made at Cooma Land Office:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that additional selections have been made at the Cooma office, the selector not being present?

(2.) Will he take the opinion of the Crown Law Officers as to whether this is in accordance with the 7th clause of the Crown Lands Acts Amendment Act?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Additional selections have been made by an accredited agent when the original selector was known to the Land Agent to be of competent age.

(2.) The above course was taken under the authority and opinions given on the subject by the late Attorney General.

- (4.) Selection of Roderick King:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a selector near Molong, named Roderick King, informed officially that a portion of his selection made within a Reserve would be legalized by special legislation, and was this land afterwards alienated to the Crown lessee under the 31st clause?

(2.) Will he take steps to prevent early issue of deeds of grant thereof, and give the claim of Roderick King consideration?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Roderick King was informed that his selections, to the extent of 160 acres, would be dealt with by special legislation. The land has not been alienated under the clause referred to, but an application from the lessee, of prior date to certain subsequent selections of Roderick King, is now held over for investigation, in so far as it does not interfere with the original selections above-mentioned.

(2.) No deeds will issue pending well consideration of the interests involved.

(5.)

- (5.) Selection of J. B. Taylor, Rylstone :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Did Mr. J. B. Taylor select at Rylstone in 1874?
 - (2.) Was survey made of land not applied for in such application?
 - (3.) If so, is there any reason why application made twelve months ago for refund of the deposit paid should not receive attention?
- Mr. Driver answered,—
- (1.) Yes, in March and April of that year.
 - (2.) Survey has been made in accordance with the applications.
 - (3.) There are no reasons for refund.
- (6.) Lands applied for by Sir John O'Shanassy :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What lands were applied for by Sir John O'Shanassy under the 2nd clause of the Crown Lands Acts Amendment Act during the month of October, 1876?
- Mr. Driver answered,—Thirty-five applications were received during October, 1876. A return showing particulars can be furnished, if desired, but it is hardly possible for me to give them all in the shape of a reply to a Question.
- (7.) Town of Wee Waa :—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has application been made for land in the town of Wee Waa to be submitted for sale?
 - (2.) What steps have or will be taken in the matter; and when is it likely such land will be offered by auction?
- Mr. Driver answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The vacant town and suburban allotments at Wee Waa are now in schedule, and will be advertised in the course of a fortnight.
- (8.) Improvements on Crown Lands :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is sapping or ring-barking timber an improvement within the meaning of the Lands Acts such as the lessees of Crown Lands can claim compensation for as improvements from any person who may conditionally purchase any such sapped or ring-barked timber on Crown Lands?
 - (2.) Regarding decision of the Bench of Magistrates at Murrurundi, in case of Wright v. Hartman, where the Bench of Magistrates ordered Hartman to pay Mr. Wright a sum of money for improvements to lands, consisting of ring-barked timber, will he take or get the opinion of the Attorney General as to whether ring-barking timber is such an improvement within the meaning of the Lands Acts as will entitle lessees of Crown Lands to claim compensation for such improvements?
 - (3.) Will he make the decision of the Attorney General known without delay, as several parties are now claiming compensation from selectors who have selected lands which have been ring-barked?
- Mr. Driver answered,—
- (1.) The expense of sapping or ring-barking is usually incurred for the improvement of the land, but whether compensation could be claimed for such expense would depend upon the circumstances of the particular case.
 - (2 and 3.) Yes.
- (9.) Selection of J. M. Killen, Urana :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Does he intend to uphold the selection of J. M. Killen, made at Urana, October, 1876, upon which Licensed Surveyor Montague reports improvements consisting of temporary iron hut, iron tank, &c., to the value of £105?
 - (2.) Will he give Mr. Killen's claim early consideration?
- Mr. Driver answered,—The Surveyor's report not having been considered sufficiently definite, further information has been called for, on receipt of which the case will be disposed of.
- (10.) Barristers Admission Act :—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) With reference to his Question of 25 January last,—Are the new Rules under the Barristers Admission Act of 1876, prepared by the Supreme Court, yet ready to be placed upon the Table of the House?
 - (2.) If not, when will they be?
- Mr. Windeyer answered,—The Rules have not yet been formally drawn up, but they will be ready for laying upon the Table of the House at an early date.
- (11.) Comerong Island :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Was application made for a portion of land, Comerong Island, less than 40 acres in area, by Joseph Forsyth, during 1875?
 - (2.) Has the opinion of the Crown Law Officers been taken as to whether such application is legal?
 - (3.) Will Mr. Forsyth be communicated with, and informed at an early date whether his possession of such land is legal or not?
- Mr. Driver answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Mr. Forsyth was informed, on the 22nd January, 1875, that his application was declared void, the portion selected containing less than 40 acres. The certificate was returned to him at the same time.
- (12.) Police Magistrate, Bathurst :—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Police Magistrate of Bathurst sentenced two citizens to seven days in gaol for the crime of tossing up some coins on the race-course?
 - (2.)

(2.) Is it true that in a case where the late Mr. John Yeo, who committed suicide, was under examination, the Police Magistrate made some uncalled for remarks against the deceased gentleman?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Minister to cause an investigation into the conduct of the Police Magistrate on the above matters?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) The persons referred to appear to have been dealt with under the Vagrant Act for gambling in a public place; but as an act of clemency they were lately released from custody.

(2.) I am informed by the Police Magistrate of Bathurst that the late Mr. Yeo was a witness in a replevin case before him, and that he made no comments or remarks reflecting upon that gentleman.

(3.) Further inquiry is being made in reference to these matters.

(13.) Court House, Nundle:—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—In view of the state of the building at Nundle used as a Court House, will the Government place a sum of money on the Estimates for the erection of a suitable building?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—A sum of money will be placed on next Estimates for this work.

(14.) Custom House, Newcastle:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the new Custom House at Newcastle has been finished some time, and that owing to the want of furniture the same cannot be occupied?

(2.) Do the Government intend calling for tenders for the necessary furniture; if so, when?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) This building is not yet entirely finished, and has not yet been taken off the contractor's hands.

(2.) Tenders for the supply of the necessary furniture have been invited, and will be opened on the 29th instant.

(15.) The Sydney Branch Royal Mint:—Mr. Bennett, on behalf of Mr. Scholey, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the heavy rains enter the roof of the Guard-house and of the Mint in numbers of places?

(2.) Is he aware that the two chimneys are in a dangerous state?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) During the late rains and since, several inspections of the Mint buildings were made to ascertain whether there was any material penetration of water. Some slight leaks were discovered in the guard-room and in a small lean-to used as a constable's servant's bed-room, but they were of an unimportant nature, and were mainly occasioned by the heavy driving rain, which scarcely a roof in the city was able to resist.

(2.) The chimneys have been reported upon, but not as being in a dangerous state; they were erected under the management of the Mint officers, and are badly constructed, but there does not appear to the Colonial Architect any danger of their falling.

(16.) Road from Eight-mile Bridge to Moonbi:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was it on the sole recommendation of the District Surveyor of Tamworth, that the old line of Road from the Eight-mile Bridge to Moonbi Township was closed, and a new line opened?

(2.) Was an application for the repair of the old line of Road referred to the Department; and what action was taken thereon?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) No; the new line was recommended by three of the Road Superintendents, and concurred in by the Commissioner for Roads and the District Surveyor.

(2.) Applications were received *pro* and *con.*, and it was determined, after careful consideration, to adopt the new line.

2. RAILWAY EXTENSION—ORANGE TO WELLINGTON AND DUBBO:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Wellington, representing that Petitioners are opposed to the route *via* Molong; and praying that tenders may be called for without delay for the construction of the line *via* Ironbarks. Petition received.

3. PRISONERS FOR TRIAL AT POLICE COURTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence, Reports, and Minutes that have taken place since 1871 to present date, between the Government and the Police authorities, or other persons, having reference to the confinement in and escorting of prisoners along the public streets of the city from the district watch-houses to the Central and Water Police Courts to be dealt with. Question put and passed.

4. WOOLMARGAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Documents, Papers, Letters, and Minutes that passed between the Council of Education and the Local Board of the Woolmargama Public School, having reference or in any way connected with the dismissal of the late teacher of the above school; also, the evidence taken by the Inspector of the district in the case, and the decision of the Council thereon. Question put and passed.

5. ISSUE OF BONDED STORES FROM SHIP "WINDSOR CASTLE":—Mr. R. B. Smith, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Letters, Papers, Minutes, and Documents relative to disputes between the Customs authorities and the Master and Agents of the ship "Windsor Castle" in respect to the issue of Bonded Stores from that vessel. Question put and passed.

6. ELECTORAL BILL:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion that a Bill should be forthwith introduced by the Government to make better provision for the representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Stephen Brown,	
Mr. Day,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. W. H. Suttor.
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	

And so it passed in the negative.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY, 1877, A.M.

Original Question put,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion that a Bill should be forthwith introduced by the Government to make better provision for the representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Long,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Greville,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Garrett,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. R. Forster.

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the *Noes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

7. TYAGONG GOLD FIELD:—Mr. Baker presented a Petition from John O'Brien, miner, representing that he has suffered considerable loss in consequence of the Government throwing open the Tyagong Gold Field for selection; and praying the House to consider the circumstances of his case. Petition received.

The House adjourned, at twelve minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Broadwater Creek Bridge, Moree:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the dispute existing as to a right of road through private property to the approaches of the Broadwater Creek Bridge, Moree, been settled?

(2.) When will this Bridge be thrown open for public use?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) No arrangement has yet been made.

(2.) The local officer has been instructed to go to Moree and endeavour to arrange to open the Bridge if possible.

(2.) Salaries of Railway Station-masters:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the yearly salary of the Station-master at Bowring?

(2.) The same information with regard to the Station-master at Orange?

(3.) The same information with regard to the Station-master at Murrurundi?

(4.) The same information with regard to the Station-master at Sydney?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) The Station-master, Bowring, receives £150 a year.

(2, 3, and 4.) The Station-masters at Orange, Murrurundi, and Sydney, each receive £250 a year.

(3.) Reserve for Railway between Deniliquin and Hay:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to revoke the Reserve for Railway purposes between Deniliquin and Hay; if so, when?

Mr. Driver answered,—I have authorized a portion of the Reserve to be revoked. The question of the revocation of the remainder of the Reserve has not yet been decided.

(4.) Notifications of Selections:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many notifications of selections have been issued under the 14th clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act since the passing of such Act?

(2.) How many similar notifications have been issued for selections made previous to the passing of such Act, in accordance with the *Gazette* notice of 9th October last?

(3.) Is he aware that many hundreds of applications have not received attention?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Such notifications as have been issued having been incidental to the respective cases, the number issued cannot be readily stated.

(2.) Very few such applications have been received; but the issue of notifications, pursuant to the *Gazette* notice referred to, has not yet commenced. Over 500 notifications are prepared and ready for issue on completion of some necessary arrangements.

(3.) It is not the case that many hundreds of applications have not yet received attention. All applications have received attention, and are in various stages of disposal.

(5.) Professor Pell, University of Sydney:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that Professor Pell has been allowed to retire from the University on a pension?

(2.) If so, what is the amount of the pension?

(3.) Who has been appointed in Professor Pell's place, and on what salary?

Mr.

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1 and 2.) Professor Pell has retired from the duties of Lecturer in Mathematics in the University on a pension of £412 10s. per annum, that being half of his salary. This pension was guaranteed by the Senate in the year 1851, on the appointment of the first Professors.

(3.) Mr. Theodore T. Gurney, Fellow and Lecturer of Saint John's College, Cambridge, has been appointed in his place, at a salary of £1,000 per annum. Mr. Gurney will arrive by the next Mail. Since last Michaelmas Term the duties of Lecturer in Mathematics have been performed by Mr. Thomas Harlin, late of the Brisbane Grammar School.

(6.) Free Public Library:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How long is it since the new catalogue of books in the Free Public Library was placed in the hands of the Government Printer?

(2.) When will it be finished?

(3.) What is the cause of the delay?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Since January, 1876.

(2.) The whole of the manuscript, now in the hands of the Government Printer, will probably be all set up in about two weeks, but the revision of the proofs will probably take three or four months.

(3.) The unusual quantity of urgent work which the Department of the Government Printer has had to perform during the last year.

(7.) Sydney Grammar School:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Who are the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School?

(2.) How often have the Trustees met during the year ended the 30th of April last?

(3.) How often has each of the Trustees attended during that time?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) The official Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School are the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney General, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Chancellor of the University, the Senior Professor of Classics, the Senior Professor of Mathematics. The elected Trustees are the Honorable George Allen, M. H. Stephen, A. H. C. Macafee, E. G. Ellis, R. A. A. Morehead, and W. C. Windeyer, Esquires.

(2.) There have been twelve meetings called, but only ten held—two failing for want of a quorum.

(3.) The Colonial Secretary, 0; The Attorney General (Honorable W. B. Dalley, 0; Honorable W. C. Windeyer, 1); the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, 7; the Chancellor of the University, 0; the Senior Professor of Classics, 0; the Senior Professor of Mathematics, 5; the Honorable George Allen, 12; M. H. Stephen, Esq., 7; A. H. C. Macafee, Esq., 6; E. G. Ellis, Esq., 11; R. A. A. Morehead, Esq., 0 (in England); W. C. Windeyer, Esq., 7.

(8.) Railway Line between Parramatta Junction and Parramatta:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he cause the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways to make inquiries and report to him whether or not there is any necessity for a double line of Railway between the Parramatta Junction and Parramatta?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—I have requested the Engineer-in-Chief to furnish me with a report in this matter.

(9.) Mr. Patrick Brougham:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he taken any steps, or does he intend to take any steps, to institute inquiries with the Government of Fiji in reference to statements made by him in reference to Mr. P. Brougham, who now holds the position of a Police Magistrate in this Colony?

(2.) Has the Government received any reply from Mr. P. Brougham in reference to charges made by Mr. McElhone against him?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Government are at present instituting all necessary inquiry into this matter, but before communicating with the Fijian Government are desirous of obtaining a fuller explanation from Mr. Brougham upon the subject.

(10.) Railway Porters:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Railway Porters, and others entitled to get uniforms, received their uniforms for this year?

(2.) If not, will he give instructions that they should receive their uniforms without delay?

(3.) Will he give instructions to the proper officer to take care that the contractors are not allowed to issue rotten shoddy clothing to these men?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1 and 2.) They have received their uniforms for the year ending the 30th June, 1877. Uniforms for the year 1877-8 will be supplied when due.

(3.) Every care is taken in this respect, and the proper officer informs me that the last uniforms supplied were of excellent material.

(11.) Australian Museum:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for 1876 be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—The Report is in the hands of the Printer, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in a few days.

(12.) Mineral Leases:—Mr. Lynch, on behalf of Mr. Baker, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—How many Mineral Leases and Gold-mining Leases, the applications for which have been made up to the present time, remain unsurveyed?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—2,029.

(13.)

- (13.) Conditional Purchase made by Patrick Nugent:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—The House having agreed to the production of all the Papers in Nugent's case, on the 20th February last, when is it likely that these documents will be produced and laid upon the Table of the House?
- Mr. Driver answered,—The correspondence, which is very considerable, is being copied, and will be laid upon the Table of the House as soon as possible. I might state that there are twenty-eight Returns ordered by the House of prior date to the one in question. Many of them are very voluminous, but they will be dealt with as speedily as practicable, with due regard to the current work.
- (14.) Watch-house, Raymond Terrace:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What is the date of the last complaint or representation of the great need of repairs and additions to the Watch-house at Raymond Terrace?
 - (2.) What has been done in consequence of such and former complaints and representations?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—
- (1.) No representation of want of repairs to this building appears to have been made since 18th November, 1875.
 - (2.) Nothing appears to have been done at the Watch-house since that date. A contract has been taken for the erection of a new Police Station.
2. PAPER:—Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table,—Report from the Inspector of the Insane, for the year 1876.
Ordered to be printed.
3. LUNATIC ASYLUM, PARRAMATTA:—Mr. Taylor, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 19th December, 1876, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
4. TIMBER RESERVE NEAR NARRABRI:—Mr. T. G. Dangar presented a Petition from certain Residents of Narrabri, and that portion of the Gwydir District known as the Namoi, alleging that in consequence of the Government having proclaimed as a Timber Reserve a large area of land near Narrabri, the Petitioners have been deprived of the means of earning their livelihood as Splitters and Sawyers; and praying the House to inquire into this matter with a view to afford them relief. Petition received.
5. CONSTABLE MOSS, PENRITH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Papers, or Minutes in respect to a charge made against Constable Moss, of Penrith.
Question put and passed.
6. COUNSEL EMPLOYED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Long moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) All actions in which the Government has been a party since the 1st of January, 1875.
 - (2.) Who has been counsel for the Government in each case.
 - (3.) What fee has been paid to counsel in each case.
- Question put and passed.
7. PAPER:—Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 9th May, 1877, in reference to a charge made against Constable Moss, of Penrith.
Ordered to be printed.
8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at sixteen minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to amended Notice,—As the Amended Divorce Bill has been reserved for the consideration of the Queen, will the Colonial Secretary see that Her Majesty's advisers are informed that the principle of the Bill has been carried many times in the Legislative Assembly, always by large majorities, and sometimes unanimously; and that in the Upper House the Bill that is now reserved for Her Majesty's Assent was carried by a majority of two to one—the numbers being fourteen for the third reading and seven against?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I cannot undertake to say that all the steps which are suggested by this Question will be taken to inform Her Majesty's advisers as to the exact position of this measure, but I assure the Honorable and learned Member that whatever appears to be required in the interests of this Bill shall be done.

- (2.) Pay of Sergeants of Police:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is it not a fact that since 1873 this House has voted the pay of Senior-sergeants of the Police Office at 10s. per diem, and second-class Sergeants at 8s. 9d. per diem?
 (2.) Is he aware that some of the Senior-sergeants and second-class Sergeants receive but 9s. 6d. and 8s. 6d. per diem respectively; and if so, for what reason are they paid the reduced amount?
 (3.) Will he cause the proper amount, as voted by this House, to be paid to these public servants?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This is a matter entirely involved in the economic management of Police; but I have a report from the Inspector General of the Police, which I think I had better read:—
 “A recommendation was made by my predecessor, when submitting the Estimates for 1873, that the scale of pay of the Police should be altered, which was approved. This was done with a view of equalizing the rates of pay relatively of the various ranks, which are now as follows:—Probationary constables, 5s. 6d.; ordinary constables, 6s. 6d.; 1st-class constables, 7s.; senior-constables, 7s. 6d.; sergeants, 2nd-class, 8s. 6d.; sergeants, 1st-class, 9s. 6d. Men promoted since the authority was given have been granted increase of pay according to the new scale, but the pay of sergeants previously holding the rank was not reduced. The distinction should in future be shown on the Estimates, but it has always been understood that the rates of pay were not exceeding those voted.”

- (3.) Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to introduce a Bill to abolish all Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges, as required by Resolution of this House, agreed to on the 1st May, 1877?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Perhaps the Honorable Member will put this Question again on Tuesday, and I shall be glad if he will then put it to the Colonial Treasurer, as it is a matter affecting the revenue.

- (4.) Site of old Stockade, Springwood:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What was the area of land reserved or improved near the site of the old Stockade, Springwood, Penrith District?
 (2.) Has the site of the old Stockade at Springwood been selected by a conditional purchaser?
 (3.) When was the Reserve, whereupon the old Stockade at Springwood stood, cancelled?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) Five acres were measured, but not reserved.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) There has been no reservation, and therefore no cancellation.

(5.)

- (5.) The Sydney Branch Royal Mint:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has he received any complaint, through the Colonial Architect, from Mr. Wilson, contractor for the repairs and additions to the Royal Mint; if so, has he any objection to lay copies of the Correspondence upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—A complaint by the contractor for repairs and additions to the Royal Mint, dated 12th April last, was received by me through the Colonial Architect, and is now being inquired into. A copy will be laid upon the Table of the House in the course of the evening.

- (6.) Glenmore Road:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What portion of the tolls collected on Glenmore Road has been spent on the road in the vicinity of Sir Daniel Cooper's property during the last ten years?
 - (2.) Has any complaint been made to the Trustees respecting that part of the road in the vicinity of the Good Hope Estate, complaining of the nuisance arising from overflow of surface water?
 - (3.) What are the names of the Trust?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) No tolls are collected on the Glenmore Road.
- (2.) Yes, in October, 1876, three residents on the Good Hope Estate asked the Commissioners to divert an ancient water-course, so as to throw certain drainage on to other persons property, instead of allowing it to flow in the old channel. The matter was considered at Board meetings on the 16th November and 7th December, at which were present the following Commissioners, viz.:—Messrs. Wm. Wallis, William Perry, George Thorne, R. A. Hunt, and the Honorable T. W. Smart. They declined to interfere with the existing drainage. The Commissioners had just had to defend a heavy action in the Supreme Court, brought against them for endeavouring to alleviate a similar grievance.

(3.) The Honorable T. W. Smart, William Wallis, Thomas Broughton, William Perry, George Thorne, Honorable J. Fairfax, Thomas Buckland, R. A. Hunt, and Edward O'Brien, Esquires.

Information for the Minister in addition to formal answers to Mr. Davies's questions relating to the Glenmore Road:—The Commissioners had an interview with the Colonial Secretary on the 26th April last, on the subject of their Trust, which they were thinking of resigning, consequent upon the action of the late Government in opposing a Bill introduced by the Commissioners to amend the Trust Act. Mr. Parkes has the matter in hand now. The Glenmore Road is one of the roads which should be handed over to the Borough of Paddington. It is a branch road, wholly in that borough; that borough receives rates to a large amount from all the houses and valuable properties fronting it. There is no toll-gate upon it, and the traffic upon it is almost entirely inter-municipal. It is greatly used to evade the toll-gates on the South Head Road, and still the Commissioners are expected to divert large sums of money which ought to have been laid out upon the main roads of their Trust to repair this road. The Council, which receives all the income from the road, refuses to contribute anything towards its repair. This is one of the matters the Commissioners placed before Mr. Parkes, and which that Minister will no doubt in due course bring before the Executive.

- (7.) The Shipping Office:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The number of seamen who signed articles at the Shipping Office during the year 1876?
 - (2.) The number who have signed articles outside the Shipping Office during the same year?
 - (3.) The number of licenses granted to persons who have had no discharges?
 - (4.) Is it usual for persons seeking back discharges to pay for the same; if so, what is the charge?
 - (5.) What were the receipts and expenditure of the Shipping Office for the year 1876?
 - (6.) The number of clerks and messengers employed in the office, and the amount of their salaries?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) 3,892.
- (2.) 6,265. (The whole of these are registered in the Shipping Office.)
- (3.) 2,452.
- (4.) Three-pence only is charged, the price of the form on which the back discharges are copied. (The back discharges are, by the Act, retained in the office.)
- (5.)

Receipts—Fees	£1,992	3	9	
Wages	492	0	3	
		£2,484	4	0
Expenditure—Salaries and Contingencies	1,655	15	3	
Rent of Office	90	0	0	
		1,745	15	3
- (6.)

Shipping Master	400	0	0	
Clerk and Deputy	350	0	0	
Clerk	175	0	0	
Two Clerks	300	0	0	
Clerk	100	0	0	
Two Messengers*	300	0	0	
Office-keeper	30	0	0	
		1,655	0	0

A number of discharges, about equal to the whole engagements, were made out or registered in the Shipping Office, besides the discharges of 978 seamen, who were hired and registered in the said office.

*One designated as Director of Seamen, in 1876.

- (8.) Mr. Morell, Assistant Engineer for Roads:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Was permission granted to Mr. Morell, clerk in the Roads Department, to act as an architect for the erection of the Grand Stand upon the Randwick Race-course?
 - (2.) What other buildings now in progress, or recently completed, has Mr. Morell acted as an architect for during their erection?

(3.)

- (3.) What remuneration has Mr. Morell received during the last two years, or is now due, for performing the duties of an architect from private persons?
 (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to retain this gentleman while he competes with other architects for the erection of buildings for private persons?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) There is no clerk in the Roads Department named Morell; the Assistant Engineer for Roads is Mr. Morell. No permission was given or sought as to how this gentleman employed his spare time.

(2 and 3.) I am not aware.

(4.) Instructions had been given before the Honorable Member's Question appeared to all professional officers in the Public Works Department that they would not be allowed to undertake any work of a private nature for remuneration during the period of their being members of the Civil Service of the Colony.

2. RAILWAY EXTENSION INTO THE CITY OF SYDNEY:—Mr. Davies presented a Petition, signed by John Macintosh, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, in favour of the extension of the Railway through the City of Sydney to the Circular Quay.
 Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting alleged obstructions to the Contractor in carrying out his Contract for repairs and additions at the Sydney Branch Royal Mint.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Broughton Vale.

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

Ordered to be printed.

4. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
 Mr. Piddington moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

And Mr. Jacob proceeding thereupon to move the *Contingent* Amendment standing in his name,—
 “(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to abolish all Tolls or Ferry Dues on Government Ferries throughout the Colony.

“(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an address to His Excellency the Governor.”—

Mr. Cohen raised, as a *Point of Order*, the Question whether the said Amendment were not substantially the same Question as was negatived by this House during the present Session, namely, on 1st May, 1877, and therefore inadmissible under the 130th Standing Order of the House of Commons.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the Question decided by the House on the 1st instant was simply whether the word “ferries” should stand part of the Question for the abolition of Tolls on public roads, ferries, and bridges throughout the Colony, and it was then decided that this word should not stand part of that Question. The question involved in this Amendment was not either affirmed or negatived by the House. He was of opinion that the Amendment as now submitted was not out of order.

Question proposed,—“That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Jacob moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “in the opinion of this House it is expedient to abolish all Tolls or Ferry Dues on Government Ferries throughout the Colony.

“(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

Question then proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Jacob, by leave, withdrew his proposed Amendment.

Question again proposed,—“That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. J. S. Smith moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Resolution of this Assembly, agreed to on the 25th April last, approving of the Plans and Books of Reference for the extension of the Great Western Railway to Wellington and Dubbo, *via* Ironbarks, be, and “is hereby, rescinded; and that the further consideration of the question as to the route to be adopted in the construction of the line from Orange to Wellington be postponed until a survey of a line from Orange to Wellington, *via* Molong, has been completed, and the plans thereof submitted to this House; and that such survey be proceeded with without delay.”

Question then proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. S. Smith, by leave, withdrew his proposed Amendment.

Original Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply,—

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Piddington moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at six minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Appointments to the Civil Service:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that since the resignation of the late Government they have appointed certain persons to important offices in the Civil Service?
 (2.) If so, what are the names of the persons so appointed, and the offices to which they were appointed, and the salaries which they are to receive in each case?
 (3.) The names of any of them who did not previously occupy any office in the Civil Service?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The late Government tendered their resignations on the 15th March; an Executive Council was held on the 19th March—four days afterwards—at which some appointments were made. Several of these appointments were, of a very unimportant character, but there were two which must be taken out of that category, and are rather important: Mr. William Harper, Inspector of Conditional Purchases for the South Coast District, at £350 per annum, with travelling expenses at 25s. per day, to date from the 17th March; the salary and travelling allowances to be defrayed from the Treasurer's Advance Account, pending provision to be made by the Parliament. Another appointment was that of Mr. North, Clerk of Petty Sessions, to be Police Magistrate at Carcoar, at a salary of £450 per annum, subject to provision being made by Parliament for the difference between his previous salary of £225 and his increased salary of £450. This appointment has not been completed by the present Government, because it has appeared to us that it was a very doubtful step to be taken at that time in view of the circumstances, more especially as the Papers are very conflicting as to whether the appointment was necessary at all; and some of the minutes of the late Ministers are certainly not favourable to the appointment being made. It was made on the 19th March.

- (2.) Mr. Otto Berliner.—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Was Mr. Otto Berliner ever in the Detective Police Force of New South Wales?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The answer supplied to me I have accidentally left at the office, but I remember the facts sufficiently to state that Mr. Otto Berliner was employed in the Detective Force in the district of Albury.

- (3.) Arrival of Immigrants.—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Macintosh, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What are the regulations and provision made by the Government for accommodating Immigrants in the interior until they obtain employment?

Mr. Parkes answered,—At present steps are taken to ascertain whether in different districts in the interior labour is wanted; the immigrants are informed of the result of those inquiries, and they are assisted with free passes, and otherwise, to reach the districts.

- (4.) Sergeant Foley and Constable Townsend:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Does he intend to dismiss Sergeant Foley and the other constable from the Police Force for shooting the Rev. Father Healy some months since?
 (2.) Is it his intention to make strict inquiries into this case, and also into the case of the policeman charged with shooting a man at Tenterfield some time since?
 (3.) Will he give the necessary instructions to the Head of the Police to prevent policemen from carrying fire-arms?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that in September, 1876, Sergeant Foley and Constable Townsend were suspended for having shot a gentleman named Healy in mistake for a criminal. It is not true—and I am sure the House will bear with me, after the discussion of a day or two ago, while I state the facts affecting these men as succinctly and as fairly as I can—it is not true that these men have been employed since. Their suspension has remained in force from then to the present hour. Nor is it true that the Police authorities failed to reprimand the men for undue precipitancy and rashness in firing at the time when this unhappy event took place. On the contrary, the Inspector General of Police—although the Coroner's jury acquitted the men, and although a jury afterwards, when they were put upon their trial for manslaughter, did the same—the Inspector General did not acquit them of indiscretion and rashness. But the fact is that both men are men of high character in the service of the Police. Foley has served, I think, for seventeen years, and he has served without any occasion for reprimand up to the time of this unfortunate occurrence, when he shot this gentleman. The other man, Townsend, is a younger member of the Police Force, but he has served with the approbation of the officers under whom he has been placed. The men have suffered severely by this occurrence. Sergeant Foley appears to have been a very deserving, cautious, and provident man, and had amassed the means of purchasing a small freehold for his wife and family, and he has been compelled to sell everything he possessed, and to borrow money to sustain his defence and to support himself and family since his suspension. I am informed that his family are now in the greatest distress. While this is the case, the Magistrates at Wagga Wagga have memorialized the Police authorities for these men to be restored, and it seems to me due to the men that I should read an extract from the memorial and the names attached thereto. They say that,—“Although both officers are men without the slightest blemish on their characters, and both have suffered proportionately in their feelings, the case of Sergeant Foley is one of peculiar hardship. Townsend, who is a single man, and without means, has shared the advantages of the defence provided by Sergeant Foley; but Sergeant Foley, who has a wife and young family, and who has lived an exemplary life, had saved a little property, and was comfortably settled down in comparative independence, respected by every one whose good opinion was creditable to him, is now almost ruined by the enormous expense he has been subjected to in defending himself; much of his property has been disposed of at a sacrifice, to meet law charges and to maintain his wife and family during the many months which he has been suspended from pay and duty; the effect upon his mind has been most injurious (morally), and his unhappy wife has been brought to a condition very distressing to contemplate. It is our deliberate conviction, formed upon the most intimate knowledge of all the painful circumstances of this case, that it is the duty of the Government to reimburse these men every farthing of the expenses they have incurred in defending themselves against a prosecution for an act performed in the lawful exercise of their authority and in the preservation of law and order; and further, that some adequate compensation should be made to them for the anxiety of mind they have suffered, as well as for their courage and conduct upon the occasion out of which the proceedings against them have arisen.” This memorial is signed by George Mair, J.P.; Samuel Hawkins, J.P.; John J. Roberts, J.P.; James Smith Lavender, J.P.; Thomas Hodson, J.P.; Fred. A. Tompson, J.P.; Thomas H. Mate, J.P.; William Rand, J.P.; Morgan O'Connor, J.P.; Thos. Hammond, J.P.; John Leitch, J.P.; Eras. Wren, J.P.; Arthur A. Devlin, J.P. There is also a memorial signed by nearly all the householders of Narrandera, where the men were stationed, in their favour.

With regard to the policeman who shot the man at Tenterfield, I have here the opinion of the late Attorney General, Mr. Dalley, who says,—“The policeman was unquestionably acting in the execution of his duty—he had authority to arrest the prisoner, and on resistance to such authority he was authorized in repelling force by force, and was justified in so doing, though death should be the consequence, as it unhappily was in this case. The constable here affirms that being in pursuit of the deceased, who was a person charged with a felony, and flying from justice, he, the constable, was under the compulsion of either permitting his escape or shooting him; and in such cases the homicide is justifiable if the felon cannot be otherwise overtaken.—WILLIAM BEDE DALLEY, Attorney General.”

I shall be happy to lay the whole of the Papers upon the Table of the House, but I thought, in justice to these men, who are very poor and friendless at this time, that I should make this statement, after the discussion that took place a short time ago.

- (5.) Dubbo Gaol:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Lord, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will he place on the present Estimates the sum of £2,500 for repairs and alterations to the Dubbo Gaol, this Vote having lapsed in March, 1877?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find I have accidentally left some of my answers in my office, but I believe this will be done.

- (6.) Improvements on Reserves:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a decision lately given in the Supreme Court, in case of *Ricketson v. Barbour*, that a license to cut timber on Reserves would not legally entitle holders of such licenses to cut timber on Reserves?

(2.) In the face of this decision, can lessees of runs legally purchase any portion of Reserves in virtue of improvements erected on Reserves?

(3.) Is he aware that Mr. Garrett, when Secretary for Lands, issued a circular notice to lessees of runs, notifying lessees of runs that any improvements made on Reserves were illegal, and would not entitle lessees to purchase such lands in virtue of improvements?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It does not appear to me what bearing the decision referred to has upon the point raised in this Question. I have already, on one or two recent occasions, replied to Questions asked by the Honorable Member on the same subject.

(3.) No circular was issued, but a notice on the subject was inserted in the *Government Gazette* of the 20th July last.

(7.) New Street fronting the Post Office :—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Macintosh*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will the Government take active measures to cause the street in front of the Post Office to be opened for public convenience ?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Post Office buildings eastward to Pitt-street ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A sum of money will be amongst the sums asked to be re-voted in the Estimates for this purpose. The attention of the Government will be given to the improvement at once.

(8.) City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board :—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Macintosh*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will a copy of the Evidence taken, and a Final Report, or, if not yet completed, a Progress Report, of the City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board be laid upon the Table of this House ?

(2.) What is the cause of the said Report being so long delayed ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Since I have been in office I have urged upon this Commission to bring their investigations to a close, and I understand their Final Report will be presented in a very short time.

(2.) The reason given by the Commissioners themselves for the time occupied, is the magnitude and importance of the Inquiry.

(9.) City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What are the duties now being performed by the Secretary to the City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board ?

(2.) For what period of time has he held the appointment ?

(3.) What amount of remuneration has he been paid for all services performed by him since his appointment to date ?

(4.) What is the amount now claimed by him as due for services performed to present date ; and when is his report likely to be finished ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The return made to me is to the following effect :—

(1.) The duties performed are the usual duties of a Secretary.

(2.) The Secretary has held his office since 19th April, 1875.

(3.) During the time he has received £1,321 Os. 6d.

(4.) The amount claimed at the present time is £30 1s. He is not preparing any report.

(10.) Railway Line between Parramatta Junction and Parramatta :—*Mr. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—In view of the large amount of Railway traffic between the Junction and Parramatta Railway Station, will the Government take into consideration the advisability of having a second line of rails laid down between such stations ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—I have called upon the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways for a report upon the subject.

(11.) Municipality of Penrith :—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Municipality of Penrith, during the last four years, received a moiety of the tolls of the Penrith Bridge, or any sum of money in lieu thereof, for the repair of the Main Western Road through Penrith ; if so, what sum ?

(2.) In what manner, and where has the same been expended, and do the Government know if it has been expended at all ; and if not expended on the above road, will the Government cause the Municipality of Penrith to refund the same immediately ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) The Council received a proportion of the tolls (£60) in 1874, and £45 6s. 6d. in 1875. The payments for 1876 and the present year have been withheld in consequence of the Council establishing a toll-bar on the Main Western Road, within the municipality.

(2.) The Department has no knowledge of the details of the amounts expended by the Council in each year.

(12.) Crookwell Cemetery :—*Mr. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the additional Trustees for the Crookwell Cemetery be gazetted ?

Mr. Driver answered,—As soon as their appointment has been approved by the Executive Council—most probably in about ten days time.

(13.) Land Office, Crookwell :—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Butler*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When an answer will be given to the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Crookwell, praying for the establishment of a Land Sales Office in that district. Has he determined upon an answer ; and if so, what answer to this Petition ?

Mr. Driver answered,—I have directed an answer to be sent at once, to the effect that, after full inquiry into the matter, it is not considered necessary or desirable to establish a Land Office at Crookwell.

(14.) Sale of Land, Brewarrina :—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the land in the town of Brewarrina surveyed by *Mr. Surveyor Callaghan* be submitted for sale ?

Mr. Driver answered,—The allotments have been surveyed, but the plan has not yet been received. *Mr. Callaghan* has been reminded.

(15.) Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets :—*Mr. Davies* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to introduce a Bill to authorize the widening of Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets ?

Mr. Driver answered,—The matter has not yet engaged the attention of the present Government.

(16.) Mining Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—
If it is his intention to introduce this Session a Bill to amend in certain particulars the Mining Act?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The Government are under the conviction that it is necessary, in the public interest, to bring this Session to a close as early as possible, but they will endeavour to deal with the question of Mining on Commons.

2. PAPERS :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Letter from the Inspector of the Insane in reference to conveyance of Insane Patients to temporary Lunatic Asylum, Cooma.

(2.) Correspondence respecting claim of Messrs. R. W. Cameron & Co. for Conveyance of Immigrants per "N. Boynton."
Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. EMPLOYMENT OF FEMALES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wisdom, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wisdom then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to regulate the Employment of Females in Workrooms and Factories.*"

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 regulate the Employment of Females in Workrooms and Factories,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 11th May, 1877.

5. DISSOLUTIONS OF PARLIAMENT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Jacob, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The date of each dissolution of Parliament since the introduction of Responsible Government.

(2.) The name of the Premier who was in office at each such dissolution.

(3.) The names of the Members, and the constituencies they represented, at each such dissolution.

(4.) The dates of the days of nomination and polling for each Electorate for the several elections consequent on such dissolutions.

Question put and passed.

6. TYAGONG GOLD FIELD (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th May, from Mr. John O'Brien, relative to injury sustained by throwing open the Tyagong Gold Field, be printed.

Question put and passed.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That the 62nd Standing Order be suspended, to admit of the introduction of a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Glebe annexed to Christ Church Newcastle to dispose of the Coal on the Glebe land.

Question put and passed.

8. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Glebe annexed to Christ Church Newcastle to dispose of the Coal in the Glebe Land,*"—read a first time.

9. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Mining Bill (No. 1) postponed until Friday next.

10. ~~MAGLARIE COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL~~ :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Driver moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to ~~Contingent~~ Notice, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be referred back to the Select Committee appointed on the Bill for further consideration and report; that the Petition of Octavins Mendez Levi Montefiore, John Meyerfeld, and Samuel Aron Joseph, presented by him on the 13th February last, be referred to such Committee; and that leave be granted to the Petitioners to be heard by Counsel before the Committee."

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question then—That the Bill be referred back to the Select Committee appointed on the Bill for further consideration and report; that the Petition of Octavins Mendez Levi Montefiore, John Meyerfeld, and Samuel Aron Joseph, presented by him on the 13th February last, be referred to such Committee; and that leave be granted to the Petitioners to be heard by Counsel before the Committee—put and passed.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Combes, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Groville, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Terry, Mr. Windeyer, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-one minutes before Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

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New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Conditional Purchase of James Butler, Bulga:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has he arrived at any, and if so what, decision with the view to afford James Butler ingress to and egress from his conditional purchase through Mr. Richards's land at Bulga?

Mr. Driver answered,—A surveyor has been instructed to survey the road.

- (2.) Parliamentary Privileges Bill:—*Mr. Scholey* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to define the privileges of Members of the Legislative Assembly, as recommended by the Standing Orders Committee, on the 11th August, 1875?

Mr. Piddington answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce such a Bill.

- (3.) Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to introduce a Bill to abolish all Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges, as required by Resolution of this House, agreed to on the 1st May, 1877?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The question of the necessity of the introduction of a Bill to abolish Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges has been submitted to the Crown Law Officers for their opinion.

- (4.) Surveyors Allowances:—*Mr. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it a fact that the Surveyors in the Lands Department receive £30 per annum more than the Surveyors in the Railway Department for travelling allowance, camp equipage, instruments, &c?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes, this is the case.

- (5.) Coal supplied to Government:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it a fact that all Coal supplied to the Government in Sydney from Newcastle has to be screened in Sydney, and that the Government only pay for the large Coal, while the small Coal is thrown on to the contractor's hands?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—This is the case, and is provided for in the specification upon which Tenders are invited.

- (6.) Contract for Supply of Coal to Government:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Who are the sureties on behalf of William Summerbell of the New Lambton Colliery for the due fulfilment of his contract to supply Coal to the Government during the present year?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The sureties of William Summerbell, for the Coal contract, are Charles Abercrombie and John C. Dibbs.

- (7.) Michael Murphy, Confinee at Parramatta Gaol:—*Mr. Day*, on behalf of Mr. Leary, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the immediate reply promised by the late Colonial Secretary on the 6th of March last be given to a Petition presented on behalf of Michael Murphy, now a confinee at Parramatta Gaol, and which Petition was left at the Colonial Secretary's Office about eight months since?

Mr. Piddington answered,—A reply has been furnished both to the gentlemen signing the Petition and to the prisoner himself.

(8.)

(8.) Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges:—Mr. Terry asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Will the Government deal with the question of the collection of Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges as one of administration?
- (2.) Will the Government cause the necessary steps to be taken to abandon the collection of Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges under their control on the 31st December, 1877?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The whole question is under the consideration of the Crown Law Officers.

(9.) Claims on the Government—Treasurer's Advance Account:—Mr. Stuart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that persons who have claims on the Government, and which claims have been admitted, some of them being for drawbacks or refund of duties paid, cannot obtain payment from the Treasury by reason of the exhaustion of the Treasurer's Advance Account?
- (2.) Is it a fact that one of these persons, whose claim is £1,800, is a railway contractor, who has been fined by the impounding of a portion of his retention money, but who, nevertheless, is unable to obtain payment of the balance due to him?
- (3.) Is it a fact that there are not sufficient funds at the disposal of the Treasurer from which the wages of the Railway and other employés of the Government, which are due this week, can be paid?
- (4.) If these be facts, is it the intention of the Treasurer to take immediate steps to remedy such a state of things?
- (5.) If so, will the Treasurer state what these steps are?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but not for drawbacks or refunds of duties, nor specially by reason of the exhaustion of the Treasurer's Advance Account.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) There is a balance to the credit of Railway Working Expenses, under the temporary Supply Bills of this year, of £10,000, which will be available towards payment of the wages of Railway employés.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) By a temporary Supply Bill for this month, and by pressing on the consideration of the Estimates as speedily as possible.

(10.) Public School, Cargo:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the reason that the building of the Public School at Cargo is not proceeded with?
- (2.) Is it true that the contractor's tender was accepted six months ago, and that absolutely nothing has been done towards the erection of the building?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) The site has not yet been granted, but immediate steps will be taken to expedite the matter.
- (2.) A Tender was authorised for acceptance on the 12th January last, but in view of the provisions of section 23 of the Public Schools Act, which require that no money shall be appropriated under the Act in aid of building or repairing school premises, unless the site of such premises shall be vested in the Council, the Council has been unable to authorize the commencement of the works.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Despatch respecting the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act, with an Order of the Queen in Council as to Norwegian Vessels.
- (2.) Despatch respecting the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act, with an Order of the Queen in Council as to Italian Vessels.
- (3.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 20th February, 1877, in reference to the case of Mr. John Garsed.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Terry moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. ALBERT DANGAR'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from Albert Augustus Dangar, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "Albert Dangar's Leasing Act of 1873."

And Mr. Stuart having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Newcastle Daily Pilot* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

5. FREE PASSES ON RAILWAYS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- (1.) The number of Free Passes, and all other Passes, including Departmental Passes, by Railway, given to all persons during the year 1876.
- (2.) The names of all persons to whom Free Passes were given, and for what purposes they were given.
- (3.) The number of times that Free Passes have been given to each person, and the purpose for which they were given.
- (4.) The number of free Special Trains run during the year 1876; the names of the persons to whom Special Trains were given; and the purposes for which they were so given.

Question put and passed.

6. **INSOLVENTS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of Clerks in the Civil Service of the Colony who are uncertificated Insolvents.
 - (2.) The names of such Clerks or persons in the Civil Service who are uncertificated Insolvents, and the salaries they receive in each case.
 - (3.) The names of all persons as above who have been ordered by the Chief Commissioner in Insolvency to pay their creditors by weekly or monthly instalments, or otherwise.
 - (4.) The names of above persons who have paid such instalments as ordered.
 - (5.) The names of all persons as above who have not obeyed the orders of the Chief Commissioner in Insolvency by paying the instalments as ordered.
- Question put and passed.
7. **FEES, &c., PAID TO CIVIL SERVANTS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The total sums of money paid to all persons in the Civil Service during the year 1876, besides their salary, as fees for acting on Boards of Inquiry, and all other purposes.
 - (2.) The names of all persons in the Civil Service who have been so paid, and the amount received by each of them.
 - (3.) The purport of each Inquiry, and the hours of the day on which such Inquiries were held, stating whether such work was performed in office hours, for which they are paid by the Government for performing their public duties.
- Question put and passed.
8. **MR. JOHN GARSED** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition of John Garsed, presented on the 2nd June, 1876, together with the Return to Address in reference to the case of John Garsed, laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on the 18th January, 1877, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the case of Mr. John Garsed.
- Question put and passed.
9. **APPOINTMENT OF MR. NORTH AS POLICE MAGISTRATE CARCOAR** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Minutes, Letters, Memoranda, and other Papers relative to the appointment by the late Government of Mr. North as Police Magistrate of Carcoar.
- Question put and passed.
10. **NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Newcastle Glebe Leasing Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. Hill, Mr. Day, Mr. Terry, Mr. Scholey, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Moses, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
11. **LANDS APPLIED FOR BY SIR JOHN O'SHANASSY** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications respecting Applications of Sir J. O'Shanassy to purchase lands, in virtue of improvements, at Moira; also Letters, Papers, &c., referring to such Applications.
- Question put and passed.
12. **FREE PASSES ON RAILWAYS**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, no Free Passes by Railway shall be given to any person, "except" Members of Parliament of this Colony and the neighbouring Colonies, to distinguished visitors from other countries, to poor men looking for work on the Railways, to immigrants whom the Government may be sending to the country, and to poor or indigent persons from or to hospitals or benevolent asylums.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Farnell moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion, after the word "except" of the words "His Excellency and Suite, the Judges of the Supreme and District Courts,"
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.
- Debate continued.
- Proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
- Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. **SUBURBAN RAILWAYS**:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause Surveys and Plans and Sections to be made, and also an estimate of the cost of construction, of a system of Suburban Railways, as follows:—
- First: That the circuit of the first part of the system of the said Suburban Railway should embrace that portion of the suburbs of the City of Sydney lying and situated on the southern side of the Harbour of Port Jackson and the Parramatta River, and within a radius of say 10 miles of the City boundary. Second: That the circuit of the second part of the system of the said Suburban Railway should embrace that portion of the suburbs of the City of Sydney lying and situated on the northern side of the Harbour of Port Jackson and the Parramatta River, and within a radius of say 10 miles of the City boundary, that is to say, embracing Gladesville, Hunter's Hill, Ryde, Lane Cove, North Shore proper, the Spit, and Manly Beach. That the first and second part of the system should be connected at such point or points as may be determined upon, and the Terminus should be at or in the vicinity of the Circular Quay.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put,—
- And Division called for,—
- But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had,—and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

14. EAST MAITLAND RACE-COURSE RESERVE:—Mr. Scholey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of times the Trustees of the East Maitland Race-course Reserve have been summoned to attend any meeting, and the date of each meeting, if any, since their appointment on March 24th, 1876, to March 24th, 1877; the number of Trustees consulted before their appointment, and their names; the name of the Treasurer; the amount to the credit of the Reserve in the Bank, or otherwise, if any; the amount expended; the names of the Trustees who sanctioned and superintended the same; the description of improvements, or otherwise, and the manner in which the money was expended; the names of the person or persons who received the different amounts, if any; copy of Mr. Surveyor Maitland's report on the position of Burke's slaughter-house; and whether said slaughter-house is on the Reserve; and rent paid by Burke for same.
Question put and passed.

15. OYSTER CULTURE COMMISSION:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, any sum or sums of money paid to, or to be received by, the Members of the Commission now sitting on the Inquiry being held in reference to cultivation of Oysters has been improperly paid to them, as the money voted by this House was not voted for this purpose.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scholey, Mr. R. B. Smith, and Mr. F. B. Suttor,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twelve minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fitz-Roy Dock:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How many Clerks, Timekeepers, Storekeepers, Messengers, and Foremen of Works are employed at the Fitz-Roy Dock?
 - (2.) The names of those employed, and the salary paid to each person?
 - (3.) How many Mechanics and Labourers are employed at Fitz-Roy Dock?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that one of the Foremen of Works was away from his duties on a pleasure trip to Melbourne; and if so, was he paid his salary during his absence?
 - (5.) What is the reason the Mechanics and Labourers at above dock are not paid their wages regularly?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Seven.
- (2.) This information can be better given in the shape of a Return, which I will presently lay upon the Table.
- (3.) The number varies according to the work to be done; at the present time there are eighty-seven Mechanics and Labourers employed.
- (4.) Mr. Hoey was recently allowed a fortnight's leave of absence on full pay, as is usual in all such cases. I may mention that this is the only leave Mr. Hoey has had during a period of five years servitude.
- (5.) The regular pay-day at the dock is the Thursday in each fortnight, but owing to special arrangements having to be made for the provision of the necessary funds, pending the passing of Supply, the pay has been delayed on several occasions one or two days, and in one instance six or seven days.

(2.) Proposed Alterations at and near Campbell's Wharf:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will the Plans, Papers, Correspondence, &c., in reference to projected Jetties, &c., to be erected by the Australian Steam Navigation Company, at Campbell's Wharf, be laid upon the Table of this House and printed?
- (2.) The like in regard to Plans, Papers, and Correspondence in reference to Dibbs's and Smith's Wharf, Miller's Point?

Mr. Driver answered,—The documents will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible, having in view the number of Returns already ordered by the House.

(3.) Pamphlets in reference to Reserves:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Are all the Reserve Pamphlets of the different Pastoral Districts of the Colony complete and ready for sale?
- (2.) Is it intended to revise them periodically—striking out those Reserves cancelled, and adding new ones proclaimed?
- (3.) If so, when will the next revision take place?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) In consequence of the illness of the officer to whom the compilation of the Pamphlets was entrusted, the publication has been somewhat delayed, but the remaining districts will be ready within a few weeks.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Immediately after the first edition has been published.

(4.)

(4.) Police Station and Court of Petty Sessions, Kunopia:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a petition, signed by a considerable number of the Residents in the Gwydir District, received by him about two years since, praying that a Court of Petty Sessions might be established at Kunopia?

(2.) Was a report asked for and obtained from the Inspector General of Police as to the formation of a Police Station at Kunopia, by which it appeared that though the petitioners were (by reason of their distance from the nearest Police Station, viz., 70 miles) entitled to police protection, the same could not be afforded?

(3.) Is it a fact that up to the present time no action has been taken in the matter, and the residents in the district are subjected to difficulty in bringing offenders so great a distance to justice?

(4.) Will the Government take such steps as will speedily lead to the establishment of a Police Station and Court of Petty Sessions at Kunopia?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Application was made by the Inspector General, on the 30th April ultimo, for a Reserve for a Police Station at Kunopia; and the District Superintendent of Police will report further as to the formation of a Station.

(4.) A Police Station will be established at Kunopia as soon as all requisite information shall have been obtained upon the subject. The application to establish a Court of Petty Sessions will be considered.

(5.) Defences of Sydney:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Combes, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether he has taken steps to secure materials for the manufacture of Gunpowder?

(2.) Whether, for the purpose of Coast Defences, any instructions have been given that a number of Mortars should be at once cast, and mounted ready for action?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The answer to both these Questions would be simply No; but I may as well say that the manufacture of Gunpowder is much more complicated and difficult than may be generally supposed, and in any case the principal ingredients would have to be imported. If Gunpowder were manufactured in the Colony it would be at a very great loss as against ordinary importers, and in that case the principal ingredients would have to be imported. A vast amount of machinery—the cost of which I am informed would amount to forty thousand pounds—must be imported, and buildings must be erected for the manufacture of Gunpowder. The same remarks would apply to Mortars.

(6.) Helmets for Warders in Gaols:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to issue Helmets to the Warders in the various Gaols throughout the Colony?

(2.) Has any remonstrance been made on behalf of Warders against the adoption of Helmets?

(3.) Will the Government allow sufficient time to allow Warders to give reasons why they should not be compelled to wear Helmets?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It has been decided by the Prisons Department to issue Helmets to Warders, as affording greater protection from the sun than the caps usually worn. Representations have been made by the Warders of the Parramatta Gaol against the adoption of Helmets; the principal objection being grounded upon their weight. I understand that the Helmets weigh only one-eighth of an ounce more than the cap ordinarily used. Of course, if any further representations are made, they will receive every consideration from the Government.

(7.) Permits to Cut Timber:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Forest Rangers power under the permit to give authority to people to cut any Timber they like?

Mr. Driver answered,—No; permits are issued subject to special conditions.

(8.) Railway Employés:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—At what time in the morning do the Officials, the Station-masters Assistants, Porters, and other Workmen at the Stations commence their duties, and at what time at night do their duties cease?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The hours vary at different Stations. It is very difficult to answer such a general Question as this in any other than a general way. The duties of the Railway Traffic Branch extend over the twenty-four hours of the day, and are so arranged as to fall as equally and fairly as possible, as regards hours of labour, on all engaged. For the whole year the actual hours of labour of the traffic staff average about nine hours a day. In exceptional cases, where the hours are longer, the work is neither laborious nor continuous.

(9.) Mr. William Hanson:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Whether a person named William Hanson was employed at the Colonial Secretary's Office; if so, what were his duties, what time was he employed, what salary did he receive, and from what fund was he paid?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Mr. William Hanson has been employed at the Colonial Secretary's Office. His duties have been to make search in all the *Government Gazettes* for early Reserves and grants of land, and also to classify old official documents. Latterly, I understand, Mr. Hanson has been employed in collecting data for an Electoral Bill, and also for a Municipal Bill. Mr. Hanson was employed from 17th September, 1875, to the end of April last, a period of one year seven months and seventeen days. His salary was 12s. 6d. a day, paid from contingencies.

(10.) Railway Station, Bowral:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a complaint made in December last by Messrs. Decent and Korff, storekeepers, of Kangaloon, near Bowral, complaining of the conduct of the Station-master (Mr. Bradley) and Railway-porter Stone, of Bowral, and of the loss of goods?

(2.)

- (2.) Was there an inquiry or investigation made into the charges laid?
 (3.) What decision did the Minister arrive at, and what reply was given to Messrs. Decent and Korff?
 (4.) What action has been taken by the Minister in regard to the complaint?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes, an inquiry was held.
 (3.) The first decision was by the Commissioner, who directed the Station-master to be severely reprimanded, and Porter Stone to be removed to another Station, with a loss of 1s. per day in his pay for six months. A petition, from the inhabitants of Bowral, was subsequently sent to the Minister (Mr. Lackey), who, upon a review of the case, and the representations made to him, directed the punishment of Porter Stone to be commuted to a fine of two days pay. In addition to this Porter Stone has to pay the amount due to Messrs. Decent and Korff for goods, the delivery of which he cannot prove, as he omitted to take a receipt for them.
 (4.) The present Minister has taken no action in the matter, the case having been dealt with by his predecessor.

- (11.) Captain C. A. Blom Crawford:—*Mr. J. S. Smith*, on behalf of Mr. Davies, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Government reward Captain C. A. Blom Crawford for services rendered in making known his alleged discovery, communicated to the Government under date 28th June, 1874, for protecting ships from the effects of torpedo explosions?

Mr. Parkes answered,—So far as I can learn, no services from this gentleman were ever accepted by the Government, and there is no intention of rewarding him for services which, whatever they may have been, have been rendered voluntarily.

- (12.) Proposed Railway from Junee to Narrandera:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Surveys of the Line from Junee to Narrandera been completed?
 (2.) If not, when are they likely to be completed?
 (3.) Do the Government intend laying the completed Plans and Books of Reference upon the Table of Parliament?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) The Surveys have not been finally completed.
 (2.) They will be completed in about a month.
 (3.) This question is under consideration.

- (13.) Railway Extension to New England:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Trial Surveys of the Lines Tamworth *via* Inverell to Tenterfield and Tamworth *via* Armidale to Tenterfield been completed?
 (2.) When will the Plans be submitted to Parliament?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—These Surveys will not be finally completed till about the end of June next; as soon thereafter as possible the Plans will be submitted to Parliament.

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

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 29.

In pursuance of the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of May, 1877, and for an additional Battery of Artillery.

*Government House,
 Sydney, 16th May, 1877.*

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report to the Government of New South Wales on various projects for supplying Sydney with Water, by W. Clark, Member Institution of Civil Engineers.
 (2.) Twelfth and Final Report of the Sydney City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board.
 (3.) Papers respecting the death of Prisoner Dunn, *alias* Smith, in Parramatta Gaol.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Return showing the Names and Salaries of the Clerks, Time-keepers, Storekeepers, Messengers, and Foremen of Works employed at the Fitz-Roy Dock.
 Ordered to be printed.

4. ALBERT DANGAR'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "Albert Dangar's Leasing Act of 1873."
 Question put and passed.

5. TIMBER RESERVE NEAR NARRABRI (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. T. G. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 9th May, 1877, from certain Residents of Narrabri and the Namoi River, relative to the proclamation of Timber Reserve on the Namoi River, be printed.
 Question put and passed.

6. LUNATIC ASYLUM, PARRAMATTA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Minutes, and other Documents with reference to the suspension and dismissal of the Assistant Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.
 Question put and passed.

7. RAILWAY EXTENSION INTO THE CITY OF SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. J. S. Smith*, on behalf of *Mr. Davies*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Davies* from *Mr. John Macintosh*, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens and others, held in the Temperance Hall, on the 10th May, praying for the Extension of the Railway through the City to the Circular Quay, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE BISHOPRICS BILL. [*Heretofore BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE LANDS TRANSFER BILL*] (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Stuart*, read a third time and passed.
Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to vest certain Lands situate within the Dioceses of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale respectively which are now vested in the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle and to extend the Act in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishops of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain Lands situate within the Dioceses of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale respectively which are now vested in the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle and to extend the Act in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishops of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th May, 1877.*
9. ALBERT DANGAR'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Stuart* having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend 'Albert Dangar's Leasing Act of 1873,'*"—read a first time.
10. RAILWAY EXTENSION—WAGGA WAGGA TO ALBURY:—*Mr. Hoskins* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed extension of the Great Southern Railway from Wagga Wagga to Albury, laid before the House on the 3rd May, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22nd Victoria No. 19.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Piddington*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(6.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £247,414, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of May, 1877, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1876, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1877; and for an Additional Battery of Artillery.
On motion of *Mr. Piddington*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having being read,—on motion of *Mr. Piddington*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(6.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1877, the sum of £247,414 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of May, 1877; and for an Additional Battery of Artillery.
On motion of *Mr. Piddington*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5):—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Piddington*, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 6), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877.
(2.) *Mr. Piddington* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Passenger Traffic on Suburban Line:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—How many persons travelled, and what amount was received for Passenger Traffic, from 1st April, 1876, to 31st March, 1877, from the following Stations to Sydney:—Parramatta, Rookwood, Homebush, Burwood, Ashfield, Petersham, Newtown?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The number of Passengers from the Stations mentioned to Sydney numbered 256,838, besides 4,780 season ticket-holders; the amount received was £16,498 15s. 9d.

- (2.) Improvements on Selections:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the Government will forfeit Selections taken up even four years since, and on which the statutory declarations have been made, if it is found on inquiry that the full improvements are not on the land at the time of inquiry or inspection?

Mr. Driver answered,—Selections are only liable to forfeiture on the ground of insufficient improvement on its being proved that the necessary improvements had not been made within three years from the date of selection or survey.

- (3.) Improvements on Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government expect Selectors to keep the improvements on their Conditional Purchases until the final payments are made; if not, how long are they expected to keep the land improved after the three years have expired?

Mr. Driver answered,—The necessary improvements must be made within three years from the date of selection or survey. If they are then removed before being inspected the selection is not necessarily forfeited; but a selector taking such a course would have to prove that the law had been complied with, and not evaded.

- (4.) Upset Price of Forfeited Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, in bringing lapsed or forfeited Conditional Purchases to auction, to add the value of the improvements that may be on the land at the time to the upset price?

Mr. Driver answered,—I see no reason, so far as the matter has come under my observation, for altering the course decided upon by the late Government, viz., that in bringing lapsed or forfeited conditional purchases to auction sale the value of the improvements, according to the latest reliable official information to hand, shall be added to the upset price of the land.

- (5.) Trial Survey of Line from Gunnedah to Narrabri and Walgett:—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any Trial Survey been made for the extension of the North-western Railway from Gunnedah to Narrabri and Walgett?

(2.) If not, is it intended to cause such Survey to be made; and if so, when?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) No Trial Survey has been made beyond Gunnedah in the direction named.

(2.) A Survey of Narrabri and Walgett was included in the list of surveys which the Engineer-in-Chief was instructed to carry out, and the work will be proceeded with as soon as other more pressing surveys will admit of the services of the surveyors being spared.

- (6.) Public Debt Consolidation Bill:—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Stuart, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this Session with a view to the Consolidation of the Public Debt?

Mr. Piddington answered,—No.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting the alteration determined upon in the present system of certifying to the correctness of Deeds of Grant submitted for His Excellency the Governor's Signature.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 27th April, 1877, in reference to Railway Station, Lithgow.

Ordered to be printed.

3. DUNMORE, PITNACREE, AND BELMORE BRIDGES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Byrnes, on behalf of Mr. Clarke, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- (1.) The cost of Dunmore, Pitnacree, and Belmore Bridges.
 - (2.) The cost of Painting and Repairs of same.
 - (3.) The net amount received by the Government for Rent since they were built.
- Question put and passed.

4. ALBERT DANGAR'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Stuart, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Bill to amend "Albert Dangar's Leasing Act of 1873" be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Davies, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Burns, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

5. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise "ordered," Monday be a sitting day of this House, and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Greville moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "ordered," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Government Business take precedence of General Business on Tuesdays."

Point of Order:—Mr. Speaker said it was his duty to remind the House that an Amendment, precisely similar to that now proposed, was, on the 16th April, 1874, decided by the House itself, to be irregular;—and he therefore must give effect to that decision by declaring this Amendment out of order, because it proposes to dispense with a Sessional Order of this House without due notice thereof.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Monday be a sitting day of this House, and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Day,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. R. Forster.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Combes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Long,	
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. J. Watson.
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Garrett,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS 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 intituled 'An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-Yards by the Borough Council of Orange within the said Borough,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th May, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

7. PAPER:—Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table,—Return showing the Payments made from Treasurer's Advance Account during last Quarters of 1875 and 1876, respectively.

Ordered to be printed.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day for the resumption of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means, respectively, postponed to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 5).

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On

On motion of Mr. Piddington, 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. Piddington, that report was adopted.

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

10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, 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 House adjourned, at eighteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Road Votes:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The total amount voted, or proposed to be voted, this year for Main Roads?

(2.) The total amount proposed to be voted, or already voted, for this year for Minor Roads, specifying the amount for each class of road?

(3.) The total amount proposed to be voted, or already voted, for this year for Unclassified Roads?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Main Roads:—Voted, £102,272; proposed, £6,100; total, £108,372.

(2.) Minor Roads:—Voted, 1st class, £87,700; 2nd class, £50,725; 3rd class, £36,305; 4th class, £19,020; 5th class, £15,148; 6th class, £3,005; total, £211,903. Miscellaneous Roads;—proposed, Special Votes on Estimates for various Roads, £14,020.

(3.) Unclassified Roads:—Voted, £6,000; proposed, £10,000; total, £16,000.

(2.) Central Police Office and Watch-house:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What is the amount expended upon the repairs and alterations of the Central Police Office and Watch-house during the last ten years to present date?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The expenditure from the commencement of 1867 to the present date is as follows:—Central Police Office—Repairs, alterations, &c., £2,784 2s. 1d.; furniture, £174 4s. 5d. Watch-house—Repairs, alterations, &c., £2,040 0s. 11d. Total, £4,998 7s. 5d.

(3.) Advertising in Railway Carriages:—Mr. W. C. Brown asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to take steps for the discontinuance of Advertising in Railway Carriages and at Railway Stations; and if so, when?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The contract for this service does not expire till the 31st December, 1878; but negotiations are now pending in regard to a better system of exhibiting the advertisements at the Railway Stations. As from £600 to £700 a year will be derived from this service—and more as the lines extend—it does not appear desirable to discontinue the practice, if arrangements can be perfected to exhibit the advertisements in a more sightly manner.

(4.) Bridge over the Hunter at Muswellbrook:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Plans and Specification of the Bridge over the Hunter River, at Muswellbrook, be ready; and when will Tenders be called for the erection of the above Bridge?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The Plans are ready; Specification will be ready in a few days, when Tenders will be invited.

(5.) Inspection of Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it a fact that the Inspectors have received instructions to inspect and report upon all Selections indiscriminately, including those on which statutory declarations have been made, under the Land Act of 1861, equally with conditional purchases made under the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875?

Mr. Driver answered,—The declarations received in 1875 and 1876 have been referred for verification of the conditions to the Inspectors of the respective districts. There is no distinction, as regards the necessity for such verification, between Selections made prior or subsequent to the passing of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875. Measures are under consideration for removing the delays inseparable from the present system of dealing with completed Selections on receipt of the final declarations.

(6.)

(6.) City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What is the total amount expended by, or in connection with, the Sydney City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The cost of the Inquiry conducted by the City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board has been £7,897 15s. 6d. This, however, is irrespective of the cost of printing.

2. SERGEANT FOLEY AND CONSTABLE TOWNSEND—CASE OF REV. FATHER HEALY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all Letters, Correspondence, Papers, Depositions, and all other Documents relating to the case of Reverend Father Healy, who was shot by the police; also, copy of the Judge's notes who tried the case.
- (2.) The like in regard to the person who was shot by the police at Tenterfield.
- Question put and passed.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. PAPERS:—Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 6th March, 1877, *in re* Municipal Council of Sydney *ats.* The Attorney General, Messrs. Macafee, Allen, and others.
- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 24th April, 1877, in reference to complaint against Mr. A. Lysaght, J.P.
Ordered to be printed.
5. DUTY ON GOLD ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Baker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Scholcy,
Mr. Combes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Terry.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Stuart,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Davies,
Mr. W. C. Browne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

6. COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cameron, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
- Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 1st June.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Contractors Debts Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 15th June.*
- (2.) Parliamentary Witnesses Bill; second reading;—
- (3.) Bankers Books and Cheques Bill; second reading;—
- (4.) Mining Bill (No. 1); second reading;—
- (5.) Suburban Railways; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday, 1st June.*
- (6.) Lands Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*
- (7.) Salaries and Retiring Allowances to District Court Judges; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill;—*until Friday next.*
- (8.) Throsby's Leasing Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday, 1st June.*
- (9.) Construction of Public Sewers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday next.*
- (10.) Railway Station, Lithgow; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday, 8th June.*
- (11.) No Liability Mining Companies Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Friday, 15th June.*
- (12.) Crown Lands Reserves; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. McElhone;—*until Friday next.*

(13.)

- (13.) Married Women's Property Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*
(14.) Salaries of the Civil Servants; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Tuesday next.*
(15.) Police Magistrate for Carcoar; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday next.*

The House adjourned, at twenty-two minutes after Nine o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 21 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Assistant Landing Waiters, H.M. Customs:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there are two systems of Tallying Cargoes of Ships allowed to exist in the Customs by the Landing Surveyors, which are entirely different to each other?

(2.) Is it true that owing to this, mistakes are continually being made by the Assistant Landing Waiters, which have led to some of these officers being disgraced?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) It is not a fact.

(2.) Some of the extra Tide Waiters who have been called upon (under Mr. Forster's scheme) to act as Assistant Landing Waiters have been reported by the Landing Waiters and Jerquer to be incompetent for that duty, and the production of their books—full of errors—having proved the fact, the Collector has given instructions that they are not to be employed in this higher duty till they duly qualify themselves for it, which, it may be added, all ought to have done long before now.

(2.) Fresh-water Dam at Parramatta:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that a number of men are employed by authority of the Government, and under the supervision of a Government officer, to repair the damage done to the Fresh-water Dam at Parramatta by the recent rain?

(2.) Is not the Dam in question under the entire control of the Municipal Council of Parramatta?

(3.) Has any request been made by the Municipal Council of Parramatta to the Government for the repairs to the said Dam to be carried out at the expense of the Country; if not, at whose instance has the Minister for Works ordered the work to be done?

(4.) What is the nature of the repairs, and what will be the probable cost?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No doubt this is a matter which properly comes under Municipal control, but as it was represented to me that the Government establishments at Parramatta are to a large extent dependent on the Dam for their supply of fresh water, and as any delay in the matter was almost certain to involve much greater damage, I considered it advisable to order the necessary repairs to be immediately effected.

(3.) A member of the Parramatta Municipal Council, and who is also one of the Members for the district, brought the matter under my attention.

(4.) They are simply of such a character as will make good the damage done, and prevent further injury to the structure. The expense will be about £100.

(3.) Road from Rockley to Swallow's Nest:—Mr. Pilcher asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Road from Rockley to Swallow's Nest been proclaimed; if not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Driver answered,—A telegram was sent to Mr. District Surveyor Fisher this morning, asking him when his report would be ready, but up to the present time no reply has been received. Until this report has been received, the proclamation cannot be issued. Every effort will be made to expedite the matter.

(4.)

- (4.) Bridge over Campbells River:—Mr. Pilcher asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the erection of the Bridge across Campbells River, for which £2,000 was voted last year, be proceeded with?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—No money has yet been voted for the erection of a Bridge across Campbells River. The sum of £2,000 is on the Estimates-in-Chief for the present year.
2. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Letter from W. Clark, Esq., Hydraulic Engineer, in reference to his Report on the Water Supply to Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 23rd January, 1877, in reference to the case of Senior-constable Breen.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Applications for Sites for Public Schools.
Ordered to be printed.
3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Piddington, read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Piddington then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st May, 1877.*
4. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 22 MAY, 1877, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Central Police Office:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. Macintosh*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect a new Court of Petty Sessions in the city of Sydney in lieu of the Central Police Office now used?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Nothing has yet been decided in respect to this matter, which, however, will receive consideration.

- (2.) Payment of Salaries of Civil Servants:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that Money-lenders, Usurers, and others draw the salaries of many of the Civil Servants?

(2.) If so, will he put a stop to this practice, and provide that the salaries of the Civil Servants shall in no case be paid to any person other than those who are entitled to receive the salaries?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that they do; and I do not feel that I am called upon in my capacity as Minister for Lands to make inquiries as to the private affairs of the employés in my Department.

(2.) I see no objection to ordering such a practice to be discontinued, if brought under my notice, and as a step towards preventing it, have given directions to the effect desired.

- (3.) *Mr. Delohery*, Clerk of Petty Sessions Maitland:—*Mr. Scholey* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Will he take into consideration a letter sent to him by *Mr. Scholey*, on the 14th of November, 1876, reporting the conduct of *Mr. Delohery*, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Maitland, and deal with the matter as the justice of the case demands?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—No trace of the letter referred to could be found in the Department, but upon being furnished a few days since by the Honorable Member, with a copy of the letter in question, *Mr. Delohery* was called upon for an explanation of the conduct complained of. The matter is now under consideration.

- (4.) Public Vehicles Regulation Act:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Having reference to the provisions of section 18 of the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873,—Have the Transit Commissioners published their accounts in the *Government Gazette*, as therein provided; if not, will he cause the Transit Commissioners to publish their accounts, as provided by law?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The accounts of the Transit Commissioners were published, according to law, in the *Gazette* of the 23rd February last.

- (5.) Post and Telegraph Office, Narrabri:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the site for the new Post and Telegraph Office at Narrabri been fixed?

(2.) If so, the street, number of allotment and section?

(3.) Has a Tender been accepted for the erection of these buildings?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Corner of Doyle and Maitland Streets, sections Nos. 1 and 2.

(3.) Yes, on the 8th instant.

- (6.) Township of Millie:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have or will be taken towards surveying a Township at Millie, on the road from Narrabri to Moree?

Mr. Driver answered,—The district surveyor has been requested to furnish a design for a future village. (7.)

(7.) Village Reserve at Gadooga:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have or will be taken towards surveying the Village Reserve at Gadooga, on the Biree River?

Mr. Driver answered,—The application has been referred for the consideration and report of the local surveyor.

(8.) Harbour of Refuge at Trial Bay:—*Mr. Hill*, on behalf of *Mr. H. C. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What steps are being taken towards the carrying out of the works for a Harbour of Refuge at Trial Bay?

(2.) What is the estimated total cost of this work?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) A contract has been entered into for the construction of the central hall and wing of the prison buildings.

(2.) The work is proposed to be done by prison labour; and it is estimated that 250 prisoners would complete it in twenty-four years, the cost of whose maintenance and control is estimated at £14,500 per annum, in addition to which £9,500 per annum will probably be required for tools, powder, plant, &c.

(9.) Carriage of Railway Material, &c., to and from Redfern Station:—*Mr. Davies* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The amount paid by the Government for carriage of Railway iron, rolling stock, and other Railway material, from the wharfs where landed to the Redfern Railway Station, during the years 1874, 1875, and 1876, respectively?

(2.) The estimated amount which will be paid during the year 1877?

(3.) The total amount paid for carriage of every kind from the wharfs to the Redfern Railway Station, and from the Redfern Railway Station to the wharfs in Darling Harbour and the Circular Quay, during the years 1874, 1875, and 1876, respectively?

(4.) Who were the contractors for the above-mentioned periods, and who are the contractors now, and what are the terms and date of the present contract?

(5.) Were Tenders invited; if so, when advertised for, and who were the tenderers?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) The amount paid in 1874 was £748 ls. 11d.; 1875, £2,437 7s. 3d.; 1876, £642 15s. 5d.

(2.) The estimated amount is £1,500.

(3.) The total amount paid in 1874 was £1,734 13s. 11d.; 1875, £3,946 13s. 5d.; 1876, £2,300 4s. 2d.

(4.) The contractors were, and are now, Woods, Shortland, Barber, & Co. Their present contract for conveyance of wool, &c., will expire within three months from the 1st November, 1878, if notice be given on that date; and their contract for conveyance of Railway material from the wharfs to Redfern will expire on the 28th May, 1878, if three months previous notice be given.

The rates are as under:—

Wool from Redfern—5d. per bale, equal to 2s. 6d. per ton.

Wool to Redfern —6d. " " 2s. 3d. "

Goods over 1 cwt. to 5 cwt., 1s.; over 5 cwt. to 10 cwt., 1s. 6d.; over 10 cwt. to 15 cwt., 2s.; over 15 cwt. to 20 cwt., 2s. 6d.

Railway material—Not exceeding 10 cwt., at per ton—from Circular Quay, 2s.; other wharfs, 2s. 6d.

Railway material—Engines and tenders, at per ton, 15s.

—Over 10 cwt., at per ton, 10s.

(5.) Tenders were invited for wool and other goods on 6th September, 1875; for Railway material, 28th November, 1874. The tenderers for wool and other goods were Woods, Shortland, Barber, & Co., and S. Phillips. The tenderers for Railway material were Richard Roach; Woods, Shortland, Barber, & Co.; Edward W. Gordon; Wright, Heaton, & Co.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Charles* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL:—

(1.) *Mr. Garrett* presented a Petition from *Marmaduke Constable*, of Bowenfels, stating that he has a claim, in abeyance, to mine on the land proposed to be leased, and praying for leave to be heard in support of his claim, personally or by counsel, before the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.

Petition received.

(2.) *Mr. Garrett*, *by consent*, moved, without Notice, That the Petition presented by him this day, from *Marmaduke Constable*, relative to his application, under the 23th clause of the Mining Act, for permission to mine for coal under the Glebe land at Newcastle, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon the Bill introduced into this Assembly, to enable the Trustees of the said land to deal with the coal under the said land; and that the prayer of the said Petition, that the Petitioner have leave to appear before the said Committee in support of his alleged claim, be granted.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 23rd January, 1877, in reference to *David Roberts's Conditional Purchase*.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 7th February, 1877, in reference to the claim of *Mr. Elliott* to the lease of certain Crown lands leased to Messrs. *Gibson*, Lachlan District.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Returns under the Real Property Act, for 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

5. TRAVELLING STOCK REGULATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Travelling of Horses and Cattle.
Question put and passed.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Parkes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn until "Friday, the 25th instant."
Mr. Davies moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "Friday, the 25th instant," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Monday, the 28th instant."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

<i>Mr. Parkes,</i>	<i>Mr. Baker,</i>
<i>Mr. Piddington,</i>	<i>Mr. Scholey,</i>
<i>Mr. F. B. Suttor,</i>	<i>Mr. Bennett,</i>
<i>Mr. Hoskins,</i>	<i>Mr. Jacob,</i>
<i>Mr. G. A. Lloyd,</i>	<i>Mr. Buchanan,</i>
<i>Mr. Stuart,</i>	<i>Mr. Greville,</i>
<i>Mr. Lackey,</i>	<i>Mr. Johnston,</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Fitzpatrick,</i>	
<i>Mr. Burns,</i>	<i>Mr. Day,</i>
<i>Mr. Macintosh,</i>	<i>Mr. Cameron.</i>
<i>Mr. Warden,</i>	

Noes, 14.

<i>Mr. Robertson,</i>	<i>Mr. Wisdom,</i>
<i>Mr. Lucas,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Leary,</i>	
<i>Mr. McElhone,</i>	<i>Mr. Charles,</i>
<i>Mr. Garrett,</i>	<i>Mr. Davies.</i>
<i>Mr. H. C. Dangar,</i>	
<i>Mr. Pilcher,</i>	
<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>	
<i>Mr. Dibbs,</i>	
<i>Mr. Abbott,</i>	
<i>Mr. Hurley (Hartley),</i>	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

7. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT:—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That this House is of opinion that a Bill for the amendment of the Public Schools Act of 1866 should be introduced by the Government without delay, and that such Bill, among other matters, should provide for the extension and stricter enforcement of the principle of Secular Instruction, and for the discontinuance, upon reasonable notice, after a certain period to be fixed by law, of assistance from public funds to Denominational Schools.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Mr. Macintosh moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued.
Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

<i>Mr. Cameron,</i>
<i>Mr. Bynes,</i>
<i>Mr. Wisdom,</i>
<i>Mr. R. B. Smith,</i>
<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Buchanan,</i>
<i>Mr. Dibbs.</i>

Noes, 23.

<i>Mr. Parkes,</i>	<i>Mr. Scholey,</i>
<i>Mr. F. B. Suttor,</i>	<i>Mr. Abbott,</i>
<i>Mr. G. A. Lloyd,</i>	<i>Mr. W. H. Suttor,</i>
<i>Mr. Stuart,</i>	<i>Mr. Jacob,</i>
<i>Mr. Robertson,</i>	<i>Mr. Warden,</i>
<i>Mr. Piddington,</i>	<i>Mr. Fitzpatrick,</i>
<i>Mr. Hoskins,</i>	<i>Mr. Combes,</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor,</i>	<i>Mr. Garrett,</i>
<i>Mr. Hill,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Johnston,</i>	
<i>Mr. Day,</i>	<i>Mr. Macintosh,</i>
<i>Mr. McElhone,</i>	<i>Mr. Leary.</i>
<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. MINUTE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of His Excellency the Governor, in sending down to this Parliament a Document, or Minute, containing words to the effect that the English House of Commons would never dream of refusing to grant what the Government was then asking the House to pass, namely, Supply, with a view to an immediate dissolution, was calculated to influence the opinions of Honorable Members—was an infringement of the privileges of Parliament—was in every sense unconstitutional, and calculated to interfere seriously with the free and independent action of this House.
(2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by Address to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

<i>Mr. Wisdom,</i>
<i>Mr. Cameron,</i>
<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Combes,</i>
<i>Mr. Buchanan.</i>

Noes, 27.

<i>Mr. Robertson,</i>	<i>Mr. Hoskins,</i>
<i>Mr. Burns,</i>	<i>Mr. Clarke,</i>
<i>Mr. Stuart,</i>	<i>Mr. Davies,</i>
<i>Mr. J. Watson,</i>	<i>Mr. R. Forster,</i>
<i>Mr. Baker,</i>	<i>Mr. R. B. Smith,</i>
<i>Mr. G. A. Lloyd,</i>	<i>Mr. Day,</i>
<i>Mr. Parkes,</i>	<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>
<i>Mr. Lackey,</i>	<i>Mr. Jacob,</i>
<i>Mr. Macintosh,</i>	<i>Mr. Garrett,</i>
<i>Mr. F. B. Suttor,</i>	<i>Mr. Bennett,</i>
<i>Mr. Windeyer,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Johnston,</i>	
<i>Mr. Warden,</i>	<i>Mr. Hill,</i>
<i>Mr. Abbott,</i>	<i>Mr. W. H. Suttor.</i>
<i>Mr. Fitzpatrick,</i>	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Combes,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Abbot,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. W. H. Sutter,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. McElhone,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Long.
Mr. Buchanan,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Day,
Mr. F. B. Sutter,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Davies.
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. Byrnes,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at fifteen minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Anvil Creek and Greta Railway Stations:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The quantity of Coal forwarded by rail from Anvil Creek and Greta, from the 1st January to the 30th April, 1877, and the total charge for the haulage thereof?

(2.) The total charge for Goods and Passenger Traffic at the same Stations for the like period?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) The total quantity of Coal forwarded from these mines for the four months named was 3,825 tons, and the revenue derived therefrom was £298.

(2.) The total charge for Goods and Passengers at Greta Station for the same period was £459.

(2.) Railway Extension—Werris Creek to Gunnedah:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the construction of the North-western Railway from Werris Creek to Gunnedah?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—About the middle of next month.

(3.) Stamp Duties:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to bring in a Bill during the present Session to authorize the refund of duties imposed under the late Stamp Act after its lapsing?

Mr. Piddington answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill of the kind indicated during the present Session.

(4.) Conditional Purchase of Robert Barber, Singleton:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has an application been received from Mr. Robert Barber for a refund of the amount paid for his conditional purchase of 70 acres, made at Singleton, 4th May, 1876?

(2.) Has this application been dealt with; and if so, with what result?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) The application of Robert Barber was received and referred for the report of Mr. District Surveyor Evans on the 2nd February last.

(2.) Pending the necessary report on the application for refund, it has not been finally dealt with.

(5.) Traffic at Redfern Railway Station:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The total number of Passengers from all Stations who arrived by rail at the Redfern Terminus during the year ended 31st March, 1877?

(2.) The total number of Passengers who left the Redfern Terminus for all Stations, for the year ended 31st March, 1877?

(3.) The total tonnage of the Goods Traffic from all Stations to Redfern and Darling Harbour, for the year ended 31st March, 1877?

(4.) The total tonnage of the Goods Traffic from Redfern and Darling Harbour to all Stations, for the year ended 31st March, 1877?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) The total number was 891,454; in this calculation the Season Ticket-holders are credited with one journey per diem.

(2.) The number that left Redfern for all Stations was 917,024; in this calculation also the Season Ticket-holders are credited with one journey per diem.

(3.) The total tonnage of Goods Traffic from all Stations to Redfern and Darling Harbour was 149,591 tons.

(4.) The total tonnage from Redfern and Darling Harbour was 104,430 tons.

(6.)

- (6.) The Shipping Office :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it true that the First Clerk in the Shipping Office does not receive as high a salary as was given to his predecessor?
 - (2.) Is it true that the First Clerk is doing duty as Deputy Shipping Master without any increase of pay?
 - (3.) How long has this Clerk been in the service of the Government?
 - (4.) Has the First Clerk been promised at any time an increase of pay, which he has never received, while others in the same office have had their salaries raised?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) Yes,—in consequence of the duties of his predecessor having been divided between the present First Clerk and another Clerk, and the salary apportioned accordingly,
 - (2.) The First Clerk is not doing duty as Deputy Shipping Master; he is simply authorized to witness engagements or discharges during any temporary absence of the Shipping Master, and while the Deputy is absent on sick leave.
 - (3.) Fifteen years on the 1st proximo.
 - (4.) Not that I am aware of. Two Clerks, whose salary was only £100 each per annum, were voted an increase of £50 each, after six years service. The Deputy Shipping Master also received an increase of £50 per annum, after eighteen years service on a salary of £300.
- (7.) Tolls on Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries :—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) With reference to his answer to the Honorable Member for West Sydney (Mr. Cameron), on 15th instant,—Have the Crown Law Officers yet given their opinion on the subject of the Abolition of Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges; and if they have, what is their opinion?
- (2.) In his answer, on the same day, to the Honorable Member for New England, on the matter of Tolls—“That the whole question is under the consideration of the Crown Law Officers,”—Does the expression “whole question” include Tolls on Ferries?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) The Crown Law Officers have not yet given their opinion?
 - (2.) The expression “whole question” does not include Tolls on Ferries.
- (8.) Service of Summonses under the Masters and Servants Act by the Police :—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, because of representations made some time since by the Inspector General of Police, directions were given by the Colonial Secretary for the Police to abstain from serving Summonses under the Masters and Servants Act, or that an opinion was expressed by him that it was not the duty of the Police to serve such Summonses?
 - (2.) Is it the case that in consequence of any such action by the Colonial Secretary parties obtaining Summonses under the Act mentioned have to serve the documents themselves, notwithstanding that they have to pay the necessary fees of service, &c.?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Instructions were given, after reference to the Attorney General, in May, 1870. The Attorney General at the time was Sir William Manning.
 - (2.) I am not aware, but inquiry shall be made.
2. PAPERS :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report of the Inspector of Public Charities in reference to the appliances and modes of Bathing the Inmates at the Infirm and Destitute Asylum, Liverpool, and the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum.
 - (2.) By-laws under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
 - (3.) Blue Book for the year 1876.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. EXISTENCE OF COAL UNDER SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Report of Mr. Wilkinson, Geological Surveyor, and Mr. Lewis, Inspector of Coal Mines, as to the probable depth at which workable coal would be obtained in the neighbourhood of Sydney.
- Question put and passed.

4. ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Message, No. 30.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-Yards by the Borough Council of Orange within the said Borough,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 23rd May, 1877.

5. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
- Mr. Piddington moved, “That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
- Mr. Combes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1877, a sum sufficient to maintain three Companies of Infantry.”

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

Debate ensued.

Question

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—
And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had,—and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

Original Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 24 MAY, 1877, A.M.

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

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 5):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd May, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Ad eundem Degrees Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without Examination*," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd May, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

AD EUNDEM DEGREES BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd May, 1877.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 17. Omit "other" insert "of the Universities of Great Britain or Ireland
"or any"
" 2, clause 1, line 2. Omit "the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland and to" insert
"or in any of"
" 2, clause 3, lines 14 and 15. Omit "who shall not be" insert "unless"
" 2, " 4. Omit clause 4.
" 2, " 5. Omit clause 5.

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-two minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until *Friday next*, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Grants awaiting Signature of His Excellency:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—The number of Deeds of Grants of Land now awaiting the signature of His Excellency the Governor?

Mr. Parkes answered,—There is a large number of these Grants waiting to receive the Governor's signature; I think as many as 5,000. The greater part of these have accumulated during the time that the last and the present Government were considering the new arrangement for certifying them to the satisfaction of His Excellency; but now, as that arrangement has been agreed upon, the Grants will pass rapidly under signature.

- (2.) Band in the Botanical Gardens:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) At whose request or order does the Band perform in the Botanical Gardens?

(2.) What number of performances were given in the Gardens during the year 1876, and how many during the present year?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Band is ordered to attend by the Commandant.

(2.) The number of performances in the year 1876 was twelve. The number in 1877 has been four; but I understand the cause of non-performance has been, in most cases, the state of the weather.

- (3.) Swashfield, Ginkin, and Boggy Flat Roads:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of his Department to expend any money on the road known as the Swashfield Road, at Mary Vale; and also on the Ginkin and Boggy Flat Roads, applied for by *Mr. Hurley* in a letter dated 2nd January last?

(2.) If so, what sums, and under what supervision is it to be expended?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The Papers in these cases are now with the local officer. The information asked for cannot be given until the Papers are returned; he was telegraphed to on the 23rd instant to return them.

- (4.) Public School at Holdsworthy:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Council of Education to establish a Public School at Holdsworthy?

(2.) Have Tenders been called for, and have they been accepted; at what cost?

(3.) How many children were promised to attend the School?

(4.) When were the first steps taken by the parents to get a School?

(5.) What has caused the matter to be so long delayed?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) The Council has decided to establish a Public School at Holdsworthy.

(2.) Tenders for the proposed School buildings have been procured twice, but none have been accepted.

(3.) Seventy.

(4.) 15th June, 1876.

(5.) The fact that the Tenders were so very high that none could be accepted.

(5.)

(5.) Railway between Blayney and Murrumburrah:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the survey completed of the line of Railway between the town of Blayney, or some point near thereto, and the town of Murrumburrah, so as to connect the Great Western and Southern Railways; if not completed to Murrumburrah, how far is it completed?

(2.) Do the Government propose to ask the sanction of Parliament for the construction of this line of Railway?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) No survey has been made between Blayney and Murrumburrah with the view to connect the Great Southern and Western Railway.

(2.) Not at present.

(6.) Holidays to Civil Servants on Nomination and Polling Days:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to do away with the practice of giving the Civil Servants holidays on Nomination and Polling Days, as was done at the late election in Victoria?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find this practice has existed for about twenty-five years—since the year 1851, I think—and as yet the Government has not had it under consideration; but it seems to me that it is a practice that might well be dispensed with.

(7.) Deniliquin Railway Reserve:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he received any telegrams or advice of Messrs. Landale, or other lessees of runs, sinking Tanks on the Deniliquin Railway Reserve, which, if allowed to be carried out, will prevent the public from selecting on this Reserve when it is cancelled?

(2.) Will he cancel this Reserve from lease prior to its being revoked, so as to prevent Messrs. Landale and others from purchasing it in virtue of improvements when it is revoked?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am at present unable to give any satisfactory reply to this Question. The matter has been referred for the report of an officer connected with the Lands Department, and upon receipt of same will be dealt with.

(8.) Watch-house at Redfern:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect a Watch-house at Redfern on a more suitable site than the one at present selected for that purpose?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—A plan for a Court and Watch House has been approved, and the additional funds required have been placed on the Estimates. It is not at present intended to alter the site originally proposed.

(9.) Duty on Timber landed from ship "Earl of Dalhousie":—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the import duty per 100 feet levied by law on Timber?

(2.) What was the measurement quantity of Timber landed from the ship "Earl of Dalhousie" during the present month?

(3.) What was the amount of duty paid thereon?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to refund the amount so levied on Timber that had been used as fittings for the berths of Emigrants?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) Dressed Timber, 2s. per 100 feet; undressed, 1s. per 100 feet.

(2.) Estimated at 5,000 feet—dressed.

(3.) £5.

(4.) There can be no reason why this money should be returned.

(10.) Circular Quay:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Lucas, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have Plans and Specifications been prepared by the Works Department for the construction of the proposed improvement at the Circular Quay—(1) with stone, (2) with iron, (3) with wood; if so, will he lay upon the Table of this House such Plans and Specifications, as well as all Tenders which have been received for the construction of such works?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Plans have been prepared for the proposed improvement at the Circular Quay, and Tenders received for carrying out the work with iron and with wood. As soon as the Specification for construction with stone is completed, copies of the Plans, Specifications, and Tenders received, will be laid upon the Table of the Assembly.

(11.) Selections of Robert Armstrong, Duckmaloi:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Lucas, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Upon what grounds were the two lots of land selected by Mr. Robert Armstrong, on the 3rd of August, in the parish of Duckmaloi, disallowed?

Mr. Driver answered,—The selections of Robert Armstrong were disallowed as being within the Oberon Gold Field Reserve, proclaimed 12th August, 1872.

(12.) Beach-street, Coogee Bay:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Lucas, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has Mr. Surveyor Mann reported upon the Road and Beach-street, Coogee Bay; if so, will he place the report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes; I will presently lay the report upon the Table.

(13.) Circular Quay:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it the intention of the Government to invite Tenders for the construction of the proposed Wharf at the Circular Quay?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The matter is under the consideration of the Government; but a decision has not yet been arrived at as to the somewhat difficult question of the material to be used.

(14.) Water Supply for Newcastle, East and West Maitland, and Morpeth:—Mr. Wisdom asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to procure a report from the Hydraulic Engineer, Mr. Clark, as to the best means of providing a permanent Water Supply for the city of Newcastle, the mining townships in its neighbourhood, and the towns of East Maitland, West Maitland, and Morpeth?

Mr. Parkes answered,—As I stated the other evening, Mr. Clark will visit the Hunter River District, but the visit will be of very short duration, and I cannot say anything definitely as to what will be done until he returns, and I have an opportunity of consulting with him.

(15.) Railway Platform, Redmire:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Railway Platform at Redmire be completed and opened for the use of passengers?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The Platform has been completed, and will be opened for the use of passengers as soon as the distance signal is finished, which will be in a few days.

(16.) Conditional Purchases, County Cook:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—On what date were the blocks of land numbered 558, 559, 560, 561, Conditional Purchases in county Cook, surveyed?

Mr. Driver answered,—The blocks *558, *559, *560, and *561, which are probably those to which the Honorable Member's inquiry relates, were surveyed on or about the 24th November, 1874.

(17.) Main Southern Road between Upper Tarcutta and Albury:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How much money has been expended on the Main Southern Road between Upper Tarcutta and the Albury Municipal boundary, a distance of 80 miles, since May, 1867?

(2.) Has not £50 per mile been voted for this road every year for the last ten years?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Amount paid, £31,039; work in progress to amount of £6,000. In all, £37,039.

(2.) £50 per mile has been voted for the Main Southern Road from 1867 to 1874 inclusive. Since that time £75 per mile has been voted, but the amount was not appropriated to any particular portion of the road, and has been expended where most required.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Report from Mr. Licensed Surveyor J. F. Mann, on the state of Beach-street, Coogee Bay.
Ordered to be printed.

3. DUTY ON GOLD ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Baker, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Baker moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for the Abolition of the Duty on Gold.*"
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 for the Abolition of the Duty on Gold,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 25th May, 1877.

4. SURVEY OF PROJECTED LINE OF RAILWAY FROM ORANGE TO WELLINGTON *via* MOLONG (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Long, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Secretary for Public Works and the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, and between that officer and Messrs. Wade and Cowdery, Railway Surveyors, and other persons, as to the survey of the projected line of Railway from Orange to Wellington *via* Molong, together with all Maps, Plans, &c., of said line in possession of the Department of Public Works.
Question put and *passed*.

5. SALE OF CROWN LANDS, SALLY'S FLAT AND MONKEY HILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Long, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Petition from certain Residents of Sally's Flat and Monkey Hill, Wellington Electorate, to the Minister for Lands, against the sale of certain Crown Lands in those localities, together with the signatures to such Petition, and any Correspondence with reference to the subject matter of the Petition.
Question put and *passed*.

6. SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Macintosh 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. Macintosh, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions in reference to Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee, postponed (after Debate) until Friday, 22nd June.

8. ADULTERATION OF FOOD PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Driver 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. Driver, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 8th June.

9. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
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| (1.) Coroners Inquests Bill; second reading;— | } until Friday 15th June. |
| (2.) Animals Protection Bill; second reading;— | |
| (3.) Parliamentary Witnesses Bill; second reading;— | |
| (4.) Bankers Books and Cheques Bill; second reading;— | |
| (5.) Mining Bill (No. 1); second reading;—until Friday, 22nd June. | |
| (6.) Salaries and Retiring Allowances to District Court Judges; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill;—until Friday next. | |
| (7.) Construction of Public Sewers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—until Friday next. | |
10. **CROWN LANDS RESERVES** :—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. Farnell, discharged.
11. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor in reference to Police Magistrate for Carcoar, postponed until Friday next.
12. **RAILWAY FROM WAGGA WAGGA TO ALBURY** :—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. Day, discharged.
13. **VOLUNTEER FORCE REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
14. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
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| (1.) Lands Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 8th June. |
| (2.) Married Women's Property Bill; second reading;—until Friday next. |
| (3.) Salaries of Civil Servants; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—until Friday, 8th June. |
15. **YANKO AND COLOMBO CREEK RESERVES** :—Mr. McElhone proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all the new Reserves, of all sorts, made out of the Yanko and Colombo Creek Reserves should be cancelled from lease, and that all these Reserves should be made Public Reserves, and thrown open to the general public.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—
- Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bennett, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Combes, Mr. Day, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Johnston, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Moses, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. Windeyer, and Mr. Wisdom,—
- Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at nine minutes before Eight o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 28 MAY, 1877.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 31.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th May, 1877.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Site for School, Sackville Reach:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. Lucas*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Whether the Government have granted any land at Sackville Reach, Hawkesbury River, as a site for a Clergyman's Residence or a Denominational School-house; if so, will he inform this House the area granted in each case, and the Denomination to which the grant or grants have been made?

Mr. Driver answered,—No land has ever been granted as a site for a Clergyman's Residence. A deed of grant for 15 acres (dated 7th February, 1845) was issued to the Wesleyan Denomination as a site for a School, the same having some time previously been issued to the Church of England for Church purposes, but afterwards surrendered to the Crown.

- (2.) Traffic at Parramatta Railway Station:—*Mr. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The total number of Passengers from all Stations who arrived by rail to the Parramatta Railway Station, from 1st April, 1876 to 31st March, 1877, and the amount received?

(2.) The total number of Passengers who left the Parramatta Railway Station for all Stations, from the 1st April, 1876, to 31st March, 1877, and the amount received for such?

(3.) The total tonnage of the Goods Traffic from all Stations to the Parramatta Station, from 1st April, 1876, to the 31st March, 1877, and the amount received for such?

(4.) The total tonnage of the Goods Traffic from the Parramatta Station to all Stations, from the 1st April, 1876, to 31st March, 1877, and the amount received?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Number of Passengers, 149,509; amount received, £6,660.

(2.) Number of Passengers, 143,584; amount received, £8,778.

(3.) Tons of Goods, 7,182; amount received, £2,299.

(4.) Tons of Goods, 4,555; amount received, £1,659.

- (3.) Public School at Cow Flat:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)*, on behalf of *Mr. Pilcher*, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Have any steps been taken towards the erection of a Public School at Cow Flat?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—Plans and specifications of the proposed School buildings have been prepared, and the application, which was recently made for the requisite site, is under consideration. Steps will be taken to expedite the completion of the grant.

(4.)

- (4.) Prevention of Floods in the River Hunter :—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to procure the opinion of Mr. Clark, the Hydraulic Engineer, upon the question of flood prevention in the Hunter?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—Mr. Clark is at present engaged upon an inquiry into the sewerage of the city of Sydney. When this work will admit he will proceed to Maitland, as also to Newcastle and to Bathurst; and at Maitland he will bear in mind not only the question of the supply of water, but also of the prevention of floods, as part of his inquiry.
3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Long moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. PAPERS :—
Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 23rd May, 1877, in reference to the existence of Coal under Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Letters of Registration of Inventions, under 16 Vict. No. 24, for 1874.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Report of the Trustees on the Australian Museum, for the year 1876.
Ordered to be printed.
5. GRETA RAILWAY STATION (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Report of the Traffic Manager of the Great Northern Railway on the proposed erection of a Goods Shed at Greta Station.
Question put and passed.
6. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 29 MAY, 1877, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at fifteen minutes before Three o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Visit of Miss Osburn to Parramatta Hospital:—Mr. Scholey asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. King, Manager of the Sydney, Liverpool, and Parramatta Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, knowing that Miss Osburn, Principal of the Sydney Infirmary, had been requested to visit the Parramatta Hospital by the Government, left a written order that neither this lady nor any other person should be admitted on a certain day?

(2.) Is it true that this lady had to return to Sydney to report to the Government that she was prevented visiting the Hospital?

(3.) Is it true that Mr. King has been called upon by the Government to offer some explanation; if so, what is that explanation?

(4.) Is it true that Mr. King has been called upon to make an apology to Miss Osburn for the insult offered to her?

Mr. Parkes answered,—With respect to Questions 1 and 2, so far as I am aware, it is not quite correct that Mr. King did anything with a knowledge that Miss Osburn was authorized to visit the Erysipelas Hospital; but it is true that, by an order issued by him, this lady was refused admission by a servant of that Institution, and had to return to Sydney. I may say in relation to this, that I have ascertained from the late Colonial Secretary that it was by his authority and concurrence that this lady visited the Institution.

(3.) It is true that Mr. King was called upon to offer an explanation and apology to Miss Osburn.

(4.) It is quite true that Mr. King did offer such an apology as perfectly satisfied this lady in the matter.

(2.) Coal Lands of Dr. G. Cox and the Bulli Company:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Charles, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Examiner of Coal Fields sent in his survey and report, recently made by him, of the coal lands of Dr. George Cox of Illawarra and those of the Bulli Company?

(2.) Has the report been forwarded to Dr. Cox?

(3.) If not, upon what grounds is it delayed?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The result, after being checked, was communicated to Dr. George Cox and to the Bulli Company on the 22nd instant.

(3.) Free Passes on Railways:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The name of the person who made application for a Free Pass for Robert Binning?

(2.) The name of the Minister then in power; and was the Pass issued by his instructions; and on what date?

(3.) What were the reasons set forth in asking for a Pass?

(4.) The number of Passes issued at the request of Mr. Hurley, a Member of this House, since the present Government have taken office?

(5.) The number of Passes issued at the request of Mr. Macintosh, a Member of this House, since the present Government came into office?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Mr. John Hurley, M.P. (*Hartley*)

(2.) The Pass was issued by Mr. Secretary Lackey's instructions on the 6th January, 1877.

(3.) The Pass was asked for to enable Robert Binning to get work at Binalong.

(4.) One Pass.

(5.) Ninety-seven Passes.

(4.)

- (4.) Supply of Water to certain Gold Fields :—*Mr. Lynch*, on behalf of *Mr. Baker*, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government had brought under their notice the importance of causing trial or preliminary surveys to be made for the purpose of testing the practicability of bringing water from rivers or streams on to certain Gold Fields; and if so, do the Government propose to take any action in the matter?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The matter is now under the consideration of the Government. Surveys have already been made, with a view to ascertain the possibility and probable cost of bringing water on to some of the Gold Fields, and the Government will decide what further action can be taken as soon as the reports have been received.

- (5.) The Inspector General of Police :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What was the total amount of salary received from all sources by the Inspector General of Police for the year 1876?

(2.) What amount (if any) was paid him last year for sitting on any Board or Commission by the Government?

(3.) What amount of rent does he pay the Government for the house and ground he occupies?

(4.) How many horses is he allowed; and does the Government find fodder for them?

(5.) Is he allowed any servants; if not, is it a fact that he has one or more men who are paid by the Government, and who are employed looking after his horses, &c.?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The salary of the Inspector General is £800 per annum; from this £24 per annum is deducted for the Police Superannuation Fund. Nothing has been allowed to the Inspector General for sitting upon Boards or Commissions. I find that the fees this officer received under law for serving on the Transit Commission was £94. He is allowed quarters free. He is allowed forage for two horses; but I understand he has taken forage only for one. He is also allowed a groom.

- (6.) *Mr. Arthur Eagar*, Orange :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was any Canvas Truss Bedding sent from Colonial Stores by the Colonial Storekeeper, Sydney, to *Mr. Arthur Eagar*, Bank of New South Wales, Orange?

(2.) If so, by whose authority, and for what purpose; and was it sent on the public account?

(3.) On what date was it sent; and if paid for, on what date, or was it charged to the Government; and will the Treasurer lay upon the Table receipt for same; also, Railway receipt for the carriage of same?

Mr. Piddington answered,—No Canvas Truss Bedding was sent from the Colonial Stores by the Superintendent of Stores to *Mr. Arthur Eagar*, Bank of New South Wales, Orange.

- (7.) Proposed Alterations at certain Wharfs :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Plans, Papers, Letters, &c., in reference to *Campbell's*, *Dibbs's*, and *Smith's* Wharfs be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Driver answered,—In regard to the first case (*Campbell's*), the Plans and Correspondence are now being copied, and will shortly be laid upon the Table of the House. In regard to the second and third, the joint Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours, &c., and the Surveyor General, together with the Plans and Correspondence, have this day been received, and will be copied and laid upon the Table of the House as soon as practicable. I may state that there are thirty-five Returns ordered by the House of prior date to those in question; many of them are, as in the cases now referred to, very voluminous, but they will be dealt with as speedily as practicable, with due regard to the current work.

- (8.) Public School at Elderslie :—*Mr. W. C. Browne* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have been taken towards the erection of a Public School at Elderslie?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—The Council of Education has taken the necessary steps towards ascertaining what School buildings are suitable and necessary, and has instructed an architect to prepare the plans and specifications accordingly.

- (9.) Chinese Immigration into Queensland :—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Chinese Immigration into Queensland has become so great, and disorder and crime perpetrated by Chinamen so frequent, that the Queensland Government has been compelled to pass a Bill through Parliament on the subject?

(2.) Is it true that that Bill was reserved for the consideration of the Queen, and that it has been disallowed by the Home authorities?

(3.) Is it true that the Queensland Government has sent a Circular to our Government, asking it to join them in protesting against the action of the Home Government in disallowing the Bill; or has the Queensland Government sent any communication at all on the subject; and if so, will the Colonial Secretary state the substance of that communication?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I believe it is generally known that there has been a great influx of Chinese Immigrants into the northern parts of Queensland; and I believe it is the fact that a Bill passed through the Parliament of Queensland, imposing a higher license fee, I think, upon these Chinese Immigrants. This Bill, I believe, was submitted by the Queensland Government for the advice of the Attorney General as to whether the Governor was justified in assenting to it; and I think I am correct in stating that the Government advised His Excellency *Mr. Governor Cairns* that it was a Bill which he ought to assent to. I think the facts are, that after this the Governor declined to assent to the Bill, though advised by his Government to do so, and reserved it for Her Majesty's assent. Whether or not the Bill was finally disallowed I am not aware. It is true that a Despatch has reached this Government, which, I presume, is a circular, although not so marked, but it would not be easy for me to state the substance of this Despatch. So far as I am able to describe it, I may say that it is an appeal to the other Australian Governments to support the Government of Queensland against the action of the Governor; but I am bound to say that, according to my view of the constitutional question involved, when the Governor declined to receive their advice there was only one course open to the Government.

- (10.) Electoral Bill :—Mr. Greville asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to his statement, made on the 24th April, as to the conduct of the public business, in which he used the words, “with the distinct assurance that within four weeks we will lay this Electoral Bill on the Table of the House,”—When will it be tabled ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—In answering this Question, I think it right, in the interests of all parties, to take exception to reports of what is said in this House being quoted in this authoritative way. The substance of what I said might have been stated without a quotation of this kind, which seems to give authority to whatever may be reported as what a Member says. But I have no objection to the substance of the Question ; and it is true that I used words to the effect of the words quoted, but as this Bill is one to which I desire to give my personal attention, and as it is well known to the House that it was quite impossible for me to do that for a considerable part of the time, I think some little allowance should be made for me—an allowance which I think will be made by Honorable Members. With regard to the Bill itself, I propose to introduce it next week.

- (11.) Fines on W. Russell's Contract, Mudgee Road :—Mr. Hurley (*Harley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What sums were deducted as fines from Wm. Russell in connection with certain Contracts on Mudgee Road ?

(2.) Have there been any applications to remit the fines referred to, and was the Inspector of the District ever asked to report on the matter ; if so, what was his recommendation ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) £24 17s. 7d. appears to be the only amount on a Contract in 1873.

(2.) Yes, many. The work would appear to have been carried out under an officer not now in the district, so the present officer was not asked to report. The whole of the fines for that year were disposed of on one paper, and it was expressly provided thereon that no further consideration would be given to any applications for remission of fines. Russell's other fines had previously been remitted. Clauses imposing fines are now omitted from all Contracts.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Report from the Inspector of Public Charities.
Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

4. SERVICE OF SUMMONSES UNDER THE MASTERS AND SERVANTS ACT BY THE POLICE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Jacob, moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence that took place in the year 1870 between the Departments of the Colonial Secretary and Inspector General of Police, and any other Department, together with all other Documents and Minutes, including the Opinion of the then Attorney General, relating to the serving of Summonses by the Police under the Masters and Servants Act.
Question put and passed.

5. MINING LEASE CLAIMED BY THOMAS HELSBY, ACKERMAN, AND OTHERS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Depositions, and other Documents, relative to the disputed Mining Lease, Hawkins Hill, claimed by Thomas Helsby, Ackerman, and others.
Question put and passed.

6. LANDS APPLIED FOR BY SIR JOHN O'SHANASSY :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence respecting an application for leave to purchase under 2nd clause of the Crown Lands Acts Amendment Act, made by Sir J. O'Shanassy, in virtue of excavations made by the Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company, and all cases of applications for conditional purchase clashing therewith.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. MAIN AND MINOR ROADS OF THE COLONY :—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolution,—
That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on a Further Additional Estimate for 1877, to add to the Grants set apart for the repair and maintenance of the Main and Minor Roads of the Colony for the present year, at the following rate, viz :—Main and 1st and 2nd class Minor Roads, 25 per cent. ; 3rd and 4th class Minor Roads, 50 per cent. ; 5th and 6th class Minor Roads, 100 per cent. ; and an additional sum of £6,000 for Unclassified Minor Roads.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed until to-morrow.

9. AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, 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 four minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Advertising in Railway Carriages:—*Mr. T. G. Dangar*, on behalf of *Mr. Davies*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has a Contract been given to any person for the exclusive right of Advertising at Railway Stations and in Railway Carriages?
- (2.) The name of the person holding such Contract, and term for which the Contract is held?
- (3.) The amount paid annually for such right of Advertising?
- (4.) Were Tenders called for in the usual way; in what newspapers; and by what Minister?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Yes; a Contract exists for this service.
- (2.) *Mr. John L. Castner* is the Contractor; the term expires on the 31st December, 1878.
- (3.) The annual rent is £460.
- (4.) Tenders were invited in the usual way in the *Gazette*, and in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Empire* newspapers. *Mr. Sutherland* was Minister for Works at the time.

- (2.) *Mr. John Carson, Sherwood*:—*Mr. Long* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has compensation been asked by *John Carson*, of *Sherwood*, near *Fairfield*, for land taken from him for the formation of a road through his property, leading from *A. T. Holroyd's* land to *Fairfield Station*?
- (2.) Has compensation been given him for such land?
- (3.) Has compensation been given to any other proprietors whose land has been resumed in the formation of the said road?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) No; the land has not been taken.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.

- (3.) Public School at Grass-Tree Hill:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will the site applied for by him for a Public School at Grass-Tree Hill be granted?
- (2.) When will the new School at above site be erected?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Steps will be taken to expedite the issue of the requisite grant of site applied for, as soon as possible.
- (2.) It is understood that the plans and specifications of the proposed School buildings at Grass-Tree Hill (*Muscle Creek*) have been prepared, and the erection of the buildings will be proceeded with as soon as the grant of the site has been settled.

- (4.) Parliamentary Draftsman:—*Mr. Cohen* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Whether *Mr. Milner Stephen*, or any other person, has any further claim upon the Government in connection with the Parliamentary Drafting included or referred to in the Returns laid on the Table of the House on the 2nd of May, 1877; and if there be any such claim, what is the amount of it?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—*Mr. Stephen* appears to be the only person who has a claim for acting as Parliamentary Draftsman, and he will be paid for his services until the end of the current month.

- (5.) Police Quarters, Warialda:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to make any provision on the Estimates, or otherwise, for the erection of new Police Quarters at Warialda?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—I have been furnished by the Inspector General of Police with the following reply to the Honorable Member's Question:—No application has been made for new Police Quarters at Warialda; some repairs and additions to the existing buildings are necessary, and the matter will receive attention.
- (6.) Parliamentary Draftsman:—Mr. Bennett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is Mr. George Milner Stephen the Acting Parliamentary Draftsman, as stated in the Law Calendar, published by authority; if so, when, and by whom, was he appointed?
 - (2.) In the Return showing Bills drafted since January 1st, 1875, by gentlemen other than the Parliamentary Draftsman, does the item No. 51, for revising and correcting about 2,000 printed sheets of Parliamentary Bills, relate to Bills drafted by Mr. G. M. Stephen?
 - (3.) What were the fees paid, or agreed to be paid, to Mr. G. M. Stephen for each Bill stated to have been drafted by him in the Return alluded to?
- Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Stephen has acted as Parliamentary Draftsman under an arrangement made by the late Government.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) No fees have been paid, except those numbered 2, 3, and 4, as shown on the Return alluded to; but Mr. Stephen has been authorised to receive for his past services in drafting Bills remuneration at the rate provided for the Parliamentary Draftsman, namely, £600 per annum.
2. THE CHINESE IN QUEENSLAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Papers, Telegrams, and Correspondence that have passed between the Governments of Queensland and New South Wales in reference to the disallowance by the English Government of a Bill regulating the Gold Fields, and affecting the Chinese residents in Queensland.
Question put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Ad eundem Degrees Bill, postponed (after Debate) to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.
4. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, 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.
5. BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE BISHOPRICS 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 vest certain Lands situate within the Dioceses of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale respectively which are now vested in the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle and to extend the Act in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishops of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale,*"—with the Amendment in the Title indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th May, 1877.
- JOHN HAY,
President.
- BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE BISHOPRICS BILL.
SCHEDULE of the Amendment referred to in Message of 30th May, 1877.
- JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.
- Page 1, Title. *After "Newcastle" insert "in"*
- Examined,—
J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.
- Ordered, that the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday, 8th June.
6. PAPERS:—
Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Letter from Agent General respecting Paris Exhibition of 1878.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Waverley.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney, for 1876.
Ordered to be printed.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 31 MAY, 1877, A.M.

The House adjourned, at three minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 31 MAY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) School at Mount Tamar Creek:—Mr. Pilcher asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Does he intend to appoint a Teacher to the new School, erected by private subscription, at Mount Tamar Creek, on Campbell's River?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—An application was made by the Honorable Member himself. If furnished with particulars as to the names of the persons interested in the movement, and to whom the requisite forms of application may be sent, the Council will cause the necessary steps to be taken.

(2.) Mungundi and Goondawindi Bridges:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the sites of the Mungundi and Goondawindi Bridges been fixed?
- (2.) If not, what is the cause of delay?
- (3.) When is it likely Tenders will be invited for these Bridges?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) The site of Bridge at Goondawindi has been fixed, but not that at Mungundi.
- (2.) When the site at Goondawindi was fixed, Mungundi was inaccessible from floods, and the officers from this Colony and Queensland were consequently obliged to leave without visiting Mungundi. An officer of this Department is now in telegraphic communication with an officer of the Queensland Government, and has arranged to start to-morrow to meet at Mungundi for purpose of agreeing to a site.
- (3.) Tenders for Goondawindi Bridge will be invited in to-morrow's *Gazette*.

(3.) Reclamation of Land at Rushcutter's Bay:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) In view of the contemplated reclamation of Rushcutter's Bay,—Has a lessee of the Elizabeth Bay Estate been allowed recently to enclose a portion of the south-west corner of the beach about to be reclaimed, and on what grounds?
- (2.) Will the Minister for Lands cause the enclosure to be removed?

Mr. Driver answered,—I cannot find that any such permission has been granted, and no such encroachment as that referred to is likely to be allowed.

(4.) Supreme Court Reports:—Mr. Cohen asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the date or term of the hearing of the cases reported in the last issued number of the Supreme Court Reports?
- (2.) When was the last number of these Reports issued?
- (3.) If there has been any delay in their issue, what has been the cause of it?
- (4.) When will the Reports of the later cases be issued?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) The first and second Terms, 1875.
- (2.) July, 1876.
- (3.) There has been a delay, caused by the Equity Reporter.
- (4.) I believe that immediate steps will be taken to obtain a more prompt and satisfactory issue of the Reports.

(5.)

- (5.) Sale of Land, Quirindi:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is he aware that there is a great demand for land at Quirindi, in anticipation of the Railway Station being opened there shortly?
 - (2.) Will he cause Reserve No. 354 to be cancelled, and the land surveyed and sold without delay, to meet the demand for land, as it is likely to bring a very high price, if sold quickly?
- Mr. Driver answered,—
- (1.) An application has been received for town allotments at Quirindi.
 - (2.) The District Surveyor has been instructed to survey a few sections, and to provide in his design for the northerly extension of the town of Quirindi for the objects for which Reserve 354 was proclaimed, viz., Camping and Water Supply.
- (6.) Sale of Land, Narrabri:—Mr. Long, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will land in the town of Narrabri lately measured by Surveyor Clements be submitted for sale?
- Mr. Driver answered,—Will be advertised for sale in a fortnight's time, and the sale will be held about the 20th July.
- (7.) Mr. M'Coy, Grand Master of the Orange Institution:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Colonial Secretary has promised the Grand Master of the Orange Institution, Mr. M'Coy, to amalgamate the Roman Catholic and Protestant Orphan Schools at Parramatta?
 - (2.) Is it true that the Colonial Secretary has promised the Grand Master of the Orange Institution, Mr. M'Coy, that he will introduce a Bill authorizing the inspection of Convents Hospitals and other Institutions not subject to the inspection of the Inspector of Charities?
 - (3.) Is it true that the Colonial Secretary has promised to place the Grand Master of the Orange Institution on the Commission of the Peace?
 - (4.) Is it true that the Colonial Secretary invited Mr. M'Coy, the Grand Master of the Orange Institution, to be present at the opening of the Railway to Orange; and was he invited as Grand Master of the above Institution, or as a citizen of Sydney?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—
- (1.) It is not a fact that the Colonial Secretary has promised the Grand Master of the Orange Institution, Mr. M'Coy, to amalgamate the Roman Catholic and Protestant Orphan Schools at Parramatta; nor is it a fact that I ever made any promise to any person whatever, at any time, on the subject.
 - (2.) It is not true that the Colonial Secretary has promised the Grand Master of the Orange Institution, Mr. M'Coy, that he will introduce a Bill authorizing the inspection of Convents Hospitals and other Institutions not subject to the inspection of the Inspector of Charities; nor is it true that I ever promised anything of the kind to any person whatever, at any time; nor is it true that any such thought ever entered my mind.
 - (3.) It is not true that the Colonial Secretary has promised to place the Grand Master of the Orange Institution on the Commission of the Peace.
 - (4.) It is true that Mr. M'Coy, at the instance of a Member of the Assembly, received an invitation to be present at the opening of the Railway to Orange. I may also say, at that time Mr. M'Coy was an entire stranger to me; I was introduced to him for the first time in a railway carriage, and I only exchanged about half-a-dozen words with him on any occasion in my life.
- (8.) Light-house on Montagu Island:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect a Light-house on Montagu Island, as recommended by the Marine Board?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—The Marine Board have recommended the erection of a Light-house on Montagu Island, and a sum of money will be included on the next Loan Estimates for the purpose.
- (9.) Overcoats for the Volunteers:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to serve out the Overcoats to the Volunteers?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Coats have been lying in the stores a long while, and getting moth-eaten?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—
- (1.) I have put myself in communication with the Commandant on this subject, and I find it is not the practice to issue these Coats except for encampments, or some special service, as there is no guarantee that otherwise they would not be used for other than military purposes.
 - (2.) I understand that the Coats in store are properly taken care of, and that there are very few in any way damaged, and that if they were issued now, and any emergency arose, when they were wanted there would be no Coats for use.
2. MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the 37th Victoriae No. 13, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the regulation of Mining."
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE, 1877, A.M.

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

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

- (1.) Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee ;—*until Monday next.*
- (2.) Ad eundem Degrees Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments ;—*until Friday, 29th June.*
- (3.) Audit Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—*until Monday next.*

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes after Seven o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Conditional Purchases, Baradine, Yaminabah, Borah, and Yarragin Creeks:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The name of the Surveyor who has been instructed to survey the various Conditional Purchases in the neighbourhood of Baradine, Yaminabah, Borah, and Yarragin Creeks?

(2.) Is the Government aware that some of these selections have been nearly four years awaiting survey?

(3.) What steps have or will be taken to cause an immediate survey of these purchases?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) The Surveyor has been called upon to show cause why he should not be dismissed for neglect.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) A Surveyor has been sent to make the required surveys.

(2.) Timber Reserve near Narrabri:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps, and if so, what, with reference to a Petition presented to this House on the 9th May last, from Residents of Narrabri, respecting Timber Reserve on the Namoi River, of 520 square miles, with a view to the modification of the boundaries thereof, or otherwise?

Mr. Driver answered,—A careful and detailed report has been called for as to the several matters referred to in the Petition, and steps have been taken to remedy any present grievance.

(3.) Establishment of District Court, &c., Coonabarabran:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a Petition been received from nearly 600 Inhabitants of Coonabarabran and the surrounding district, asking for the establishment of a District Court and Quarter Sessions there?

(2.) Is it the case that new Police Buildings are being erected at Coonabarabran, on amended plans, to meet the requirements of these Courts?

(3.) Is it intended to establish these Courts at Coonabarabran; and if so, when?

(4.) Is it true the District Court Judges have reported they are unable to attend any extra Courts, if established?

(5.) If so, is it contemplated to make provision for an extra District Court Judge to meet the requirements of such Courts applied for in the country districts?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am informed that the plans for Court House and Lock-up were amended, so as to admit of the building being used for Quarter Sessions and District Courts, and that a contract has been taken for the work, to be completed in April, 1878.

(3.) As soon as the requisite accommodation shall have been provided this matter will be considered.

(4.) Some of the District Court Judges have represented that they are unable to attend any extra Courts.

(5.) No decision has yet been arrived at; but the whole subject in reference to re-arranging and the establishment of new Courts where requisite will receive the early consideration of the Government.

(4.) Supply of Water to certain Gold Fields:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Referring to the Question put by the Member for the Southern Gold Fields, on 29th May,—In what parts of the country have the surveys been made with a view to ascertain the possibility and probable cost of bringing water on to certain Gold Fields?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—At Gulgong, Grenfell, and Parkes; as to the latter, no estimate of cost was made.

(5.)

(5.) Supply of Printing Paper to the Government:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has an order been sent to England for the supply to the Government of £5,000 worth of Printing Paper; if so, when sent, and by whom?

(2.) Was any application made to the Liverpool Paper Company asking them if they could supply the same?

Mr. Piddington answered,—No order for £5,000 worth of Printing Paper has been sent to England. An indent, however, for £1,650 worth of quadruple Printing Papers was forwarded through the Treasury, on the 19th February last, as it was found from the experience of the Government Printer that the paper supplied by the Paper Company was not suitable for the special purposes required. I may observe that Tenders for Printing Papers were invited, and one accepted on the 16th ultimo, the total of which was £4,315 9s. 2d. The Paper Company were tenderers upon the occasion, but were not successful.

(6.) Railway Workmen:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the men engaged in the Sheeting Department at the Redfern Railway Station applied to the Traffic Manager to be allowed to work eight hours per day, so as to be under the same system as those employed in the Locomotive Department?

(2.) Is it true that their request was refused; and if so, for what reason?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) The whole of the men did not make application to work eight hours—only those employed in repairing the sheets; those engaged in making the sheets work by the piece, and did not join in the request, as a compliance with it would curtail their earnings.

(2.) The Traffic Manager declined to accede to their request, for the reason that there is no comparison between the work of mechanics in the Locomotive Branch and that of sheet repairing, which requires no great physical exertion, and is the least laborious of any work performed by the men in the Traffic Branch, to which the general application of the eight hour system would be impracticable.

2. ALBERT DANGAR'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Stuart, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 17th May, 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Friday next.

Question put and passed.

3. TRAVELLING STOCK REGULATION BILL:—Mr. T. G. Dangar presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the Travelling of Horses and Cattle*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 15th June.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Twenty-first Annual Report from the Registrar General on Vital Statistics.

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Tamworth under Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.

(3.) Letter to Mr. Forster, respecting the Agent General and his publications in *The Colonies* newspaper.

Ordered to be printed.

5. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 29th June.

6. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. S.

Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Smith then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor in reference thereto be referred to the Committee.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 29th June.

7. COMMON LODGING HOUSES 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 this Bill.

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

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

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

8. SUBURBAN RAILWAYS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause Surveys and Plans and Sections to be made, and also an estimate of the cost of construction, of a system

system of Suburban Railways, as follows:—First: That the circuit of the first part of the system of the said Suburban Railway should embrace that portion of the suburbs of the City of Sydney lying and situated on the southern side of the Harbour of Port Jackson and the Parramatta River, and within a radius of say 10 miles of the City boundary. Second: That the circuit of the second part of the system of the said Suburban Railway should embrace that portion of the suburbs of the City of Sydney lying and situated on the northern side of the Harbour of Port Jackson and the Parramatta River, and within a radius of say 10 miles of the City boundary, that is to say, embracing Gladesville, Hunter's Hill, Ryde, Lane Cove, North Shore proper, the Spit, and Manly Beach. That the first and second part of the system should be connected at such point or points as may be determined upon, and the Terminus should be at or in the vicinity of the Circular Quay;—and that *Mr. Burns* do take the Chair in the said Committee of the Whole.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

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

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause Surveys and Plans and Sections to be made, and also an estimate of the cost of construction, of a system of Suburban Railways, as follows:—First: That the circuit of the first part of the system of the said Suburban Railway should embrace that portion of the suburbs of the City of Sydney lying and situated on the southern side of the Harbour of Port Jackson and the Parramatta River, and within a radius of say 10 miles of the City boundary. Second: That the circuit of the second part of the system of the said Suburban Railway should embrace that portion of the suburbs of the City of Sydney lying and situated on the northern side of the Harbour of Port Jackson and the Parramatta River, and within a radius of say 10 miles of the City boundary. That the first and second part of the system should be connected at such point or points as may be determined upon, and the Terminus should be at or in the vicinity of the Circular Quay.

On motion of Mr. Farnell, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

9. THROSBY'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Pilcher moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Pilcher, 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. Pilcher, that report was adopted.

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

10. SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

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

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

11. SALARIES AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Salaries and to make provision for Retiring Allowances to the District Court Judges; and to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the Salaries and to make provision for Retiring Allowances to the District Court Judges; and that an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

12. DISTRICT COURT JUDGES SALARIES AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES REGULATION BILL:—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the Salaries and to make provision for Retiring Allowances to the District Court Judges*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 22nd June.

13. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor in reference to Construction of Public Sewers, postponed until Friday next.

14. POLICE MAGISTRATE FOR CARCOAR:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lynch, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of providing a salary for a Police Magistrate for the Town and District of Carcoar.

Mr.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of providing a salary for a Police Magistrate for the Town and District of Carcoar.

On motion of Mr. Lynch, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

15. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Married Women's Property Bill postponed until Friday, 29th June.

16. **MAIN AND MINOR ROADS OF THE COLONY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolution:—

That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on a Further Additional Estimate for 1877, to add to the Grants set apart for the repair and maintenance of the Main and Minor Roads of the Colony for the present year, at the following rate, viz.:—Main and 1st and 2nd class Minor Roads, 25 per cent.; 3rd and 4th class Minor Roads, 50 per cent.; 5th and 6th class Minor Roads, 100 per cent.; and an additional sum of £6,000 for Unclassified Minor Roads.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this day fortnight.

Question proposed,—That leave be given to sit again "this day fortnight."

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. Watson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "this day fortnight" with a view to the insertion in their place of the word "forthwith."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Greville.
Mr. W. C. Browne,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. J. Watson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Davies.
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Macintosh,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question—That leave be given to sit again this day fortnight—put and passed.

17. **POLICE MAGISTRATE FOR MOLONG**:—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of providing a Salary for a Police Magistrate for the Town and District of Molong.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Teece,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Greville.
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Long,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Day,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hill.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 4 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Loan Estimates of the present Session for a sum of money for the purpose of carrying out the recommendation of Mr. Clark, Hydraulic Engineer, for the purpose of making provision for a better and more permanent Supply of Water to the City of Sydney and Suburbs?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government will be prepared in the course of a very short time—perhaps ten days or a fortnight—to inform Parliament of the course they intend to pursue in this matter.

- (2.) Sale of Land, Gundaroo:—Mr. Bennett, on behalf of Mr. Teece, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Town Allotments at Gundaroo be offered for sale at the Court House in that locality?

Mr. Driver answered,—The Town Allotments at Gundaroo will be advertised for sale as soon as that part of the Temporary Common within which they are situated can be revoked.

- (3.) Mr. Joseph Conlon, Quirindi:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is Mr. Joseph Conlon a contractor for the Approaches to Quirindi Railway Station?
- (2.) If so, what amount of money is due to him, to 1st May, for work done?
- (3.) Has he received any money on account of work done; and will the Minister see that he is paid the proper percentage on work done?
- (4.) Did the officer in charge send in a return of work done on the 28th of April last; and has Conlon been paid the usual percentage on work done?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £256.
- (3.) £256 was paid to Conlon's credit on the first instant.
- (4.) Yes; yes. A further voucher for a second advance was received a few days ago, and is now in course of payment. I may remark that the delay in payment in this case is due to the fact of the money not yet being voted by Parliament. The item for Railway Approaches has not been included in any Appropriation Act, and could not therefore be operated upon. It was absolutely necessary, however, to have approach road to Station made before opening of Railway to Quirindi or the Station would have been inaccessible.

- (4.) Police Buildings, Berrima:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the erection of Police Barracks or Buildings at Berrima be proceeded with?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—A Plan for a Police Station at Berrima has been received from the Colonial Architect, and is at present under the consideration of the Government.

- (5.) Recreation Reserve, Broke:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the gentlemen nominated by him as Trustees for the Recreation Reserve at Broke be gazetted?

Mr. Driver answered,—The land has not yet been dedicated, and until then the Trustees cannot be appointed.

(6.)

- (6.) Lightship "Bramble":—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is the Government aware that the Lightship "Bramble" is unfit for the crew to live on board, being in such a leaky state?
 (2.) Will the Government have her replaced by a suitable vessel?
 Mr. Piddington answered,—
 (1.) Representations have been made by the Marine Board as to the defective state of the vessel?
 (2.) A vote for £3,000 for a new Lightship, to replace the "Bramble," was taken on the Estimates for 1876, and Tenders will at once be called for the service.
2. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 29th May, 1877, in reference to Service of Summonses under the Masters and Servants Act by the Police.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cameron, read a third time, and *passed*.
 Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for regulating Common Lodging-houses.*"
 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 for regulating Common Lodging-houses,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th June, 1877.
4. THROSBY'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Buchanan, read a third time, and *passed*.
 Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend Throsby's Leasing Act.*"
 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 Throsby's Leasing Act,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th June, 1877.
5. SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Macintosh, read a third time, and *passed*.
 Mr. Macintosh then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to further amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act.*"
 Question put and *passed*.
 Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th June, 1877.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE, 1877, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE, 1877:

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Trial Borings for Water:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. W. H. Suttor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Government take into their early consideration the desirability of placing a sum of money upon the Estimates for the purpose of making a trial Boring for Water, on the Artesian Well principle, on the waterless plains of the interior?
- Mr. Hoskins* answered,—The sum of £1,000, for the purpose alluded to, was included amongst the items referred to by me on a recent occasion as composing the Further Additional Estimates proposed to be submitted to Parliament.
- (2.) Department of Justice and Public Instruction:—*Mr. Baker* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have the Government paid the sum of £50 to the Third Clerk in the Law Department as an addition to the salary that officer received for the year 1876, or any previous year?
- (2.) If that amount has been paid to this officer, is it in anticipation of the £50 which the Government propose to ask Parliament to vote as part of the Supplementary Estimates?
- (3.) If such amount has been paid by the Government, out of what fund or Vote was it paid?
- Mr. F. B. Suttor* answered,—
- (1.) Yes, for the year 1876.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Out of the Treasurer's Public Advance Account, pending the decision of Parliament.
- (3.) Light-house at Barrenjuey:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When will the Light-house at Barrenjuey be completed?
- (2.) Is he aware that the temporary Light-house is in a bad state, and the lamps have to be lit from outside?
- (3.) Is he aware that the men's houses are in a bad state, and will he take steps to have the houses repaired?
- Mr. Piddington* answered,—
- (1.) The work is not commenced as the site is stated to be private property, and no arrangement has yet been made for the purchase of the land.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) It is known that the houses are in a bad state, but, as they are, only temporary, it is not considered desirable to expend money upon them in view of the contemplated new structure.
- (4.) Railway, Cootamundra to Gundagai:—*Mr. Leary* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to propose as part of their Railway policy the making of the Railway from Cootamundra to Gundagai?
- Mr. Hoskins* answered,—In consequence of the pressing nature of more urgent questions the Government have not been able to devote the time necessary to the consideration of this matter, and for the present they are unable to say whether provision for this extension will be made on the Loan Estimates of this year.
- (5.) Court of Petty Sessions, Carcoar:—*Mr. Scholey* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—How many cases have been heard before the Court of Petty Sessions at Carcoar for three months ending the 31st of May, 1877?
- Mr. F. B. Suttor* answered,—Seventy-nine cases have been heard before the Court of Petty Sessions at Carcoar for three months ending 31st May, 1877.

(6.)

(6.) Lock-up, Boggabri:—Mr. Bennett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the cause of delay in the erection of the temporary wooden Lock-up at Boggabri, sent up from Sydney some months ago?
- (2.) Is the Government aware that prisoners under sentence have to be chained up for the want of this building?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) The materials for the building have been deposited at Boggabri, and tenders for erecting it are awaiting consideration and approval.
- (2.) It appears that it is the fact that prisoners are sometimes chained in the Police Quarters, there being no Lock-up. Steps shall be taken to prevent this in future.

(7.) Police Magistrates, Gunnedah and Coonamble:—Mr. Byrnes, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to make provision to place the Salaries of the Police Magistrates of Gunnedah and Coonamble on the same footing as other Police Magistrates of the Colony?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—The Clerk of Petty Sessions, Gunnedah, was lately appointed Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at that place without any addition to his Salary, and the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Warialda, was lately transferred from that position to be Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Coonamble, with the Salary received by him. The Salaries of these officers would appear to be similar in amount to those paid at some other places of equal importance. Further inquiry will, however, be made upon the subject.

(8.) Roads, Walgett to Nugil, and Narrabri to Walgett:—Mr. Byrnes, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Surveyor furnished Plans and full particulars of the newly measured and marked road from Walgett to Nugil, on the Castlereagh River?
- (2.) If so, when is it likely this road will be proclaimed and open for public use?
- (3.) The like information as to the road from Narrabri to Walgett, on the south side of the Namoi River?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The proclamation has been approved by the Executive Council, and will appear in the *Government Gazette* as soon as the papers are returned to the Lands Department.
- (3.) It is understood that the survey has been completed, but the Plans, &c., have not yet been received.

(9.) Police Protection for Narrabri and Walgett:—Mr. Byrnes, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it intended to take any steps to make better provision and afford additional police protection by increasing the present arrangements in the Tamworth and North-western Districts in the direction of Narrabri and Walgett?
- (2.) If so, will there be any objection to state the proposed alterations?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The re-division of this district is now under the consideration of the Government. The difficulty arises more as to the appointment than as to the division of the territory, and a decision has not yet been arrived at.

(10.) Police Buildings, Mogil Mogil:—Mr. Byrnes, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—When is it likely the Police Quarters at Mogil Mogil will be finished, and Police established there?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—A report has been received to the effect that the progress of the building of the Police Quarters at Mogil Mogil is very slow, which the Contractor accounts for by the scarcity of timber and labor. Instructions have been given to hasten the work.

(11.) Mr. G. H. Reid:—Mr. Byrnes, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is Mr. G. H. Reid, the author of the Essay on "New South Wales the Mother Colony of the Australias," employed in the Treasury?
- (2.) Was the said Essay published at his own or the Government expense; at what cost; and from what fund was the money paid?
- (3.) As many doctrines are advocated in the above Essay—such as Free Trade and Assisted Immigration—which are mere matters of opinion, will the Government afford the same facilities to any person wishing to publish a reply to the statements contained in Mr. Reid's book?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Mr. Reid offered his work to the late Administration on the following terms:—The Essay to be set up in type; if approved, he proposed to present it to the Government; if rejected, he undertook to defray the expense. This offer was recommended by Members of both Houses and other influential Colonists, and ultimately accepted. 5,000 copies (of which 1,400 were bound in cloth) were published. The cost (including map and panoramic view of Sydney Harbour) was £374 10s. 6d., charged to the Printing Vote.
- (3.) I understand that Mr. Reid's Essay contains some opinions on the subjects alluded to by the Honorable Member, but they are expressed as his own opinions merely, and were incidental only to the main purpose of the work.

(12.) Messrs. Moore, Henderson, & Co.:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any money been paid into the Treasury within the last few days by Moore, Henderson, & Co., or by any member of that firm?
- (2.) If so, what was the amount, and for what goods received by them, and when?

Mr.

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) Yes, on 31st ultimo.
- (2.) £57 9s., on account for unserviceable carbines, pistols, and blankets, sold to Mr. C. K. Moore, in January, 1870, and October and December, 1871.

<i>Particulars of Invoice.</i>	£	s.	d.
2 Pistols, at 7s. 6d.	0	15	0
80 Carbines, at 12s. 6d.	50	0	0
500 Caps (percussion), at 6s.	0	3	0
50 Blankets, old, at 1s. 8d.	4	3	4
3 Rugs, old, at 1s. 8d.	0	5	0
43 Blankets, old, at 1s.	2	3	0
	£57	9	4

(13.) Exemptions under Coal Mines Regulation Act:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has he exempted any Colliery in the Southern or Western Districts from paying their miners by weight, according to the 19th section of the Coal Mines Act?
- (2.) If so, how many are so exempted?
- (3.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the application coming from any such exempted Colliery?
- (4.) Where proprietors are not paying their miners by weight without having been exempted, is it the intention of the Minister to proceed against them for the contravention of the Act?
- (5.) Has the Inspector, as required by the 21st section of the Act, examined and stamped the gauges by which the miners are paid at the exempted Colliceries?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) Two in the Southern, one in the Western, were exempted by the late Government.
- (2.) Only one in the Western District is now exempt.
- (3.) No objection whatever.
- (4 and 5.) The whole case as to the power of the Minister, and as to the Inspector referred to, has been submitted for the opinion of the Crown Law Officers.

(14.) Mr. Arthur Eagar, Orange:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Was a Canvas Truss Bedding sent from the Colonial Stores, on 25th May, 1876, to Mr. Arthur Eagar, Bank of New South Wales, Orange?
- (2.) Did this package contain ten pairs of blankets; if not, how many?
- (3.) If so, were they duly paid for; and will the Treasurer produce the Treasury receipt for payment of the same?
- (4.) Was the carriage per rail also paid?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am not aware how many pairs of blankets the package contained—its weight, as per way-bill, was 20 pounds.
- (3 and 4.) I am informed that the bedding was the property of Mr. Arthur Eagar, by whom the railway charge to Bathurst, 3s. 8d., and coach charge to Orange, 4s. 4d., in all 8s., was paid to Messrs. Cobb & Co.

(15.) Liverpool Asylum:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many inmates are there at present in the Liverpool Asylum?
- (2.) How many baths are there in the Asylum?
- (3.) Does more than one person have to use the same water in each bath; if so, will he give orders that each person shall have clean water to bathe in, and so put a stop to the practice of making more than one person bathe in the same water?
- (4.) Are the old men allowed waistcoats, socks, or neckerchiefs in winter; if not, will he at once give instructions that socks, waistcoats, and neckerchiefs be allowed to them at once for this winter and each succeeding winter?
- (5.) Is he aware that two of the inmates of the above Asylum are compelled to carry pigs food through the town to the doctor's house every day, Sunday included; and will he put a stop to this practice?
- (6.) Has the doctor any right to the refuse food, &c., from this Asylum to feed his pigs on; if not, will he put a stop to this practice?
- (7.) Who is the Contractor for supply of food to the above Asylum; and is he aware that very inferior meat is supplied to the inmates; and will he cause an inquiry to be made into it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished to me in reply to the Honorable Member's questions:—

- (1.) 779. I may state also that it is reported to me, within the last hour, that there are nearly thirty applicants for admission to this Asylum, for whom room cannot be found until other accommodation is provided.
- (2.) Six cemented baths in the bath-room, numerous baths in the hospital wards; hot and cold water is supplied without stint.
- (3.) No, eight men are admitted to the bath-room at a time, and are bathed and dismissed before any others are admitted.
- (4.) Yes, if considered necessary by the Surgeon; neckerchiefs are not supplied, nor have been considered necessary.
- (5.) It is not now the practice; it was formerly the case.
- (6.) No; if not so used it was thrown on the manure heap; it was not considered desirable by the Board of Management to sell it, as it would open the door, it was believed, to irregular practices to enlarge the profits of such sales.
- (7.) Mr. R. L. Dunn is the Contractor for meat, and Messrs. Kidman and Son for flour and groceries. The meat supplied is very good, and every care is taken to prevent the supply of inferior meat.

(16.) Railway Locomotives :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What number of Locomotives has been ordered by the Government from England ?
- (2.) Were Tenders called for in the Colony ?
- (3.) What quantity of Rolling Stock has been ordered by the present Government from England ; what were the reasons the Government did not call for Tenders for supply of Rolling Stock in the Colonies ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1 and 2.) No Locomotives have been ordered as yet by the present Government, but by the outgoing Mail the Agent General will be instructed to invite Tenders in the United Kingdom for twenty-four Locomotives, and to send by Cablegram the names of the Firms tendering, and their prices, with a view of the same being compared with the prices of Colonial Firms for the same engines ; Tenders for which, to be opened on the 14th August next, are to be invited at once in this and the Colony of Victoria. The Cablegram of the English prices and the Colonial Tenders will be received at the same time.

(3.) Eight Composite Carriages of a special design, acknowledged to have given great satisfaction on English Railways, and considered to be an improvement upon the Pullman Car, have been ordered as samples. The interests of Colonial Manufacturers have not been overlooked by the Government, Tenders having been invited in the Colony, and Contracts entered into for the construction of twelve railway carriages. Specifications are also being prepared for a large quantity of additional Rolling Stock, Tenders for which will be invited in the Colony only.

(17.) Publicans Licenses :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What was the number of new Publicans Licenses granted in the City of Sydney during the year 1876 ?
- (2.) What number of new Licenses has been granted during the present year to 31st May, in the City of Sydney ?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) Seventy-three.
- (2.) Thirty-one.

The above Return is of all Licenses granted upon certificates issued at the Police Offices in the City of Sydney, and includes houses situated in the suburbs.

(18.) Breech-loading Carbines for Volunteer Artillery :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Carbines arrived for the use of Volunteer Artillery, for which money was voted last Session ; if not, will the Colonial Secretary state when the Artillery will be supplied with Breech-loaders instead of the present Muzzle-loaders, which are only sighted to carry 300 yards ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—These Carbines have not yet arrived ; as soon as they do arrive they will be supplied to the Artillery.

(19.) Licensed Publicans Act :—Mr. Stuart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce this Session a Bill to amend the Licensed Publicans Act, or "Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862," or to restrict the number of Licensed Public-houses within the City of Sydney ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government can hold out no hope of introducing any such Bill during the present Session.

(20.) Selection by Mr. John Dodd, Murrurundi :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did a Mr. John Dodd select at Murrurundi a previously void selection of W. Roberts ?
- (2.) Is the Minister aware that a Volunteer selection has been made intersecting the land applied for by Dodd ?
- (3.) Is he aware that in consequence of missing papers Dodd has failed to obtain acceptance of his application, and that delay is leading to serious complication, through the purchaser, by Volunteer Land Order, insisting upon effecting improvements upon his claim ?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Part of the land has been represented to have been selected under Volunteer Land Order, but neither the name of the selector, nor the date of selection has been stated.
- (3.) Dodd's selection was declared void, and an order sent to him for refund of his deposit on 6th March last, on the ground that the previous selection of the land had been re-established. He has recently appealed against this decision, and his appeal is under consideration.

(21.) Selections by Robert Barbour :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that four declarations made by Robert Barbour for his children (minors) have been refused, and voidance of the selections ordered, on the grounds that the declarations referred to are not made by the parties who selected ?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Minister that in all cases of minors selections the required declarations must be made by children ?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) It is not the fact that the declarations have been refused or the selections cancelled. The declarations are irregular, but the irregularity can be remedied. The cases have been referred in the ordinary way to the Inspector for verification.
- (2.) Declarations can be made on behalf of the selectors by any person competent in that behalf, subject to the approval of the Minister for Lands.

(22.) Recreation Reserve, Broke :—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Recreation Reserve at Broke be dedicated ?

Mr. Driver answered,—The land referred to being within the limits of the Town of Broke, and having been applied for in addition to the existing Recreation Reserve, it was determined to make a temporary Reserve only of this land, subject to cancellation, and not to dedicate it formally.

(23.) Parliamentary Draftsman :—Mr. Farnell asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—If he has any objection to lay upon the Table of this House any applications he may have received for the office of Parliamentary Draftsman ?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—There will be no objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of any applications which have been received by me for the office of Parliamentary Draftsman.

(24.) Racecourse for Rylstone :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Have any applications been made for a grant of land for a Racecourse at Rylstone ; if so, is the grant to be made, and when ?

Mr. Driver answered,—A petition was received last year from the inhabitants of Rylstone for a grant of land for a Racecourse, and a report and plan have been furnished by the Surveyor, which are now under consideration.

(25.) Bridge at Rylstone :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have instructions been given for repairs to Rylstone Bridge, Cudgegong River ; if not, when will the necessary work be carried out, and what is the cause of the delay ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—In answer to a similar question on the 14th February last, it was stated that there was a difference of opinion as to the mode of repairs. To decide this, it will be necessary for the Commissioner for Roads to visit the locality, which he will do as soon as possible ; there will be then no time lost in carrying out the repairs.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 28th May, 1877, in reference to proposed erection of a Goods Shed at Greta Railway Station.
Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

4. COMPLAINT AGAINST STATION-MASTER AND PORTER, BOWRAL RAILWAY STATION (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Shepherd moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Papers, Documents, and Minutes relative to a complaint made by Messrs. Decent and Korff, store-keepers, of Kangaloon, complaining of the conduct of the Station-master (Mr. Bradley) and Railway-porter Stone, of Bowral, and of the loss of goods.
Question put and passed.

5. COMMISSIONERS AND INSPECTORS OF CONDITIONAL PURCHASES :—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the offices of Commissioners and Inspectors of Conditional Purchases respectively, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act, should, at the expiration of the year 1877, be abolished.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Long,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. McElhone,

Tellers.

Mr. Day,
Mr. W. C. Browne.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Macintosh,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lackey,	Tellers.
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Cameron,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. TRIAL SURVEY FOR RAILWAY BETWEEN MAITLAND AND SYDNEY :—Mr. Scholey proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a Trial Survey for a line of Railway be made between Maitland and Sydney.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bennett, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Burns, Mr. Charles, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Long, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Terry, Mr. J. Watson, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at sixteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Harbour of Refuge at Trial Bay:—Captain Onslow asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the estimated cost of the proposed Prison at Trial Bay?
- (2.) What is the estimated cost of the proposed Breakwater?
- (3.) How far, and to what depth of water, is the Breakwater to be extended?
- (4.) What number of vessels will the harbour of refuge contain?
- (5.) When will the work (if undertaken) be likely to be completed?
- (6.) Will the Government ascertain the opinion of Mr. Clark, the Hydraulic Engineer, as to the feasibility, utility, and probable cost of the undertaking?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Prison, £29,550; Officers quarters, cells, hospital, kitchen, stockade, (say) £15,000. Total, £44,550.
 - (2.) The Honorable Member will find that I answered the Question on the 22nd ultimo, in reply to a similar one from the Honorable Member for West Sydney, Mr. H. C. Dangar.
 - (3.) One mile in length, with ten fathoms of water at end.
 - (4.) The enclosed area outside the three-fathom line will exceed one square mile, estimated to shelter (say) 300 vessels.
 - (5.) It is estimated that 250 prisoners would complete it in twenty-four years. The actual time it will take to complete it will of course depend upon the number of able-bodied prisoners which may from time to time be available.
 - (6.) Mr. Clark's engagement with the Government will not admit of such service.
- (2.) Wrecks and Loss of Life from Shipwreck:—Captain Onslow asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—The number of Wrecks and Loss of Life from Shipwreck, for the period from 31st December, 1870, to the 31st December, 1876, that have taken place:—(1.) Between Port Stephens and the north point of the Colony; (2.) Between Port Stephens and Botany Bay, including the two harbours; (3.) Between Botany Bay and Cape Howe?
- Mr. Fiddington answered,—(1.) Between Port Stephens and the north point of the Colony—wrecks sixty-four; loss of life, eighty-nine. (2.) Between Port Stephens and Botany Bay—wrecks, thirty-three; loss of life, sixteen. (3.) Between Botany Bay and Cape Howe—wrecks, ten; loss of life, sixty-four.

(3.) Improvements upon Lands reserved from Sale:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Having regard to the doubts that exist as to the power of the Crown to prevent the improvement of reserves from sale by lessees of such lands, and to the evils arising from the practice referred to,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session to set such doubts at rest, and prevent the continuance of the practice of improving such reserved lands?

Mr. Driver answered,—I cannot find that under the law, as it now stands, there are any doubts as to the actual rights of the lessees to make improvements upon lands reserved from sale, so long as they are not withdrawn from lease. The matter, no doubt, is beginning to assume an important aspect, but I think it will require more careful consideration than can be bestowed upon it to admit of legislation during the present Session. It will, however, engage the earliest attention of the Government.

(4.)

(4.) Railway Line, Goulburn to Yass:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Long*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What was the cost of construction of the Railway Line from Goulburn to Yass?
- (2.) What was the cost per mile?
- (3.) What was the amount of the original contract?
- (4.) What was the amount paid for extra work?
- (5.) Who were the contractors?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) £390,472 16s., exclusive of land.
- (2.) £7,197 11s.
- (3.) The estimated amount of *Mr. Williams's* contract was £194,766 6s. 1d., but this amount is exclusive of the cost of rails and other ironwork for permanent way, station buildings, platforms, sidings, water supply, gate-houses, extra ballast, straightening rails, &c., &c., &c., and land.
- (4.) The works above named were not extras upon *Mr. Williams's* contract, but additional works, many of them having been executed by other contractors. A list of the extra works on each contract can be furnished, if time be allowed for the purpose of preparing it.
- (5.) *Mr. D. Williams* and others.

(5.) Railway Line, Bathurst to Orange:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Long*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What was the cost of construction of the Railway Line from Bathurst to Orange?
- (2.) What was the cost per mile?
- (3.) What was the amount of the original contract?
- (4.) What was the amount paid for extra work?
- (5.) Who were the contractors?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) The line is not completed, and consequently the final measurements have not been made.
- (2.) Cannot be given yet.
- (3.) The estimated amount of *Mr. Mason's* contract was £171,373 5s. This amount is exclusive of the cost of rails and other ironwork for the permanent way, station buildings, sidings, water supply, gate-houses, extra ballast, straightening rails, &c., &c., &c., and land.
- (4.) The line is not yet finished.
- (5.) *Messrs. Mason and Elkington*.

(6.) Travelling Stock Reserve, Rocks Creek:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will the lease of the Travelling Stock Reserve at Rocks Creek, near Cassilis, be cancelled, and the Reserve thrown open to the public?
- (2.) What is the cause of the delay in opening the above Reserve to the public?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) Most probably in about a fortnight.
- (2.) The matter has been awaiting a recommendation to be submitted by the Surveyor General upon the report received from the District Surveyor, and which I am informed will be sent in immediately.

(7.) Railway Trucks for Conveyance of Cattle:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Will he offer a premium to any person who will construct a Cattle Truck on a principle which will prevent cattle from being bruised and smashed?
- (2.) If not, will he give instructions to have the sides of the trucks padded and sliding bars placed between each beast to prevent their being bruised?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I have given instructions that screw couplings are to be substituted for the ordinary chain coupling on all vehicles used for the conveyance of live stock, and believe that this improvement will prevent the evil complained of. The question of padding the trucks is under the consideration of the Engineer of Existing Lines, and every effort will be made to carry the cattle without injury.

(8.) Travelling Stock Reserves:—*Mr. W. C. Browne* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Does he intend to take any steps with the view of preserving Travelling Stock Reserves for the object for which they were originally intended, and to prevent sheep, travelling for mere feeding purposes, constantly trespassing on them?

Mr. Driver answered,—The matter referred to by the Honorable Member is no doubt one of importance. It is also, however, as it appears to me, one of great difficulty to deal with in an effectual manner. It shall receive consideration as soon as possible.

(9.) Roads, Deniliquin to Conargo, and Conargo to Jerilderie:—*Mr. Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will the road from Deniliquin to Conargo, and from Conargo to Jerilderie, be put in such repair as will make it passable and fit for ordinary traffic?
- (2.) Is the Minister aware that repeated representations have been made to the Works Department for nearly three years, relative to the state of the said roads, and that no action has been taken in the matter?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) When possession of the site of road has been obtained by the Survey Department.
- (2.) Yes; but the matter has been complicated by the road being free selected, and the selectors forcibly prevent the entrance of the Road officers. Complaint to this effect has been forwarded to Lands Department.

(10.) Case of the Police *v.* John Burns :—Mr. R. Forster asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House, with a view to being printed, the Depositions taken in the case of the Police *v.* John Burns, charged with being drunk and disorderly in York-street, Sydney, on 28th June last; also, in the case against the same person, charged with being drunk in George-street, Sydney, on 28th June last?

(2.) Does he know whether there is any foundation for the report that the man Burns has been disabled for life by reason of the beating he is said to have received on 28th June last at the hands of certain members of the Sydney Police Force?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—On behalf of my Honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, I desire to say,—

(1.) There will be no objection to lay copies of the Depositions on the Table of the House.

(2.) The Papers before the Government show some conflict of testimony as to how the injuries, which Burns undoubtedly received, were inflicted.

(11.) Land Office, Gulgong :—Mr. R. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—In view of the great distance of Gulgong from Mudgee,—Is it his intention to establish a Land Office at Gulgong?

Mr. Driver answered,—The distance of Gulgong from Mudgee, in a direct line, is about 16 miles. There does not appear to be any sufficient ground, or any necessity at present, for subdividing the Land District of Mudgee in order to establish a separate Land Office at Gulgong.

(12.) Light on Nobbys :—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to his answer, given on 27th April last, to the Question of the Hon. Member for the Upper Hunter, relating to the obscuration of the light at the Light-house at Nobbys, and consequent endangerment of life,—Has he yet caused further inquiry to be made, with a view to ascertain if the nuisance can be abated, which he then promised he would do; and if so, with what result?

Mr. Piddington answered,—I have ascertained that a Royal Commission has been appointed in England to report on noxious vapours, and when the result of the inquiry is known here it is possible that some practical means may be adopted to abate the nuisance complained of.

(13.) Electoral Bill :—Mr. Scholey asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government in the next Session of Parliament to proceed with the Electoral Bill first, and carry it through this House, and then take up the Estimates for the year 1878, with any other measure promised, preferring the passing of the Electoral Bill to all other business?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Should the Government enter upon the business of a second Session they will introduce an Electoral Bill as one of the first measures, and proceed with it with all the dispatch in their power. It is also their intention to submit the Estimates, and have them passed, if practicable, before the end of the year.

2. PAPERS :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Preliminary Report by His Excellency Sir W. Jervois, R.E., C.B., K.C.M.G., on the Defences of the Colony.

(2.) Return of Live Stock, for the year ended 31 March, 1877.

(3.) Minute of the Postmaster General in reference to alleged late Delivery of Letters in the City. Ordered to be printed.

3. VOLUNTEER FORCE REGULATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Enrolment of Volunteers, and to validate certain claims to Land Orders under the provisions of the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867."
Question put and passed.

4. LECTURES FOR PROMOTING TECHNICAL EDUCATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Committee of the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, the Trustees of the Free Public Library, the Council of the Royal Society, the Senate of the Sydney University, the Committee of the Engineering Association, or any other body, respecting the formation of Evening Classes, and the delivery of courses of Scientific Lectures, for promoting Technical Education in the Colony.
Question put and passed.

5. ENDOWMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on a Further Additional Estimate for 1877, for payment to all the Municipal bodies of the Colony, including the Corporation of the City of Sydney, of a sum equal to the amount received by such bodies for the year 1876, excepting all sums that may have been paid to them as endowment from the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony.
Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive, postponed (*with the concurrence of the House*), to follow the Notice of Motion standing in the name of Sir John Robertson, No. 1 of General Business.

7. AGENT GENERAL FOR THE COLONY :—Sir John Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House desires to express its regret that the Letter of the 2nd May last, forwarded by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary to the Agent General, was characterised, in some respects, by a tone and spirit which ought not to have been assumed in a communication to so distinguished a public functionary.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE, 1877, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion—for the adjournment of the Debate—by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Burns,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Long,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Baker,	

Noes, 21.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Taylor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	

And so it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Selection by John Molloy, Macleay River District:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did a person named John Molloy select 40 acres of land on 3rd August, 1865, in the Macleay River District?

(2.) Did he pay balance of purchase money, £31, in March, 1875; if so, has he got his deeds?

(3.) Has he paid balance of purchase money on 15th February, 1877, viz., £46, on 60 acres selected on 17th August, 1865, in county of Macquarie, parish of Kinchela?

(4.) Has it been reported to him that the Land Agent, Mr. Casey, gave Molloy a receipt on plain paper, and afterwards a receipt in proper form for same, but dated twelve months later?

(5.) Will he cause strict inquiry to be made into the charges made by Molloy against the Land Agent Casey?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) John Molloy did select as mentioned.

(2.) The balance of purchase money was credited at the Treasury on the 6th May, 1876. The deed has been prepared, and is now, with others, ready for execution.

(3.) There is no record of the payment of balance upon this selection.

(4 and 5.) A communication has been received, and registered this day, from the selector, through Mr. McElhone, M.P., and will receive due attention.

(2.) Offices of Examiner of Coal Fields and Under Secretary for Mines:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) As there is a Geological Surveyor, is it the intention of the Government to abolish the office of Examiner of Coal Fields?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to secure the services of a properly qualified Mining Engineer to replace the present Under Secretary for Mines?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) The duties of the Examiner of Coal Fields are not identical with those of the Geological Surveyor.

(2.) No.

(3.) Water Supply for Newcastle, East and West Maitland, and Morpeth:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will Mr. Clark, the Hydraulic Engineer, start for the Hunter District to report on a scheme for Water Supply?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint an Engineer to report generally on Water Supply to the various Mining, Agricultural, and Pastoral Districts of the Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I am not in a position to say when Mr. Clark will proceed to the Hunter. He is now engaged, as I informed the House a few days ago, upon the examination of the best means of making provision for the sewerage of Sydney, and until that inquiry is over he will not undertake any other duty; but, however, I will see Mr. Clark to-morrow, and have already taken steps for that purpose, and ascertain what time he has at his disposal, and when he will be ready to go to the Hunter. Mr. Clark's engagements will not permit him to stay in the Colony very long.

(2.) That matter has not yet been under the consideration of the Government.

(4.)

(4.) Mr. Maunsell, Land Agent, Moama:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will he cause a rigid inquiry to be made into the conduct of Mr. Maunsell, Land Agent, Moama, as to his treatment of a selector named Nicholas Rescigh, of Eaglehawk, Victoria, who selected on Sir J. O'Shanassy's Moira Run?

(2.) Will he send some competent person to report on this case?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Instructions have already been given for the Land Agent to report on the allegations of the selector as to the ballot between him and one Berryman for certain land, in which the latter was successful. Meantime, as Rescigh stated his wish to have his deposit refunded, to enable him to select other land, an order has been sent to him for the amount.

(2.) The case will be further dealt with, as may seem advisable, on receipt of the Land Agent's explanation.

(5.) Road from Signal Station to Watsons Bay:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Who are the Trustees of the road from the Signal Station, South Head, to Watsons Bay?

(2.) Is he aware that it is now in a highly dangerous condition from neglect of repairs?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) The South Head Road Trust, consisting of Messrs. T. W. Smart, Wm. Perry, W. Wallis, G. Thorne, T. Broughton, J. Buckland, E. O'Brien, J. Fairfax, and R. A. Hunt.

(2.) The Secretary to the Road Trust informs me that the condition of the road in question has been under the consideration of the Trustees, and that orders have been given to effect such repairs as the funds of the Trust will permit.

(6.) Proclaimed Municipal Councils:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—The names of all Municipal Councils proclaimed under the Municipalities Acts, and date of Proclamations?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will to-morrow lay a Return on the Table, giving the information required.

(7.) Site for Imperial Naval Depôt:—Mr. H. C. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any application been made to this or any preceding Government by the Imperial authorities for a cession of Fort Macquarie or Dawes Point, or any water frontage site, for the purposes of a Naval Depôt?

(2.) What answer, if any, has been returned to such application?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Such an application has been made through the Commodore.

(2.) The willingness of the Government to give a site in exchange for Garden Island and the Stores at Circular Quay, was communicated to Commodore Chapman in the year 1875.

(8.) Boat Race between Rush and Trickett:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether, in view of the contemplated boat race between Rush and Trickett, to take place on the Parramatta River on the 30th instant, any special arrangements have been or will be made to preserve order on the river, and to avoid, as far as possible, any danger to or sacrifice of life from overcrowding, collision, or other accident; and if such arrangements have been or will be made, to whom will the duty of seeing them carried out be intrusted?

(2.) If such arrangements have not been made, will the Colonial Treasurer give the matter his immediate attention?

Mr. Piddington answered,—Special arrangements will be made by the Marine Board to endeavour to preserve order and to prevent the overcrowding of steamers on the occasion alluded to.

(9.) Bailiff Maybury, Goulburn:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Bailiff Maybury, of Goulburn, is in receipt of a salary from a sectarian society, over and above his salary as Bailiff of the Supreme Court?

(2.) Considering the delicate duties to be performed by Bailiff Maybury in his capacity of Sheriff's Officer, is it consistent that he should hold the two offices, namely, Sheriff's Bailiff and Secretary in connection with the Church of England?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Sheriff that Mr. Maybury holds the appointment of Secretary to the Church Society at Goulburn, for which, he believes, he receives a salary, and that he obtained the permission of the former Sheriff before he accepted it.

(10.) Goods Traffic at Redfern Railway Station:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What is the tonnage of Goods Traffic carried on the Railway to Redfern, and also, what is the total tonnage of Goods Traffic from Redfern?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The total tonnage to Redfern, exclusive of Darling Harbour, for the year 1876, was 72,479 tons, and the total tonnage from Redfern was 101,105 tons.

(11.) Mr. G. H. Reid:—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Byrnes, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Does the cost of printing Mr. Reid's work on New South Wales, amounting to £374 10s. 6d., include the binding and postage of same?

(2.) How many copies have been sold, and the amount realised by such sale?

(3.) How many copies were printed, and how many remain in stock?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) The cost given, namely £374 10s. 6d., includes the binding, which amounts to £151, but does not include postage (£23 7s. 2d.) Most of the copies were shipped to England and America for free distribution.

(2.) 179 copies; amount realised, £13 9s. 3d.

(3.) 5,000 printed; 205 remain in stock.

(12.)

(12.) Alleged Discovery of Limestone near Walgett:—*Mr. Baker*, on behalf of *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has it been reported to the Government that a Limestone reef or bed of Lime has been found near the town of Walgett?

(2.) Do the Government intend to reserve the land containing such for public use?

Mr. Driver answered,—No report of any such discovery has been received in the Lands Department.

(13.) Existence of Coal under Sydney:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Geological Surveyor has reported that Coal may be found under Sydney at a depth of from 600 to 1,500 feet?

(2.) If so, can the Secretary for Mines kindly inform the House upon what data the above conclusion was arrived at?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) Yes; the report has recently been laid upon the Table of the House.

(2.) The Geological Surveyor states in his report upon what data his opinion is based.

(14.) Boring for Coal in or near Sydney:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the present Geological Surveyor ever made an estimate of the probable cost of sinking a shaft or putting down a bore for Coal in or near Sydney?

(2.) If so, how often has he prepared such estimate, and on what dates?

(3.) What has been the amount of such estimates on each occasion when they were so prepared?

(4.) What is the depth of the supposed shaft or bore?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The Geological Surveyor has not furnished any such estimate to the Department, and has not been instructed so to do?

(15.) *Mr. C. E. Smith*, Police Magistrate, Narrabri:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that a person named John Byrne, complained to *Mr. C. E. Smith*, Police Magistrate of Narrabri, that he had seen a horse of his, that he had lost, driven by a person in his team, through Narrabri, and that the Police Magistrate, *Mr. Smith*, refused to grant *Mr. Byrne* a summons or a warrant against the man who had his property in his possession, saying that *Mr. Byrne* might sue in the District Court for the value of the horse?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No papers appear to have been received in reference to this subject, but inquiry is now being made of the Police Magistrate at Narrabri respecting it.

(16.) Additions to Court House, Grenfell:—*Mr. Baker* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has any contract been taken for the Additions to the Court House at Grenfell; if not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—A new Court House was finished in 1874, at a cost of £1,480. A tender has been accepted for the erection of a Watch-house, at a cost of £1,300; and one for the erection of Police Buildings at Grenfell, at a cost of £895. It does not, however, appear from the records of the Public Works Department that any application has been made for Additions to the Court House at this place.

(17.) Messrs. Moore, Henderson, & Co.:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) In reference to answers to his Question on 5th June instant,—Why were Moore, Henderson, & Co. allowed to have a quantity of Government Stores for over seven years without paying for them?

(2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made of the Under Secretary and Storekeeper as to why these parties were not compelled to pay for the goods years ago?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) On inquiry, I find that in consequence of an alleged short delivery of carbines the claim was allowed to remain in abeyance for a considerable time, and although repeated applications had been made for a settlement, it was not until the date mentioned that one was effected.

(2.) The goods having been purchased in 1870 and 1871, when the late *Mr. Lane* was Under Secretary, *Mr. Eagar*, the present Under Secretary, had in consequence no knowledge of the claim. The Superintendent of Stores also informs me that as Messrs. Moore, Henderson, & Co. have had the Government contracts for clothing during the whole period this claim has remained unpaid, he did not consider it necessary to compel payment, as there was always a large sum due to them under their contracts. As this view of the matter is, in my opinion, erroneous, I have given such instructions as will, I trust, prevent anything of the kind occurring in the future.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 32.

In pursuance of the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month ending 30th June, 1877.

Government House,
Sydney, 6th June, 1877.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

4. GLOUCESTER-STREET ALTERATION LEGALIZING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hoskins*, on behalf of *Mr. Driver*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the alteration of a certain street known as Gloucester-street in the City of Sydney.
Question put and passed.
5. MR. GERAUD KREFFT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Davies* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Letters, and Papers having reference to the removal from office of Gerard Krefft, late Curator of the Australian Museum; also, copies of Bond and Inventory of goods belonging to *Mr. Krefft*.
Question put and passed.
6. GLOUCESTER-STREET ALTERATION LEGALIZING BILL:—*Mr. Driver* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the alteration of a certain street known as Gloucester-street in the City of Sydney*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Piddington*, *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 this day.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee;—*to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply*.
(2.) Audit Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Monday next*.
9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—*Mr. Piddington* moved, That *Mr. Speaker* do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 JUNE, 1877, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at eleven minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 8 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Main Western Road between Wellington and Dubbo:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a Petition received, signed by Mr. Richard Powell and others, of Ponto, complaining of the closing of that portion of Main Western Road running through Brown's Gugalman Paddock, which has been used for over twenty years?

(2.) Will not the closing of the above road render the whole of the business places, inns, and residences utterly useless?

(3.) Will not the closing of the above road cut off all mail communication with Wellington and Dubbo?

(4.) Who applied for, and through whose land is the new line of road to go?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) I am not aware.

(4.) Mr. John Brown; through Crown land.

- (2.) Lock-up, Greta:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have been taken towards the erection of a Lock-up at Greta, for which a site was obtained by the Government some time ago?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have this day ascertained from the Department of Works that a suitable site for a Lock-up at Greta has been selected. Tenders for the erection of the building will therefore be invited without delay.

- (3.) Trial Survey for Railway from Sydney to Great Northern Railway:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Whether the Government intend to complete the Trial Survey for a Railway from Sydney to the Great Northern Railway, which was ordered and in part carried out by the late Government, at an expense of £1,420 12s. 7d.?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The difficulties of the country which this Railway would pass through are so great, and as the Surveyors were urgently required elsewhere, it was not considered desirable to continue the Survey at present.

- (4.) Reserves, Darling River:—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will the Reserves, notified 30 October, 1874, on the south side of the Darling River, be opened?

(2.) Is the Government aware that many families are waiting to take advantage of and settle down upon these Reserves; and will the matter receive early attention?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) A number of Reserves, most of them on the south side of the Darling River, were notified on the 30th October, 1874, and I am not aware of any application having been made for the opening up of these Reserves.

(2.) If the Honorable Member will give some more definite information on the subject, and as to the particular Reserves he alludes to, the matter will be inquired into.

(5.)

(5.) Department of Justice and Public Instruction:—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What amount was voted by this House, and what sum was fixed by the Appropriation Act, as salary for 3rd Clerk in the Department of Justice and Public Instruction for the year 1876?
- (2.) Did this officer receive the amount voted for 1876, and did he receive it under the authority of the Governor and the Executive Council?
- (3.) Will he state the necessity, if any, of placing the sum of £50 on the Supplementary Estimates as an increase to this officer's salary for 1876, if he has already received the amount voted by this House for the office he holds?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) £300.
- (2.) Not during the year 1876; he received at the rate of £250 per annum for that year. On 7th May, 1877, he was paid the difference of £50, which (under authority of the Governor and Executive Council) was advanced, pending a Vote, from the Treasurer's Advance Account.
- (3.) To recoup the amount so advanced from the Treasurer's Advance Account.

(6.) Mr. Wilkinson, Geological Surveyor:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How long has Mr. Wilkinson, the Geological Surveyor, been in the employ of the Mining Department of this Colony?
- (2.) Where was he previously employed, for how long, and at what salary?
- (3.) Was he ever at any time employed as a Geologist previous to his arrival in this Country?
- (4.) Has he had any previous experience in the examination of coal strata; and, if so, where?
- (5.) Is it a fact that Mr. Wilkinson is allowed to report on private property at a charge of three guineas in each case; if so, upon whose property has he been so employed?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) Since the Department was established, in 1874.
- (2.) In the Surveyor General's Department, from 16 August, 1870, to 16 July, 1874, as a Licensed Surveyor, and from 16 July, 1874, to 31 August, 1874, as Geological Surveyor. In the former capacity he was paid according to scale for the surveys made; in the latter his salary was the same as now, viz., £400 per annum.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) In the absence of the Geological Surveyor this Question cannot be answered.
- (5.) No.

(7.) Issue of Government Stores on Loan:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What goods have been issued on loan from the Government Stores since January, 1873, to date?
- (2.) Who were they rented to?
- (3.) What amount of money was paid as rent for them?
- (4.) Were any of the goods returned; if so, on what dates?

Mr. Piddington answered,—A Return is in course of preparation, which will be laid upon the Table in a few days.

(8.) Messrs. Harper, Keele, and Lord, Inspectors of Conditional Purchases:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many cases has Inspector Harper reported on since the date of his appointment, on 31st March last?
- (2.) Has the Minister for Lands arrived at any decision in the case of Messrs. Keele and Lord, Inspectors of Conditional Purchases?
- (3.) If so, when was the decision arrived at?
- (4.) What was the decision?
- (5.) Has the decision been carried into effect?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Harper has reported on forty-three cases since the date of his appointment.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) About a fortnight ago.
- (4.) Messrs. Lord and Keele, respectively, have been censured and removed to other districts.
- (5.) The instructions were issued, but there has not yet been time for the officers named to comply with them.

(9.) Stamp Duties Act:—Mr. Day asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that a large amount of money is due as refunds to persons who paid too much to the Commissioner under the late Stamp Act?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make the necessary arrangements to refund this money to those entitled to it; if so, when?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) I am not in a position to say whether a large amount is due in the way stated until the accounts are rendered by the executors and administrators in the various estates on which preliminary payments of duty have been made.
- (2.) The only arrangements for refund would be by Bill, but it is not intended to deal with the matter this Session.

(10.) Parliamentary Library:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have any books been lately stolen out of the Parliamentary Library?
- (2.) If so, has the matter been placed in the hands of the police, and with what result?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I learn from the police authorities that in April last two books belonging to the Parliamentary Library were handed to the police by a dealer who had purchased them from a pawnbroker. The pawnbroker said he had bought them from a person named William Jones, for whom a warrant was issued. The description of the person who sold the books to the pawnbroker was a very vague one, and he has not been traced.

(11.) Kerbing and Guttering Main Roads passing through Municipalities :—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it usual for the Government to pay one-half of the expense for kerbing and guttering the Main Roads which pass through Municipalities?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—It is not usual; but a contribution has been given from the tolls collected in the centre of the Municipalities of Camperdown, Petersham, and Ashfield, of a moiety of the cost of kerbing and guttering some places on the Main Western Road which would be in a dangerous state without it.

2. RESERVE FOR ACCESS TO WATER, EAST MAITLAND :—Mr. Wisdom presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town, and Ratepayers of the Borough, of East Maitland, representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the enclosure on the Reserve for access to Water, in the Town of East Maitland, should not be removed, but remain as at present; and praying this House to take the Petition into its favourable consideration.
Petition received.
3. ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT STORES ON LOAN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) All Government property issued on loan to public or private persons from Government or Ordnance Stores, from 1873 to date.
(2.) The names of the persons who received these stores, and when.
(3.) Have they been returned, and when.
(4.) On what terms were the goods rented.
Question put and passed.
4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 22nd June.

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes after Ten o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 11 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public School, Castlereagh:—Mr. Shepherd asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any application for the erection of a Public School been made by the residents of Castlereagh; if so, when?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a Public School at Castlereagh; and if so, when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) There was an application from the people of Castlereagh for the establishment of a Public School in the month of July last.
 (2.) The Council of Education has decided to erect new School Buildings when a suitable site out of the reach of flood water can be obtained.
 (2.) District Court, Coonamble:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has a Petition been received from the Inhabitants of Coonamble, asking for the establishment of a District Court and Quarter Sessions there; and what steps do the Government purpose taking in the matter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A Petition was lately received from certain Inhabitants of the town and district of Coonamble, asking for the establishment of a District Court and Quarter Sessions at that township. Inquiries are now being made in reference to Gaol and Court House accommodation, and the whole subject will receive the early consideration of the Government.

- (3.) Dr. Beer:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the Attorney General did not find a true bill against Dr. Beer for the crime he was tried and convicted of in 1856?

Mr. Windeyer answered,—The original depositions in this case appear to have been mislaid. Although every search has been made, at present they cannot be found, and, therefore, I am not in a position to state what the finding of the Attorney General of the day was; but I presume Dr. Beer was put upon his trial for the offence for which the Attorney General directed him to be tried.

- (4.) Greta Railway Station:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Whether he has arrived at a final decision in the matter of the proposed erection of a Goods Shed at Greta; and if so, of what nature?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—To enable me to arrive at a decision in this matter, I directed the Engineer for Existing Lines, who was at the North inspecting the Railway Works, to visit Greta, and inquire as to the necessity for a Goods Shed there. As it appears that the traffic will justify the outlay, the erection of a small Goods Shed, sufficient to admit of two trucks being unloaded at the same time, has been authorized.

- (5.) Post and Telegraph Office, Grenfell:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has any Contract been taken for the Additions to the Post and Telegraph Office at Grenfell; if not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Tenders for the Additions to these buildings have been received, and are now under consideration.

(6.)

(6.) Site of old Stockade, Springwood :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—If he will be pleased to lay upon the Table of this House the Report of the District Surveyor on the Government Stockade at Springwood; also, his Report on the application of Thomas Boland, including the Stockade in his conditional purchases; together with all Applications, Correspondence, Plans, and Transfers, showing the amount paid on same to 8th June, 1877?

Mr. Driver answered,—I am not aware of any objection.

2. RESERVE FOR ACCESS TO WATER, EAST MAITLAND (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Wisdom, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Wisdom on the 8th instant, from certain Residents of East Maitland, relative to the Water Reserve of that town, be printed.

Question put and passed.

3. DEFENCES OF THE COLONY :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the recommendations contained in the Preliminary Report of His Excellency Sir William Jervois, C.B., K.C.M.G., and the expediency of making more adequate provision for the Military and Naval Defence of the Colony.

Question put and passed.

4. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly.

Question put and passed.

5. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, 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 House adjourned, at ten minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Commissioner Rose:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Lynch, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. Commissioner Rose issued a warrant for a witness, and had him brought 50 miles as a prisoner, to give evidence in a disputed case?

(2.) Is there a similar case on record in connection with the administration of the land laws of the Colony?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) The circumstances alluded to have not previously been brought under notice, but due inquiry shall be made respecting them.

(2.) I am not aware of any similar case having occurred in connection with the land administration; but witnesses not appearing, or refusing to give evidence, when duly summoned, before Commissioners' Courts of Inquiry, are liable to be dealt with as the law directs.

(2.) Selection by Samuel Ring, junior, at Timbribangi:—*Mr. Baker*, on behalf of Mr. Lord, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether he has received any letters in reference to the Selection of Mr. Samuel Ring, junior, at Timbribangi?

(2.) What number of acres of land have been allotted to him, and when will they be granted?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) A letter was received from Samuel Ring, dated 6th March last, respecting his Selection, which was declared void, as being wholly within Village Reserve No. 705, notified on the 10th May, 1876.

(2.) No land has been allotted to the applicant, his Selection having been inadmissible.

(3.) Cartage of Warlike Stores:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were public Tenders invited for the cartage of Warlike Stores to the Batteries on the north side of the harbour; and from whom were Tenders received?

(2.) What was the amount, at per ton, or in a gross sum, of each Tender?

(3.) What amount has been paid, or is now due, to the successful tenderer for all work or supplies furnished by him or them to the Government in any Department, from January 1st, 1875, to present date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Tenders were invited in 1871 by the Government of Sir James Martin, and Tenders were received from Messrs. Woods, Shortland, & Co. Tenders were again invited in 1874 by the Government of Mr. Parkes, and were received from Messrs. Woods, Shortland, Barber, & Co., and from John Coyle. In the present year Tenders were invited by the present Government, and were received from Messrs. Woods, Barber, & Co., from Messrs. Shortland & Sons, and from Messrs. Sutton, Lee, & Johnstone.

(2.) In 1871, at the rate of 30s. per ton, from Blue's Point, Messrs. Woods, Shortland, & Co.

In 1874, rate 17s. per ton, from Sirius Cove, Woods, Shortland, Barber, & Co.

Do. rate 20s. do. do. John Coyle.

In 1877, rate 10s. do. do. Woods, Barber, & Co.

Do. rate 10s. do. do. Shortland & Sons.

Do. rate 15s. do. do. Sutton, Lee, & Johnstone.

(3.)

(3.) £381 16s. 8d. was paid in 1871, and there is nothing further due for the services of that year. £69 13s. 6d. was paid in 1874, and there is nothing further due for that year; but sundry cartages were performed during that period by Messrs. Woods, Shortland, Barber, & Co., for which they received £7. £5 0s. 6d. was paid to Messrs. Woods, Barber, & Co., and £2 5s. to Messrs. Shortland & Sons, for sundry cartages performed by them during the year 1876. There is nothing due for the year 1877, as the work has not yet been commenced; but £8 18s. 6d. has been paid to Messrs. Shortland & Sons for sundry cartages performed by them.

(4.) Immigrants Home, East Maitland:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Immigrants Home, formerly standing upon Crown Land, East Maitland, was sold by the Municipal Council?

(2.) Is he aware upon whose authority the Council sold this building, and what has become of the proceeds?

(3.) If the Government did not authorize the sale or receive the proceeds, what action do they intend to take in this matter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The information which the Honorable Member desires will be best furnished by my laying on the Table a letter I have received from the Mayor of East Maitland, which I will presently do.

(5.) Defences of the Colony:—Mr. Byrnes, on behalf of Mr. Combes, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to take any steps towards carrying out the suggestions embodied in the Report of His Excellency Sir William Jervois, with reference to the proposed alteration in our Colonial Defences and the formation of a body of Militia; if so, when?

(2.) Were any instructions given to Sir William Jervois with reference to the limit of proposed expenditure in any branch of the Defence Service?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) With reference to the first of these Questions, I think, as I have given notice that I intend to ask the House to go into Committee on Thursday to consider the whole question, the Honorable Member will need no further answer.

(2.) No instructions of any kind whatever were given to Sir William Jervois.

(6.) Breech-loading Carbines for Volunteer Artillery:—Mr. Byrnes, on behalf of Mr. Combes, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government ordered from England the 1,000 Henry Carbines for which the amount of £5,450 was voted last Session; if so, when is it expected that these Carbines will arrive, and is it intended to issue them to the Volunteer Artillery upon arrival?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—These Carbines have been ordered, and I have already informed the House, in answer to other Questions, that we do not know the time when they will arrive, but on their arrival they will be distributed to the Forces.

(7.) Fuel and Light for Watch-houses:—Mr. Bennett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the money voted for Fuel and Light for Watch-houses in the Colony actually expended in such Watch-houses?

(2.) If not, how is such amount disposed of, and by whose authority?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Vote, as taken for Fuel and Light for Lock-ups and Police Stations, is used for such purposes.

(2.) Supplies are issued in accordance with an authorized scale.

(8.) Council of Education:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will the Report of the Council of Education be laid upon the Table?

(2.) Should that Report not have been laid upon the Table six months ago?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I expect to lay the Report upon the Table of the House to-morrow.

(2.) The Public Schools Act requires that this Report should be presented to His Excellency the Governor before the 31st March.

(9.) The Bishop of Sydney:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Bishop of the Church of England has gone to England?

(2.) Did he apply for leave to go, and has he gone with his full salary; and if so, how much is that salary?

(3.) Who granted him the leave; and if he has gone on full salary, who allowed this?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Bishop applied for leave of absence for fifteen months. Nothing was said as to his salary, but he stated that he purposed appointing the Dean of Sydney as Vicar-General, to discharge the duties of his office during his absence.

(3.) Leave was granted by the Governor in Council, on the 15th February of this year.

(10.) Reprieve of William Burns and J. T. Mack:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that two men named William Burns and J. T. Mack were tried at the late sittings of the Criminal Court at Darlinghurst for rape, found guilty, and sentenced to death?

(2.) Is it true that the aforesaid two men broke into the house where the rape was committed, seized a young girl of fourteen years of age, the daughter of the lady and gentleman residing there, threw her down, and while one held her the other committed the capital crime?

(3.) Is it true that the jury offered no recommendation to mercy, and that the Judge, in passing sentence, stated, more than once, that it was the most brutal and detestable case of rape that had ever come under his notice, and held out no hope of mercy? (4.)

- (4.) Is it true that the case of these men has since been considered by the Executive Council, and the men reprieved?
 (5.) Did the Judge who tried the case recommend this reprieve; and if so, on what grounds?
 (6.) What is the sentence that these men have now to suffer?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) It is true that two men of the reputed names stated here were tried at the Criminal Court at Darlinghurst for rape.

(2.) I do not feel that I am in a position to give an affirmative answer to this Question. There is some conflict of testimony as to whether one of these men was present at all, and an inquiry will be instituted with the view to discover whether this person was there or not.

(3.) I am not in a position to say whether the Judge used the terms which are here attributed to him, or whether he did not.

(4 and 5.) The case was considered by the Governor in Council, and, on the recommendation of the Judge who tried the prisoners, the capital sentence was not carried out.

(6.) The sentence, as it now stands, is ten years—the first year in irons.

- (11.) Post and Telegraph Office, Molong:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has any money been voted for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Molong; if so, what is the reason the Government is not proceeding with the work, and when will Tenders be called for the same?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Money has been voted for this purpose; the only cause of delay in proceeding with the erection of the building is the difficulty experienced in determining on a site which will be satisfactory to the residents—that originally fixed by the Department having been petitioned against by a large number of the residents.

- (12.) Stamp Duties Act:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—In view of the announcement made by the Treasurer, that it is not the intention of the Government to introduce a new Stamp Bill, will he order a refund to be made to the holders of unused Duty Stamps, purchased when the late Act was in force?

Mr. Piddington answered,—Under the circumstances stated, the Government are prepared to recognise the claims of the holders of unused Duty Stamps for a refund of the value of any that may be returned.

- (13.) Blankets for Aborigines:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any Government Blankets been sent to any of the Messrs. Bucknell for distribution to the Aborigines?

(2.) If so; how many pairs were sent, and on what date?

Mr. Piddington answered,—In answer to this Question of the Honorable Member, I beg to read a paper drawn up by Mr. Thomson, the Examiner of Accounts,—

“The Messrs. Bucknell made application by letter, dated the 17th February, 1876, for 100 Blankets, for distribution amongst the blacks in the places therein mentioned. That application was referred in the usual manner to the Superintendent of Stores for report. On receipt of his report, the Treasurer, then Mr. Stuart, approved of the issue. The Blankets were accordingly issued on 2nd March, and forwarded, I understand, to Mr. J. Crocker, who was sending up supplies to the stations of the Messrs. Bucknell, but the letter of advice was forwarded by post to the Bench of Magistrates, Gwydir.

“In response to an application from the Superintendent of Stores, dated 15th October, 1876, the Messrs. Bucknell furnished a return, from which it appeared that only 20 Blankets had been issued out of their 100, in consequence of a neighbouring squatter and magistrate having shared with them some of the supply obtained for the blacks in the year 1875. Owing to this circumstance, the Messrs. Bucknell stated that they would not require any additional supply for the year 1877.”

2. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) List of the Municipalities created under the Acts of 1858 and 1867, and the dates of Proclamation.

(2.) Letter from the Mayor of East Maitland, respecting the Immigrants Home in that Town. Ordered to be printed.

3. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO THE CIRCULAR QUAY:—The following Petitions, in favour of the Extension of the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Macintosh. From certain Residents of Sydney and Suburbs. Petition read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

(2.) By Mr. Hill. From certain Residents of Burwood and vicinity. Petitions received.

4. BRIDGE, PARRAMATTA PARK:—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year “1877,” the sum of £800, to defray the expenses of erecting two Wrought-iron Lattice Bridges in the Parramatta Park—one across the Great Western Railway, at 15 miles 2 chains from Sydney, and the other across the fresh water stream forming the head of the Parramatta River, near to the site of the old Volunteer Bridge; each bridge to be for the accommodation of foot passengers only.

Debate ensued.

Mr. H. C. Dangar moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the figures “1877,” in the fourth line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “a sufficient sum to defray the expense of erecting a Wrought-iron Lattice Bridge in the Parramatta Park, across the fresh water stream forming the head of the Parramatta River, near to the site of the old Volunteer Bridge; such bridge to be for the accommodation of foot passengers only.”

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

Debate continued.

Question—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and negatived.
 Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted—put and passed.

Question then—That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sufficient sum to defray the expense of erecting a Wrought-iron Lattice Bridge in the Parramatta Park, across the fresh water stream forming the head of the Parramatta River, near to the site of the old Volunteer Bridge; such Bridge to be for the accommodation of foot passengers only—put and passed.

5. PYRMONT BRIDGE :—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Tolls on the Pyrmont Bridge should be abolished.

(2.) That, in order to carry this object into effect, the Government be empowered to enter into negotiations with the Directors of the Pyrmont Bridge Company at once for the purchase of the above Bridge.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

6. MR. G. R. DIBBS, M.P. :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—

(1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House (*as an Exhibit only*), the original Certificate referred to in the letters of the Collector of Customs under date 25th March and 28th March, 1872, embodied in the Correspondence laid before the Legislative Assembly on the 12th June, 1872, respecting papers taken from the Custom House by Mr. George R. Dibbs.

(2.) The like in regard to the fresh Certificate issued to Mr. Yeager.

(3.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Correspondence, &c., in this case.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. DEPARTMENT OF MINES :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A detailed statement of all work performed by the Examiners of Coal Fields, the Geological Surveyor, the Inspector of Coal Mines, and the Inspector of Metallic Mines, during the last five years; together with an account of the salaries, expenses, &c., paid to the said officers, and the fees received by them or the Government from private persons or public companies for surveys, reports, &c., made by them, or under their direction.

(2.) A detailed statement of the Surveys, Inspections, Plans, Sections, &c., that have been made by the present Examiner of Coal Fields, and the cost thereof, from the date of his appointment till now.

(3.) A detailed statement of Surveys, Inspections, Plans, Sections, &c., that have been made by the Government Geologist, and the cost thereof, from the date of Mr. Wilkinson's appointment till now.

(4.) Copies of all Reports, Plans, Sections, &c., made by the Examiners of Coal Fields, the Geological Surveyor, the Inspector of Coal Mines, and the Inspector of Metallic Mines, to the Government or others, during the several appointments of said officers."

Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of paragraph (4.)

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

Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and negatived.

Question then put,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A detailed statement of all work performed by the Examiners of Coal Fields, the Geological Surveyor, the Inspector of Coal Mines, and the Inspector of Metallic Mines, during the last five years; together with an account of the salaries, expenses, &c., paid to the said officers, and the fees received by them or the Government from private persons or public companies for surveys, reports, &c., made by them, or under their direction.

(2.) A detailed statement of the Surveys, Inspections, Plans, Sections, &c., that have been made by the present Examiner of Coal Fields, and the cost thereof, from the date of his appointment till now.

(3.) A detailed statement of Surveys, Inspections, Plans, Sections, &c., that have been made by the Government Geologist, and the cost thereof, from the date of Mr. Wilkinson's appointment till now.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Wardon,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Driver,	Tellers.
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Baker,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Jacob.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Tellers.
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Shepherd.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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8. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—

(1.) Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Stuart *presented* a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862,*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 22nd June.

9. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO THE CIRCULAR QUAY :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, “ That ” this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Railway ought to be extended from the present terminus at Redfern to the Circular Quay without unnecessary delay.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Hoskins moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word “ That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “ it be referred to a Select Committee, to consider and report upon the expediency of extending the Railway from the present terminus at Redfern to some part of the northern extremity of the city, and the most desirable site for the northern terminus of such extension.

“ That such Committee consist of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Abbott, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Macintosh, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Hill, Mr. Booth; and the Mover.”

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. H. C. Dangar moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE, 1877, A.M.

Question—That this Debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned till Friday, 22nd June.

The House adjourned, at three minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day;

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Abolition of Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Crown Law Officers yet given their opinion on the necessity of a Bill to carry out the Resolution of this House relative to the abolition of Tolls; and if they have, will he state what that opinion is?

(2.) If an opinion is not yet given, when is it likely to be forthcoming?

(3.) Should the opinion be given during the present Session, and if it is affirmative as to the necessity of legislation, will the Government introduce a Bill this Session, in fulfilment of the desire of the House, as expressed in the Resolution referred to?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I have the opinion in my hand, and will lay it on the Table presently.

(3.) The opinion states that legislation is not required to abolish certain Tolls collected and leased by the Department from termination of engagements, amounting to £16,491; but that if certain other Tolls are abolished, the Government must make provision to take over the liabilities of same, or, indeed, to take charge of the roads on which they are being now collected. As the whole charge will involve an annual expenditure of £22,284, and an immediate payment of £12,800 loans, the Government have not decided to bring in any Bill until provision has been made to meet these liabilities, for which an Estimate will be submitted to Parliament; but in compliance with the Resolution of the House, the Government will cease to collect at end of year all Tolls which can be abandoned without legislation, leaving the remainder to be abolished by a comprehensive Act next Session which would deal fully with the whole road and municipal legislation.

- (2.) Salaries of Railway Officials:—Mr. McElhone, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that there is a difference of £150 a year in the salaries of the Cashier of the Northern Railway Line and the Cashier of the Southern and Western Lines?

(2.) Is there any difference in the duties of the two officers?

(3.) What is the amount of receipts for the year ending 31st December, 1876, on the Great Northern Railway and the Southern and Western Railway Lines respectively?

(4.) Will he take steps to have the salaries of these officers equalized on the next Estimates?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) I am informed that there is this difference in the salaries paid to these officers.

(2.) Yes, the duties of the Cashier of the Southern and Western Lines are more responsible than those of the Cashier of the Northern Line, and he has to perform duties in connection with the receipts and expenditure of the Northern Line as well as those of the South and West Lines.

(3.) The amount of receipts for the year 1876 was—for Northern Line, £180,359; South and West, £499,091.

(4.) The salaries of these officers will be considered when next Estimates are being prepared, but the salary of the Northern Cashier cannot be made equal to that of the Cashier of the South and West Lines.

- (3.) Pre-lease of William Brien:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What is the decision arrived at in regard to the Pre-lease of Wm. Brien, and particularized in a letter sent in by Mr. Hurley, M.P. (*Hartley*), on 4th of January last, and to which no reply has been received?

Mr. Driver answered,—The decision arrived at is, that Brien must take his Pre-lease to the north-east of his purchased land, and north of J. Wilson's conditional purchase—Wilson having applied for and had his lease approved previously to the receipt of Brien's application.

(4.)

- (4.) Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What arrangements have been made by the Lands Department with reference to the time of payment of Interest on Conditional Purchases. Is it required that payment should commence at the expiration of three years from the time of selection, or three years from the date of survey?
 - (2.) Is it required that the declaration on Conditional Purchases should be made three years from the date of selection, or three years from the date of survey?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) The Interest upon Conditional Purchases or balance of purchase money is, by law, payable at the end of three years from the date of purchase. The date of survey has no bearing upon this.
- (2.) It is necessary that the declaration as to residence should be made three years after the date of selection; but the declaration as to improvements is allowed to be made three years after the date of survey. All this is clearly pointed out in the published Regulations.

- (5.) Railway Contract, Bathurst to Orange:—Mr. Long asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When is it expected the Railway Line from Bathurst to Orange will be completed?
- (2.) Has the time expired for the completion of the Contract; and if so, when?
- (3.) Have any extensions of time been allowed the Contractors; and if so, how many, and for what length of time?
- (4.) Have any fines been exacted from the Contractors for failure of the due performance of their Contract; and if so, to what amount?
- (5.) What amount is still unpaid on account of the Contract?
- (6.) What is the value of the work now unfinished?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) In about four months.
- (2.) Yes; the extended contract time expired on the 31st January, 1877.
- (3.) Yes; one, from the 1st August, 1876, to the 31st January, 1877—six months.
- (4.) Yes; £7,600.
- (5 and 6.) This cannot be ascertained until the works have been completed and the final measurement made.

- (6.) Mr. Mason, Railway Department:—Mr. Long asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When was Mr. Mason appointed to a position in the Railway Department, what office did he hold, and were his services engaged for lines in progress of construction or for lines opened for traffic, and at what salary?
- (2.) When did he cease to be connected with the lines in progress of construction; and what was the nature of his duties from that time till his present appointment?
- (3.) Was Mr. Mason's salary reduced when he ceased to be connected with the lines in progress, in consideration of the less important character of the duties he had to perform?
- (4.) What salary did he receive for performing these duties?
- (5.) What salary did the Superintendent of Permanent Way receive for the Northern Line, who was performing similar duties to those performed by Mr. Mason on the Southern and Western Lines?
- (6.) What salary was paid to Mr. J. H. Thomas when Engineer for Existing Lines?
- (7.) What salary is now being paid to Mr. Mason as Engineer for Existing Lines; and what is the amount proposed to be paid to him?
- (8.) Has any portion of the proposed increase to Mr. Mason's salary been paid to him?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Mason was appointed to the Railway Department on 11th June, 1856. The office he held was that of Chief Assistant Engineer. His services were engaged for assisting in laying out and constructing Railways, at £600 per annum—increased to £700 per annum in 1858.
- (2.) Mr. Mason ceased to be connected with the lines in progress of construction on 31st December, 1869. The nature of his duties from that time to the date of his present appointment was the superintendence of the maintenance of the way and works on the Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways.
- (3.) The salary was not reduced.
- (4.) £700 per annum.
- (5.) £450 per annum.
- (6.) £550 per annum.
- (7.) £700 per annum, proposed to be increased to £1,000 per annum.
- (8.) No portion of the increase proposed has yet been paid.

- (7.) Railway Contracts, Goulburn to Yass, Bathurst to Orange:—Mr. Long asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did Mr. Mason, the present Engineer for Existing Lines, report on the ballasting of the Line between Goulburn and Yass after it was taken over from Mr. Williams, the Contractor, or after it was open for traffic?
- (2.) Had the Contractor, in consequence of that report, to do additional work in connection with such ballasting?
- (3.) Was such additional work performed at the expense of the Government or at the expense of the Contractor?
- (4.) Did Mr. Mason, the Engineer for Existing Lines, make any report in connection with the construction of the Line between Bathurst and Orange, or any portion of it, after it was taken from Messrs. Mason & Elkington?
- (5.) Was any addition or alteration made to the Line after it was taken over, and whether at the expense of the Contractor or of the Government; or is any alteration in the way the rails have been laid contemplated?

Mr.

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Mason reported on the ballasting after the Line was opened for traffic, but before it was taken over from Mr. Williams.
- (2.) Mr. Mason reported that shale ballast had been used on the Line, and upon its being inspected by the Engineer-in-Chief, additional ballast had to be supplied by the Contractor.
- (3.) The Line having been opened for public traffic before it was finished, Mr. Mason called the attention of the Engineer-in-Chief to the several works which were incomplete; such works were afterwards completed in accordance with the specification, at the expense of the Contractor.
- (4.) Mr. Mason did report on incomplete works on this extension, many of which have yet to be completed by the Contractors.
- (5.) This Line was also incomplete when it was opened for traffic, and Mr. Mason reported in a similar manner, pointing out unfinished works, which must necessarily be completed before the Engineer-in-Chief gives the final certificate for the contract. No alteration is contemplated in the way in which the rails have been laid.

(8.) Fitz-Roy Dock :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is Mr. James Hoey, Superintendent Fitz-Roy Dock, an Engineer?
- (2.) If not, what trade is he?
- (3.) In what year was he appointed Foreman, and at what salary per year?
- (4.) What is his present salary?
- (5.) Were the lives of the employes at above dock lately endangered by an explosion, supposed to have been caused by the salting up of one of the boilers; and will he cause inquiry to be made into the engineer's conduct in this case?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1 and 2.) Mr. Hoey is a Mechanical Engineer. He is not, however, Superintendent of Fitz-Roy Dock.

(3.) Mr. Hoey (who in addition to superintending the engineering and boiler-makers' work done at the dock, has also the superintendence of the construction of the steam dredges and iron punts being built for the Government) was appointed on the 3rd January, 1872, at a salary of £200 per annum. I may mention that some time previously he was employed as Clerk of Works in connection with the erection of Belmore Bridge, at a salary of £311 per annum, his services being discontinued on the completion of that work.

(4.) £350 per annum.

(5.) Yes. Inquiry had already been made into the matter, the result of which is embodied in a minute of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, a copy of which I will presently lay upon the Table.

(9.) Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Government make provision for removing the hindrance which at present prevents the widening of Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets?

Mr. Driver answered,—There is a difficulty existing in this matter in consequence of the Municipal Council having widened Elizabeth-street under an authority inadvertently given—it having been subsequently found that the powers conferred in that respect by section 2 of 15 Vic. No. 6 had already been exercised. The case is now under consideration, and will be disposed of without delay.

(10.) City Municipal Bill :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to introduce a new Municipal Bill, making provision for increased endowments and enlarging the taxing powers of the Municipal Council of Sydney?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government propose to deal with the whole question of Municipal Government of Sydney by Bills, which will include the treatment of the sewage as well as water supply; but there is no prospect of any good resulting by introducing these Bills this Session. As, however, the Government hope that the next Session will commence not later than perhaps the first week in August, they will lose no time in introducing these important Bills.

(11.) Private Samuel Baylis, Volunteer Rifles :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What action has the Government taken, if any, with reference to the accidental shooting of Private Samuel Baylis, No. 2 Company of Volunteer Rifles, on 20 February, 1875?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The application of Private Samuel Baylis has been referred both to the Commandant and to the Medical Adviser to the Government, and their reports have been obtained, but no decision has yet been arrived at.

(12.) Supply of Blankets and Clothing to Aborigines :—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return having reference to the number of Blankets distributed to the Aborigines in the year 1876, and ordered by this House on the 23rd of January last, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The preparation of this Return necessitated the issue of circulars to the various country Benches of Magistrates, and in some instances the requisite information has not even now been received, and the final completion of the Return must necessarily be delayed pending the receipt of replies from some of the Benches, who have been again communicated with upon the subject. It is expected that the Return will be ready to be laid upon the Table within a fortnight from present date.

(13.) Palmer's Oakey Common :—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Government take steps to survey and define the Palmer's Oakey Common, application for which has been made by the Trustees some time since?

Mr. Driver answered,—The application for the survey was only received on the 17th of last month. It is being dealt with by the Survey Department.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Appendix Tables to Report on Vital Statistics, for 1876.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 11th May, 1877, in reference to Dissolutions of Parliament.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table,—

(1.) The Opinion of the Attorney General in reference to the necessity for an Act of Parliament to abolish Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Papers relating to supply of Printing Paper for the Public Service for the year 1878.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers respecting accident to Boiler, Fitz-Roy Dock.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use and general purposes of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

Ordered to be printed.

3. IMMIGRATION :—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from William Nunn, President of the Trades and Labour Council, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held at the Masonic Hall, representing that the importation of Labourers, skilled and unskilled, into this Colony will lower the status of the working classes here, and be highly injurious to them; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

4. RAILWAY FROM GOULBURN TO YASS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Long moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the cost of rails and other ironwork for the permanent way, station buildings, platforms, sidings, water supply, gate-houses, extra ballast, straightening rails, &c., &c., &c., and land, on the Railway from Goulburn to Yass, particularizing in each case the cost and the name of the contractor, and, in the case of land, the name of the persons to whom compensation was given, the quantity of land resumed, and the amount given for compensation.
Question put and passed.

5. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO THE CIRCULAR QUAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th June, from certain Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, relative to Railway Extension to Circular Quay, be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. CRIMINAL LAW 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 consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th June, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, on behalf of Mr. Windeyer, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 27th June.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 14 JUNE, 1877, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at eighteen minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Robbery of Gold from Australian Museum :—Mr. Davies asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Report of the Museum Gold Robbery, made by Detective Lyons to the Inspector General of Police, in 1874, ordered by this House, on the motion of Mr. W. C. Browne, on the 25th January, 1877, be laid upon the Table?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have the Papers in this case, but I have some doubt as to the propriety of laying them on the Table, and moving that they be printed. It may not probably be known to the Honorable Member—without implying any want of acquaintance with public business—that it is the rule that documents of this kind, connected with the organization of the police, are never made public. If they were made public, the publicity given in one case would militate very much against the efficiency of the police in other cases. I do not think I should be justified in laying this Paper on the Table. The Honorable Member, if he desires, can see it.

(2.) Reserve for Travelling Stock, Oberon to Bathurst :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) If his Department has arrived at any decision relative to Petition presented by Mr. Hurley, M.P. (*Hartley*), on 19th February, 1877, praying that a Reserve should be made for the benefit of settlers and others travelling from Oberon and Fish River Creek Districts to Bathurst?

(2.) What is the nature of the decision, and will he cause it to be immediately attended to?

Mr. Driver answered,—The Petition presented by the Honorable Member, for the Reserve referred to, was referred to Mr. District Surveyor Fisher. As soon as the necessary information has been furnished, a decision will be given.

(3.) Town Common, Oberon :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Department to grant a Town Common for the use of the residents of Oberon, as applied for by him in a letter dated 2nd January, 1877; if so, when will it be gazetted?

Mr. Driver answered,—The application for a Town Common at Oberon was referred for the report of Mr. District Surveyor Fisher in January last, whose reply has not yet come to hand.

(4.) Road from Ginkin and Fish River Creek to Tuglah :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—If any report was received from the Inspector of the District relative to the road from Ginkin and Fish River Creek to Tuglah; and will he cause a reply to be given to Mr. Hurley's letter of 2nd January, in reference to this matter?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—No report has been yet received from the present officer in charge of the district; but he is now in camp, making an examination of the locality, with the view of reporting upon the application contained in the letter referred to.

(5.) James Burgess, Fish River Creek :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will he cause a reply to be given to Mr. Hurley's letter of 8th January, 1877, in reference to land taken up by James Burgess, in the district of Fish River Creek?

(2.) Will his application be received or not?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) No application for the conditional purchase of land in the district of Hartley has been received from James Burgess during the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877.

(2.) It is probable that Mr. Hurley's letter was intended to refer to the applications of certain selectors named Smith, Call, and Shoobridge, which were declared void, on the ground of the land being within a proclaimed gold-field. The reservation of this land was revoked in May, 1876, since which date it has been open to the parties to re-select. (6.)

(6.) Telegraph Line, Narrabri to Moree :—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What progress has been made in the construction of the Electric Telegraph Line from Narrabri to Moree?
- (2.) When is it likely the Telegraph Office will be opened at Moree for public use?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) 47 miles completed; and the line is expected to be finished by the end of this month.
- (2.) A Telegraph Office will be opened at Moree when the line is completed.

(7.) Bridge across the Murray River, at Howlong :—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)*, on behalf of Mr. Day, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did the Victorian Government communicate with this Government, and offer to provide one-half the cost of a Wooden Bridge across the Murray River, at Howlong?
- (2.) Is it the intention of this Government to join with the Victorian Government in the expense of erecting the said Bridge?
- (3.) Will the Minister state definitely whether he will direct the work to be proceeded with, as it has been under the consideration of the Works Department for the last eight months?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) A communication was received, stating that the Victorian Government were disposed to regard proposal for a Bridge favorably.
- (2.) No decision has been arrived at.
- (3.) Cannot yet state. The Government are not satisfied that, until the removal of the Border Duties, the traffic would justify the expenditure of so large a sum of money in the construction of a Bridge at the place referred to.

No particular description of Bridge, timber, iron, or stone, was mentioned.

(8.) Mr. Allen, Harbour Master, Newcastle :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Mr. Allen, the Harbour Master at Newcastle, is receiving pay as agent for Metcalfe's or any other Insurance Company, as Marine Surveyor?
- (2.) Will he put a stop to this practice, and advise Mr. Allen that persons in Government employ are not allowed to compete with the rest of the public, who have to pay taxes to support them?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) I will make inquiries into the matter.
- (2.) If the practice exists it shall be put a stop to.

(9.) Fitz-Roy Dock :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many Shipwrights are employed at the Fitz-Roy Dock?
- (2.) What wages do they receive per day?
- (3.) The like in regard to Engineers and Boiler-makers?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) 16; wages, 1s. 6½d. per hour.
- (2.) 8 Engineers; wages—1 at 1s. 5¼d. per hour, 1 at 1s. 3d. per hour, 5 at 1s. 2d. per hour, 1 at 1s. per hour. 7 Boiler-makers; wages—1 at 1s. 7¼d. per hour, 2 at 1s. 3d. per hour, 3 at 1s. 2d. per hour, 1 at 1s. 1d. per hour. It should be explained that the number of men employed at the dock varies considerably from time to time according to the work in hand.

(10.) Wages of Railway Workmen :—*Mr. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of the Immigrants lately arrived from America have been placed on the works at the Railway Station, Sydney, at the rate of pay of 7s. per diem, while the old employes have only, and are still only receiving, 6s. and 6s. 6d. per diem?
- (2.) Will he state why the higher rate of wages has been given to these men?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—It is not a fact that a number of the Immigrants lately arrived from America have been employed at the Railway Station, Sydney. One man only, and he was not an assisted Immigrant, has been engaged by the Traffic Manager, at 7s. a day; but he possessed a railway experience of twelve years, and his services to the Department are fully equal to the wages paid him.

(11.) Public School, Moore's Creek, Tamworth :—*Mr. Bennett* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an application was made to the Council of Education some two years ago, requesting that a Public School should be erected at Moore's Creek, near Tamworth?
- (2.) Is it true that it was represented in the said application that there were between sixty and seventy children in the locality, ready to go to School, without the means of education?
- (3.) Is it true that the Secretary for Lands has granted a site for the proposed School?
- (4.) Will the Minister state definitely whether it is the intention of the Council of Education to erect a Public School in the locality; if so, when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No; application was made on the 9th June, 1876?
- (2.) No; the number of children of school age was given as thirty-five
- (3.) The Council has no information on this point.
- (4.) The Council is prepared to erect school buildings when the site has been promised by the Government.

(12.) Light on Nobbys :—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Assuming that his remarks to the Deputation which lately waited upon him regarding the obscuration of the Light at Nobbys have been correctly reported, wherein, in answer to one of the members of that Deputation, who suggested that the evil could be remedied by the chimneys of the Smelting Works (the source of the danger) being carried to a greater height, he is alleged to have said to the effect that he (the Treasurer) thought the suggestion would accomplish the desired result.—Will he allow the suggestion made to him to interfere with his action in other quarters, in making further inquiries with the view of as speedily an abatement as possible of the serious danger impending on crews, passengers, and property, through the cause referred to? (2.)

- (2.) Is he aware of the fact that the heightening of the chimneys would only increase the risk by the fumes being taken more in the neighbourhood or front of the Light-house ?
 (3.) Will he obtain competent opinion before he moves the owners of the works mentioned to raise the chimneys as a specific for the crying evil ?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The matter will be carefully considered, and no action taken without the fullest inquiry.

- (13.) Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Loan Estimates of the present Session for a sum of money to carry out the recommendation of Mr. Clark, Hydraulic Engineer, for the purpose of making provision for a better and more permanent Supply of Water to the City of Sydney and Suburbs ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As I have already intimated to the House, the Government intend to introduce a Bill to deal with this question, and, of course, if that measure becomes law, provision will be made in the Estimates to carry it into effect.

2. LIGHT ON NOBBYS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Colonial Treasurer, or his Department, and the Board of Trade, or any persons, and all other Documents bearing on the subject of the abatement of fumes from Smelting or Chemical Works, having special reference to the obscuration of the light at Nobbys, Newcastle, by the fumes from the Smelting Works at Waratah.

Question put and passed.

3. IMMIGRATION (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 13th June, from William Nunn, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held in Sydney, against the present system of Immigration, be printed.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 17th May, 1877, in reference to Dunmore, Pitnacree, and Belmore Bridges.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Telegrams respecting the Defences of the Colony.
 (2.) Progress Report of the Defence Commission.
 (3.) Second Progress Report of the Defence Commission.

Ordered to be printed.

5. THROSBY'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend Throsby's Leasing Act*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 14th June, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

6. DEFENCES OF THE COLONY :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
 Governor.

Message No. 33.

In accordance with the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to increase and render more effective the Military and Naval Forces, and to extend and improve the Fortifications, for the defence of the Colony.

Government House,
 Sydney, 14th June, 1877.

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

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

- (1.) Supply ; resumption of the Committee ;—
 (2.) Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee ;—
 (3.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill ; second reading ;—

} To follow after the Order of the Day
 in reference to the Defences of the
 Colony.

8. DEFENCES OF THE COLONY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the recommendations contained in the Preliminary Report of His Excellency Sir William Jervis, C.B., K.C.M.G., and the expediency of making more adequate provision for the Military and Naval Defence of the Colony.

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

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
 Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 15 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court of Petty Sessions, Branxton:—Mr. Burns asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—What provision have the Government made, or do they intend making, for clerical assistance for the Court of Petty Sessions at Branxton?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—A sum of £75 has been provided on the Estimates for the current year for clerical assistance for the Court of Petty Sessions at Branxton.

- (2.) Furniture for Schools under Council of Education:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the total amount expended for School Furniture under the Council of Education since January 1st, 1875, to date?

(2.) When were Tenders called for such Furniture?

(3.) Who were the successful Tenderers, and the amount received by each?

(4.) What are the prices paid for the several articles so supplied?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) £970 19s. 7d. Furniture supplied to new schools is included in the general contract for the whole of the buildings, and is not tendered for separately.

(2 and 3.) The answers to these Questions are so long that I will presently lay them, as a Return, upon the Table.

(4.) This information cannot be supplied. Tenders are invited for the whole of the articles required at any particular school, and not for each article separately.

- (3.) Tawongerrie Village Reserve:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Did the Department cause the withdrawal of the Tawongerrie Village Reserve, at Wellington, from sale; and will he cause it to be permanently reserved for a Village?

Mr. Driver answered,—The lands were withdrawn from the sale of 17th February last; under a report, however, from the District Surveyor, it is probable that they will be re-advertised.

- (4.) Mineral Lease Business, Lands Department:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Long, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many extra Clerks were employed in the Miscellaneous Branch, under Mr. Lindsay Thompson, during the year 1872, when the mineral lease business was conducted in that branch of the Lands Department?

(2.) How many extra Clerks were employed in the Gold Fields Branch of the Lands Department, under Mr. Osborne Rich, during the year 1872?

(3.) What was the total amount of receipts from the Western Gold Fields for the years 1869, 1870, 1871, and 1872, respectively, when they were in charge of Mr. Gold Commissioner Johnson, under the control of the Minister for Lands?

(4.) What was the total expenditure of the Western Gold Fields for the years 1869, 1870, 1871, and 1872, respectively, when under the charge of Mr. Commissioner Johnson?

(5.) What was the total expenditure of the Gold Fields for 1872, when under the management of the Department of Lands?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) 4 Clerks extra.

(2.) 3 Clerks extra.

(3.) 1869, £5,279 9s.; 1870, £5,995 13s. 6d.; 1871, £10,879 8s. 6d.; 1872, £42,196 16s. 7d.

(4.) 1869, £931; 1870, £916; 1871, £984; 1872, £2,095.

(5.) £3,901 18s.

I may, however, state with respect to reply to Question No. 1. that a lump sum was voted on the Additional Estimates for 1872 for extra clerical assistance in connection with mineral leases and other general expenses of the Department. The particulars of this expenditure cannot be given, having been for piece-work. (5.)

(5.) Department of Mines:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Long*, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House copies of the two Reports made by *Mr. Harrio Wood*, Under Secretary for Mines, upon the Gold Fields of the Colony, previous to his appointment to that office; together with all Minutes or Comments thereon by the Gold Commissioners or Mining Registrars, and any other Correspondence relating thereto?

(2.) What were the receipts for the year 1872 for—1. Mining Leases other than Gold; 2. Auriferous Leases; 3. Miners Receipts; 4. Business Licenses; 5. Mineral Licenses?

(3.) What were the receipts under the same headings for the year 1876?

(4.) What was the total expenditure of the Department of Mines for the year 1876?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) The Reports were laid upon the Table of the House on 23rd June, 1874; were ordered to be printed 13th November, 1874; and were printed S3A and S4A of 1874.

(2.) 1. Mining Leases other than Gold, £138,822 5s. 9d.; 2. Auriferous Leases, £34,058; 3. Miners Rights, £13,114; 4. Business Licenses, £1,442 10s.; 5. Mineral Licenses, nil.

(3.) 1. £7,178 3s. 10d.; 2. £1,921 10s.; 3. £3,370; 4. £479 10s.; 5. £257.

(4.) £18,683 8s. 8d.

(6.) Office of Chief Inspector of Stock:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What are the hours of attendance of the Temporary Clerks employed in the Chief Inspector of Stock Office?

(2.) Is he aware whether any of these Clerks neglect their duties?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(2.) I am not aware. If there were any such neglect, it would be the duty of the Chief Inspector to report the same.

(7.) Lands Department:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the Temporary Clerks employed in the Lands Department paid for Sunday?

(2.) If so, will he put a stop to this practice?

(3.) What are the hours of attendance required of the Clerks in the Occupation Branch, under the control of *Mr. Pretious*?

(4.) Is he aware whether any of the Clerks in this Branch neglect their duties?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1 and 2.) They are not paid for Sundays.

(3.) From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(4.) I am unable to say of my own knowledge whether or not any of these Clerks neglect their duties, but I am advised by the officer who is responsible to me in the matter that they do not.

(8.) Public School, Corowa:—*Mr. Day* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that there are upwards of 100 children of school ages in the township of Corowa, and that the people find it impossible to obtain a Public School?

(2.) Is it true that a large number of these children are compelled to cross the Murray River into Victoria to obtain the means of education, which they seem unable to obtain in New South Wales?

(3.) Is it true that repeated applications have been made to the Council of Education by the people of Corowa for a Public School, but without effect?

(4.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Levin* made an offer, which is still open, of a site, free of cost, for the erection of a Public School in Corowa, and that the Council of Education have taken not the least notice of it?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Council of Education to erect any more Public Schools in New South Wales?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—I have received the following information from the Council of Education:—

(1.) The Council is not aware.

(2.) The Council has no information.

(3.) It is not true.

(4.) It is not a fact. The Council not only accepted land offered by *Mr. Levin* as a School site, but, the area given not being sufficient, also agreed with him to purchase additional allotments of his land, at a cost of £60. *Mr. Levin* was, of course, fully aware of these facts. Further, instructions to prepare the necessary conveyance were given five months ago to the Council's solicitors, who, however, were unable to proceed in the matter, owing to the illness of *Mr. Levin's* solicitor. The requisite information has now been obtained, and the conveyance will be prepared at once. Plans and specifications of the School Buildings are in readiness.

(9.) Court House, Cowra:—*Mr. Lynch* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Referring to the Question put to the late Colonial Secretary on the 16th of February, 1877, by the Honorable Member for Carcoar,—Has he taken any action in reference to a Petition that was forwarded to him by the Bench of Magistrates and other Inhabitants of the Town and District of Cowra, praying for the erection of a Court House at Cowra—and the answer, namely, The erection of this Court House, at a cost of £1,200, has been approved, and will now be proceeded with,—Is it the intention of the present Government to carry out the work promised by their predecessors?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I learn that a plan has been prepared for a new Court House at Cowra; and the only difficulty that stands in the way is in regard to a suitable site for the building.

(10.) Conditional Purchase made by *Patrick Nugent*:—*Mr. Day* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice, When will the Papers in *Patrick Nugent's* case, as ordered by the Legislative Assembly, on 20th February, 1877, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Driver answered,—In about a fortnight's time. Sooner, if possible, having in view the numerous Returns ordered by the Assembly in connection with the Lands Department.

2. PAPERS :—Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Depositions in the case *Police v. Burns*.
 (2.) Return showing amounts expended by the Council of Education, for School Furniture, from 1st January, 1875, to date.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. INCORPORATION OF CENTRAL SHOALHAVEN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Warden moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, and all Papers and other Documents having reference to the Inquiry or Inquiries held by Henry G. Morton, Esq., J.P., and Henry Connell, Esq., P.M., under the 11th, 12th, and 13th sections of the Municipalities Act of 1867, in the matter of the Petitions for and against the Incorporation of Central Shoalhaven.
 Question put and passed.
4. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO THE CIRCULAR QUAY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Hill moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th June, from certain Residents of Burwood and vicinity, relative to Railway Extension to the Circular Quay, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
5. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO THE CIRCULAR QUAY :—Mr. Lucas presented a Petition from certain Residents of Ashfield and its vicinity, in favour of the Extension of the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay.
 Petition received.
6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Davies.
Mr. Taylor,	

Noes, 11.

Sir John Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Rouse,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Farnell,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at Twenty minutes after Nine o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 18 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sheep Manure, Glebe Island:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that for a long time past men employed at Glebe Island by the Government are employed, or have been employed, collecting and bagging up the sheep manure on Glebe Island for Mr. G. Eagar, Under Secretary to the Treasury?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that men, horses, and carts, whose wages are paid out of Government money, are employed carting this manure to the Railway Station, or to any other place, for Mr. Geoffrey Eagar?
 - (3.) What sum or sums of money have been paid by Mr. Eagar for this manure?
 - (4.) Will he cause strict inquiry to be made into this matter, and put a stop to this practice?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that gardeners and others in the neighbourhood who want this manure are not allowed to get it?
 - (6.) Will he give instructions that gardeners shall be allowed to get this manure?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) The men are regularly employed, twice or thrice a week, to sweep out the yards and collect the manure, a portion of which has been supplied to Mr. Eagar in bags furnished by him.
- (2.) Yes, manure has been conveyed to the Glebe and to the Redfern Station free of cartage, as it has been conveyed on like terms to Messrs. E. Flood, Wetherill, Ramsay, and others, and delivered at Botany, Petersham, Ashfield, and elsewhere.
- (3.) £1 6s. 6d. Quantity delivered—9 tons at the Glebe, and 13 tons at the Railway Station; total, 22 tons.
- (4.) The inquiry shows that the manure supplied to Mr. Eagar has been paid for. There can be no objection to the sale of the manure.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) Instructions are therefore unnecessary.

- (2.) Railway Extension to Quirindi:—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Byrnes, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is the Northern Railway extension to Quirindi likely to be opened?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—It is expected that the extension to Quirindi will be opened in the early part of next month.

- (3.) Volunteer Land Orders:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade has refused to sign any more Volunteer Land Order Certificates for the issue of Crown Grants?
 - (2.) Is it true that he has given as his reason for such refusal, that it is illegal to issue these Crown Grants to any one but the Volunteer in whose name the Certificate has been issued?
 - (3.) Will the Secretary for Lands take the opinion of the Attorney General as to whether it is legal to issue these Crown Grants to the alienee of the Volunteer on the simple endorsement of the Certificate?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) No.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) Yes, if found necessary to obtain an opinion on the point alluded to.
- (4.) Mr. Kidman's Contract for Supply of Provisions to Government Institutions:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Tender of Messrs. Kidman & Son was accepted for the supply of provisions to the Parramatta Asylum for the Infirm and Destitute for the remainder of the present year?
 - (2.) If so, was his Tender accepted for the supply of tea at a half-penny per pound?

(3.)

(3.) What price are they being paid for tea ?

(4.) Is it a fact that Mr. Kidman's Tender was accepted for the supply of butter at any time for the Gladsville Asylum at one penny per pound ; what price was he paid for the same ?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) Yes, for sections 1 and 3 of Contract, comprising bread and groceries.

(2.) Yes ; the Tender was accepted on 27th April last.

(3.) One shilling and two-pence, under the following circumstances :—On 12th ultimo the contractors wrote to the Treasury, stating that their clerk had filled in the Tender opposite the article "tea" ½d. instead of 1s. 2d., and submitted a declaration of the clerk, taken before a magistrate, to that effect. The Tender Board was summoned, and the whole of the papers submitted to them. Upon their recommendation, based on the declaration of the clerk, the fact that the Tender would still be the lowest after the alteration, and the whole circumstances of the case, the error was allowed to be rectified.

(4.) Yes, for the year from 1st April, 1876. In this case the contractors pointed out that 1d. per pound for butter in their accepted Tender was a most absurd error. Dr. Manning, the head of the Asylum, to whom the matter was referred, pointed out that as the printed schedule was for "butter" only, not specifying "fresh" or "salt," the application to charge a higher price for the article might be allowed, only fresh butter being taken. The prices of the contract being exceedingly low as compared with those of the next Tender, the then Treasurer permitted a rectification, and allowed the following rates :—Fresh butter, in rolls, 2s. per lb. ; fresh butter, in kegs, 1s. 6d. per lb., making the proviso that these prices should be subject to a reasonable reduction if the prevailing high rates should fall. Accordingly, in January last, the Treasurer reduced the prices for the remainder of the contract term to 1s. per pound for roll butter and 6d. per pound for keg butter. It may be stated that during the past few years, in which these contractors have held many large contracts, the foregoing are the only two cases in which the prices of their Tenders have been altered on account of alleged errors.

(5.) *Petition of Jane Cockburn* :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to the *Petition of Jane Cockburn*, who for ten years acted as Office-cleaner at the Immigration Barracks,—Will he place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for 1877, to pay her for services rendered during that time ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have made inquiry as to this case, and I am informed that Jane Cockburn never was employed by the Government at any time. Her husband was employed as Office-cleaner and Messenger in the Immigration Department about twenty years ago, and it is possible, as is often the case, that the wife may have assisted her husband, but she never held any office, and I am assured she has no unpaid claim against the Government.

(6.) *Contracts for Supply of Stores to Government Departments* :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the printed or manuscript book of all the Contracts, as accepted, for all the Government Departments, for the years 1877 and 1878, for supply of Stores or Provisions ; also, the Schedules for such Contracts for all the Government Departments, for the years 1877 and 1878 ?

Mr. Piddington answered,—There is no objection to the Honorable Member's request. The documents will be laid upon the Table without delay.

2. **PAPER** :—Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 1st May, 1877, in reference to proposed alterations at certain Wharfs, Miller's Point.
Ordered to be printed.
3. **ELECTORAL BILL** :—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a *Petition* from T. W. Dugdale, J.P., Chairman of Public Meeting held at Taree, and James C. Duff, J.P., Chairman of Public Meeting held at Wingham, praying that in the proposed Electoral Bill provision be made for two Members to represent the Manning and Port Macquarie.
Petition received.
4. **RAILWAY EXTENSION TO THE CIRCULAR QUAY** (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Lucas, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the *Petition* presented by Mr. Lucas on 15th June, from certain Residents of Ashfield and vicinity, relative to Railway Extension to the Circular Quay, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 19 JUNE, 1877, A.M.

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

6. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at fifteen minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Public School, Yass:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of delay in the erection of the Public School at Yass?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—The Council of Education has informed me, in reply to the Honorable Member's Question, that the erection of the Public School buildings at Yass is in abeyance, owing to the delay of the Municipal Corporation to repair the damage to the school site done by their contractors. This site was granted by the Government, the land having been resumed, under Act 40 Victoria No. 10, for the purpose. In November, 1876, Dr. Perry, as Mayor, applied to the Minister for Lands for permission to remove gravel, stating, at the same time, that "the Council (Municipal) undertake to fill up any holes that may be made by the removal of gravel." No permission was given by the Council of Education to remove gravel; but in March last the Council was informed that the Corporation had, nevertheless, removed gravel to an extent considerably over 1,000 cubic yards, and leaving an excavation measuring 6 feet deep, 40 yards long by 25 yards wide, in the place where the school buildings would have to be erected. The cost of filling up this excavation is estimated at £100. The Mayor was thereupon written to, and requested to have this excavation filled up. In his reply, the Mayor states that the Municipal Corporation "cannot see the justice of being called upon to repair damage done by public contractors over whose conduct it has no control, and therefore feels it to be his duty to decline filling up the excavations on the Public School site made by the abovenamed persons." The Council thereupon reminded the Mayor of his written promise on behalf of the Corporation, and stated that tenders for the school buildings would not be invited until the excavation in question has been properly filled up.

(2.) Site of old Stockade, Springwood:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the old Stockade at Springwood has been used as a burial ground, and that there are graves still to be seen there?

(2.) Is he aware that the land was improved at date of Boland's conditional purchase, in 1862 and 1876, by clearing, fencing, and waterholes, to the value of at least £100?

(3.) Will he cause an investigation of the foregoing to be made, and take the necessary action, should the statement prove correct?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) The selection is known to have included the old Stockade, but attention has not been called to the fact of there being any graves upon it. The selection would not have been invalidated thereby.

(2.) The improvements formerly upon the land are understood to have fallen to decay or been removed.

(3.) Reference will again be made to the papers in the case, which are not at this moment accessible, and should any ground appear for further action or inquiry it shall be taken.

(3.) Supply of Avery's Scales to Government:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many of Avery's Scales have been supplied to the Government since January 1st, 1875, to date?

(2.) What are the sizes so supplied, and the prices charged for each size, during the same period of time?

Mr.

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) Fifteen.

(2.) Seven of 10 cwt., eight of 5 cwt. The contract prices in each case were paid. The contract prices in each year were respectively as follows:—

1875	...	...	5 cwt.—£5 10s.	10 cwt.—£10.
1876	...	...	do. £5 10s.	do. £11 10s.
1877	...	...	do. 10s.	do. 15s.

Three of the scales under the contract for the present year have been supplied, and are included in this Return.

(4.) Land Office, Gunning:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the necessary steps be taken for the establishment of a separate Land Office at Gunning?

Mr. Driver answered,—The maps are ready, and the descriptions have been prepared, showing the limits of the new district, and of the modified district of Yass, of which Gunning is a sub-division. The necessary approval of the Executive Council for the establishment of a new Land Office at the latter place will be obtained almost immediately.

(5.) Wheat brought to Sydney by Railway:—Mr. Long, on behalf of Mr. Combes, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he be good enough to state, for the information of this House, the quantities of Wheat brought to Sydney by the Great Western and Southern Railways respectively?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Southern Line, 31 tons 1 cwt. 1 qr. Western Line, 15 tons 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

(6.) Schools at Broken Shaft Creek, The Canoblas, and Borenore:—Mr. Long, on behalf of Mr. Combes, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether he is aware that although School Buildings were erected at Broken Shaft Creek, four miles from Orange, two years ago, no teacher has yet been appointed?

(2.) Whether he is aware that at the Canoblas, also four miles from Orange, the Public School is held in an old church, so much out of repair that in bad weather the scholars have to be sent home, although about two years since the Council of Education promised to erect Public School Buildings?

(3.) Whether he is aware that at Borenore, seven miles from Orange, the people asked for a School, on the 10th of February, 1876, and although they were promised one by the Council of Education, nothing has yet been done in the matter?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) The Council has no information as to the date when School Buildings were erected at Broken Shaft Creek, although aware that a delay of fourteen months occurred in obtaining the site; but formal application for aid was not received by the Council until 18th December, 1875. The teacher was appointed and paid from 8th November of the same year. The teacher died in July, 1876; a successor was nominated, but it was considered desirable to ascertain the probable number of pupils before making a fresh appointment. The local Secretary was accordingly written to for this information, but up to the present time no reply has been received.

(2.) The Council is in possession of no such information as to the condition of the leased School Building at Canoblas; on the contrary, the Inspector, in his last report, states that the School premises "are very fairly suitable for school purposes, both as regards condition and appliances." It is not about two years since the Council promised to erect new buildings. The necessity for erecting new buildings was brought under the Council's notice on 4th September, 1876, in a letter from the Public School Board, who simply give copy of the following resolution:—"That the Secretary be instructed to write to the Council of Education, urging the necessity of erecting new Schools." Plans and specifications are in readiness, but the Council's solicitors are unable to obtain the information necessary for completing the conveyance of the School site?

(3.) The people at Borenore applied for a School on the 10th February, 1876. It is a mistake to say that nothing has been done in the matter. A site has been obtained, plans and specifications have been prepared, tenders have twice been called for, and a tender has been accepted.

(7.) Court of Petty Sessions, Micalago:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has there been an Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions appointed at Micalago, in the district of Queanbeyan; and if so, have any instructions been furnished him for his guidance in that office?

(2.) Is the Police Magistrate of Queanbeyan required to attend the Micalago Bench on requisition; if on requisition, from whom should it come, the Bench or the Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes, Senior Constable Michael Carroll was, in the month of February, 1876, appointed to act as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Micalago; with the usual instructions to the Bench of Magistrates upon the subject.

(2.) The Police Magistrate of Queanbeyan, who has had the special powers under the Clerks of Petty Sessions Act of 1857 conferred upon him, in respect of Micalago, is required to attend at that place on requisition from the local Bench, on the understanding that he is not to attend oftener than once a month.

(8.) Mr. Kidman's Contract for Supply of Provisions to Government Institutions:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to Mr. McElhone's Question as to Mr. Kidman's Contract being accepted for tea at one half-penny per lb., and then afterwards being allowed 1s. 2d. per lb.,—Will the Colonial Treasurer give Mr. Kidman the usual notice to stop his Contract, and call for fresh tenders for supply of articles supplied by him to the Government Establishment, as his tender was computed at one-half penny per lb. for tea?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The facts of this case are as follows:—For the Parramatta Asylum, section No. 3, there were two tenders, namely,—Mr. Henderson's, amounting to £399 18s.; Messrs. C. Kidman & Son's, amounting to £309 8s. 8d. The latter tender is at a calculation of one half-penny per lb. for tea; but on extending the calculation to one shilling and two-pence per lb., the difference

difference would be £49 10s., making the tender of Messrs. C. Kidman & Son, at the higher rate for tea, £358 18s. 8d., or £40 19s. 4d. lower than Mr. Henderson's. For the Liverpool Asylum, section No. 3, there were three tenders, namely,—Mr. Henderson's, amounting to £948 14s. 8d.; Mr. Jorgen's, amounting to £936 1s. 4d.; Messrs. C. Kidman & Son's, amounting to £695. The last tender is also at a calculation of one half-penny per lb. for tea; but on extending the calculation to one shilling and two-pence per lb., the difference is £117, making the tender of Messrs. C. Kidman and Son, at the higher rate for tea, £812, or £124 1s. 4d. less than the next lowest tender. As, therefore, on these two Contracts, Messrs. C. Kidman & Son are lower than their nearest competitors by the aggregate sum of £165 0s. 8d., it would not be for the public interest to terminate the Contracts.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 1st May, 1877, in reference to proposed alterations at and near Campbell's Wharf.

(2.) Return (in part) to an Order, made on 22nd February, 1876, in reference to Alienated Crown Lands, Port Jackson.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 15th May, 1877, in reference to appointment of Mr. North as Police Magistrate, Carcoar.

Ordered to be printed.

3. EXTENSION OF GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO NEW ENGLAND :—Mr. Terry presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Districts of Armidale, Tamworth, Walcha, Bendemeer, Uralla, and Glen Innes, in favour of the extension of the Great Northern Railway from Tamworth, by Uralla, Armidale and Glen Innes, to Tenterfield and the Queensland Border.

Petition received.

4. ADELONG COMMON (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Documents, and Memoranda in connection with, or relating to, the Proclamation of the Adelong Common, or to the appointment or election of the Trustees of such Common, and also relating to the dispute which has arisen between the Trustees of such Common and the Police Magistrate of Tumut, or the Bench of Magistrates at Adelong.

Question put and passed.

5. ELECTORAL BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th instant, from T. W. Dugdale, Esq., J.P., and J. C. Duff, Esq., J.P., the Chairmen of the Public Meetings held at Tarce and Wingham, Manning River, respectively, on the 9th June instant, praying that two Members may be allotted the Manning River and Port Macquarie, be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. WAGES OF WORKMEN EMPLOYED BY GOVERNMENT :—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That, taking into consideration the present financial prosperity of the Colony, and the desirableness of maintaining efficiency among the public servants by offering every reasonable inducement for the faithful performance of their duties, this House is of opinion that the Government should place a sufficient sum on the Supplementary Estimates to increase, by one shilling per day, the wages paid to all Railway Porters, Labourers, and other workmen in the public employment who are receiving at the rate of seven shillings per day or under.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Sir John Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word "That" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "a Select Committee "be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the present rates of "payment of wages by the Government, and to report thereupon any changes that may appear to "it desirable.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Jacob, "Mr. Cameron, Mr. Leary, Mr. Davies, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Garrett, and the Mover."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Shepherd,	

Noes, 11.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Long,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Lynch,
<i>Tellers.</i>

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cameron.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original

Original Question then put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Scholey,

Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Davies.

Noes, 29.

Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Driver, Mr. Long, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Hill, Mr. Farnell, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Charles, Mr. Terry, Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>), Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Rouse, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Leary, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Dibbs, Tellers. Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. J. Watson.
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And so it passed in the negative.

7. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF TOPHAM FORGE AND J. CAMPBELL**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Application for the purchase, in virtue of improvements, consisting of an excavation, from which gravel for ballasting the Moama and Deniliquin Railway line had been removed, and the conflicting Applications for Conditional Purchase, by Topham Forge and J. Campbell; together with all Papers connected therewith. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
8. **PAPER**:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Colonel Richardson's Memorandum, to accompany rough draft of Volunteer Militia Bill. Ordered to be printed.
9. **STEPHEN MURPHY, LATE WARDER IN BERRIMA GAOL**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A copy of all Letters, Papers, and Correspondence between Stephen Murphy, late Warder in Berrima Gaol, and Mr. Small, Gaoler of above Gaol, Mr. Wilshire, P.M., Mr. Maclean, Comptroller of Prisons, and Mr. Beverley, Clerk in Comptroller's Office, in reference to the dismissal, &c., of Stephen Murphy.
(2.) Also, Letters, Correspondence, &c., between Mrs. Murphy, in reference to above, and Mr. Small, Mr. Maclean, and any other person. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
10. **TRIAL SURVEY FOR RAILWAY FROM SYDNEY TO GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY**:—Mr. Scholey moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this "House," a Trial Survey for a line of Railway be made between Maitland and Sydney.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. Debate ensued.
Mr. Burns moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "House," to the end of the paragraph (1), with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Trial Survey for a line of Railway between Sydney and the Great Northern Railway should be completed."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and negatived.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted—put and passed.
Question then put,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Trial Survey for a line of Railway between Sydney and the Great Northern Railway should be completed.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. And Division called for,—
But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had,—and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.
11. **COMPENSATION TO WIDOW OF LATE EDWARD ROBINSON**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £500, as compensation to Mrs. Robinson, the widow of the late Edward Robinson, who was killed at the Redfern Railway Station, on the 31st August, 1876. Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
12. **DISPUTED MINING LEASE, HAWKINS HILL**:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Thomas Helsby and others to Mining Lease of ground formerly known as Johnston's, Hawkins Hill.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lucas, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Terry, Mr. Long, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Davies, Mr. Cohen, and the Mover. Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE, 1877.

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

THROSBY'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 34.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend Throsby's Leasing Act*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th June, 1877.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Licensed Public-houses:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Stuart*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the number of Licensed Public-houses existing at the present time within the Police District of Sydney?

(2.) What was the number at the time when the "Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862" was passed?

(3.) Was it the custom prior to the passing of that Act that all houses for which Publicans Licenses were applied should be inspected and reported on by the Police, as regards the accommodation in such houses?

(4.) Does such custom still prevail; if not, when did it cease, and by whose authority?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) 739.

(2.) 453.

(3.) It was the custom.

(4.) That practice has never been discontinued.

(2.) *Mr. G. R. Dibbs, M.P.*:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the original ship register referred to in *Mr. McElhone's* motion of Tuesday last be laid upon the Table of this House for examination?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Colonial Treasurer will lay this document upon the Table this afternoon.

(3.) *Mr. E. C. Smith, Inspector of Conditional Purchases*:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Does he intend to hold any inquiry into the conduct of *Mr. E. C. Smith, Inspector of Conditional Purchases*, in reference to the statements made as to his conduct by the Honorable Member for the Hume, *Mr. Day*?

Mr. Driver answered,—Inquiry will be made with regard to the statements alluded to.

(4.) *Mr. Kidman's Contract for supply of Water to the "Vernon"*:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) At what price did *Mr. Kidman* tender to supply Water at per tun to the Nautical School-ship "Vernon" for the year 1877?

(2.) Is it a fact that he is receiving 2s. 9d. per tun for the Water supplied to above vessel instead of 3d. per tun, the price he tendered to supply at during the year 1877?

Mr.

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) At 3d. per tun.
- (2.) No. The circumstances are these :—The Superintendent of the "Vernon" purchased Water from Mr. Dunn in instances in which the contractors failed to supply orders, and asked for authority to pay Dunn the price charged by him, namely, 2s. 9d. per tun. This authority was given, with the instruction that the difference between the contract rate of 3d. per tun and Mr. Dunn's rate of 2s. 9d. per tun, was to be deducted from the contractor's accounts; and the Superintendent was made responsible for such deduction.

(5.) Postage Stamps for Post Offices Bourke and Wilcannia :—Mr Long asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the residents of the towns and districts of Bourke and Wilcannia suffer great inconvenience in consequence of the Postmasters of those towns not being supplied with Postage Stamps?
- (2.) If on inquiry he finds such to be the case, will he take immediate steps to have the grievance remedied?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This answer has been supplied me from the General Post Office :—
"No complaints such as those referred to have reached the Postmaster General, and from the amount of stamps supplied to the postmasters of both places, it is considered that no inconvenience can have arisen from any short supply of stamps. The matter is, however, being inquired into."

(6.) Dam across the Parramatta River :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government sent a proper officer to report about the building a new Dam across the Parramatta River; if so, what will be the cost of the same?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes. The cost would be about £3,000.

(7.) Wages of Railway Workmen :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What are the rates of wages paid to the working men employed at the different Railway Stations?
- (2.) Do the Government intend to increase the pay of the working men employed by the Government?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Yard Foremen and Head Porters, 8s. 6d. to 12s. a day; Signalmen, 9s. to 12s. a day; Shunters, 7s. to 10s. a day; Porters (1st class), 7s. 6d. to 8s. a day; Porters (2nd class), 6s. 6d. to 7s. a day; Porters (3rd class), 6s. a day; Lads, 5s. a day.

(2.) A careful inquiry will be made as to whether the employes in the service of the Government are fairly paid for the work they perform, and if there be found cases deserving of increased remuneration, an increase will be given.

(8.) Uniforms for Railway Guards :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Railway Guards and other Railway men have not yet received their Uniforms for this year?
- (2.) Will he give the necessary orders to have them supplied without delay?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) The Uniforms for 1877-8 are not due till July next.
- (2.) Directions have already been given that they are to be supplied as soon after they are due as possible.

(9.) Weighbridge for Parramatta Railway Station :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is he aware that there is a necessity for a Weighbridge at the Parramatta Railway Station; and if so, will he cause the Weighbridge at the Junction to be taken up and placed at the Parramatta Railway Station for the convenience of the public?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—A similar Question to this was answered by my predecessor on the 4th May, 1876. Since that time inquiry has been made, and it appears evident, from the report of the Traffic Manager, who has gone very fully into the question, that a truck Weighbridge at Parramatta is not required for the purposes of the Railway traffic.

(10.) Sewell's Bridge, Great Southern Road :—Mr. Long asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is he aware that Sewell's Bridge, on the Great Southern Road, between Campbelltown and Liverpool, is almost impassable; have Tenders been called for the repairs of this Bridge; if so, when is it likely the work will be completed?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Tenders have been twice invited, but no reasonable offer obtained. The local Road Superintendent has been instructed to let the work, if possible. If this cannot be done, it will be carried out by piece-work.

3. IMMIGRATION :—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from George Wallace, Mayor of Newcastle, as Chairman of a mass Meeting held in Newcastle, representing that the present system of Immigration from America and England is highly injurious to the working classes of the Colony; and praying the House to take such action as will prevent the expenditure of the sum voted for the purpose of Immigration.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Convention between New South Wales and South Australia respecting Border Duties.
- (2.) Despatch respecting Imperial Merchant Shipping Act.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return (in part) to an Order, made on 12th June, 1877, in reference to Mr. G. R. Dibbs, M.P., being the original Certificate of Registry of steam-vessel named the "Athletic." (*Laid upon the Table as an Exhibit only.*)

Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Council of Education upon the condition of the Public Schools, for 1876.
 - (2.) Report of the Council of Education upon the condition of the Certified Denominational Schools, for 1876.
- Ordered to be printed.

5. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of any Minute or Regulation of the Lands Department relative to three months notice being given to Conditional Purchasers before the forfeiture of their selections.
 - (2.) A like copy bearing upon the withdrawal from Inspectors of all cases of Conditional Purchases made prior to 1875.

Question put and passed.
6. **EXTENSION OF GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO NEW ENGLAND** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th June, from the Residents of the districts of Armidale, Tamworth, Walcha, Bendemeer, Uralla, and Glen Innes, in favour of the extension of the Railway to the Queensland Border, by way of the town of Armidale, be printed.

Question put and passed.
7. **CLAIM OF WILLIAM HENRY BARON**:—Mr. Baker presented a Petition from Isabel Baron, widow of the late William Henry Baron, stating the circumstances under which her late husband's services were dispensed with; and praying the House to grant such relief as the justice of the case requires.

Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the case.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.
9. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, 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 this day.

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

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

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

(7.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £242,500, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of June, 1877, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1876, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1877.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

(7.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1877, the sum of £242,500 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of June, 1877.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6)**:—
 - (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 7), to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877.
 - (2.) Mr. Piddington then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill; second reading;	}	<i>until To-morrow.</i>
(2.) Audit Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;		

13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
Mr. Piddington moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 21 JUNE, 1877, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes before Three o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. C. E. Smith, Police Magistrate, Narrabri:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that a person named John Byrne complained to Mr. C. E. Smith, Police Magistrate of Narrabri, that he had seen a horse of his, that he had lost, driven by a person in his team, through Narrabri, and that the Police Magistrate, Mr. Smith, refused to grant Mr. Byrne a summons or a warrant against the man who had his property in his possession, saying that Mr. Byrne might sue in the District Court for the value of the horse?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—The Police Magistrate of Narrabri has furnished me with the following report upon this subject:—I have not the slightest recollection of seeing John Byrne. Mr. Sub-Inspector Wright informs me Byrne represented to him that he lent two horses to a friend, who lost them. Over six months after one of the horses was seen in a team. Teamster gave satisfactory account of his possession to police, who, on inquiry, found the horse had passed through the hands of two or three respectable persons. The horse is supposed to have been sold out of pound.

(2.) Mail to Gunnedah:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, upon the opening of the Railway to Quirindi, to provide for a daily Mail to Gunnedah?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have this answer from the General Post Office,—Gunnedah has already four mails a week from Sydney, Newcastle, Maitland, and other places, which, so far as the Postmaster General has been able to ascertain, is sufficient for the present requirements. No application has been made for additional mails, but the matter will be considered in connection with other mail arrangements when the extension is opened.

(3.) Electoral Bill:—Mr. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When he will lay upon the Table of the House the Electoral Bill, to introduce which leave was granted last week?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Next week.

(4.) Teacher, Nundle Public School:—Mr. Bemiett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have the Council of Education taken in the case of the complaints preferred by James Fuller against J. J. Callaghan, Teacher of the Nundle Public School?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—The Council of Education has informed me, in reply to this Question, that explanations in regard to Mr. Fuller's charges have been obtained from the Teacher and the Public School Board, and that the whole of the correspondence on the subject has been referred to the District Inspector for inquiry and report.

(5.) Police Buildings, Albury:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the new Police Buildings at Albury have been finished now nearly twelve months, and that provision was made for fixing stoves in the chimneys of the buildings?

(2.) Is he aware that the stoves have been on the ground for a long time, but have not been fixed in their places, thus causing great inconvenience to the police. When will the work be completed?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) The building has been some time completed, the usual fire-places being provided.

(2.) When it was ascertained that the stoves referred to as being on the ground were of the character required, instructions were given for fixing them.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Return to an Order, made on 12th June, 1877, in reference to Mr. G. R. Dibbs, M.P., being the fresh Certificate of Registry of steam-vessel named "Athletic." (*Laid upon the Table as an Exhibit only.*)

(2.) Final Return to an Order, made on 12th June, 1877, in reference to Mr. G. R. Dibbs, M.P. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 9th January, 1877, in reference to the establishment of a Public School at Broke.

Ordered to be printed.

3. IMMIGRATION :—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from certain Residents of the townships of Plattsburg and Wallsend, stating that the expenditure of an additional £100,000 for Immigration will entail misery on a large proportion of those who may be induced to come here, and will seriously affect the interests of present colonists; and praying the House to cancel the authority given to expend that sum for such purpose.
Petition received.

4. IMMIGRATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th June, from George Wallace, Mayor of Newcastle, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held in that city, against the present system of Immigration, be printed.
Question put and passed.

5. CLAIM OF WILLIAM HENRY BARON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 20th June, from Mrs. Isabel Baron, relative to the loss of office by her late husband when Resident Engineer, Clarence River, be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day in reference to the Defences of the Colony postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 6).

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, 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. Piddington, that report was adopted.

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

8. DEFENCES OF THE COLONY :—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 recommendations contained in the Preliminary Report of His Excellency Sir William Jervois, C.B., K.C.M.G., and the expediency of making more adequate provision for the Military and Naval Defence of the Colony.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Resolutions be received on Thursday next.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 22 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Allandale Platform:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—The total amount received at or on account of Allandale Platform for passengers and goods traffic, from the 1st October, 1876, to the 31st March, 1877?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—£147 13s.

- (2.) Land at Kangaroo Creek, Lidsdale:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was an application received in 1876 from Mr. Francis M'Hugh, in reference to a portion of land at Kangaroo Creek, Lidsdale, containing 38 acres 1 rood, and was his application replied to; if so, when?

(2.) Is the Deed made out in name of Connors, the first purchaser, but transferred to F. M'Hugh? Mr. Driver answered,—No such application has been received in the Lands Department in the year 1876.

- (3.) Watch-house for Redfern and Waterloo:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Watch-house for the district of Redfern and Waterloo be erected?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The sum of £1,000 was voted in 1876, and is included in Re-votes of 1877, for the erection of Lock-up at Redfern; it was afterwards considered desirable that the building should comprise a Court House and Lock-up, a plan for which was approved of, and the cost being estimated at £2,100, it became necessary to place the further sum of £1,100 on the Additional Estimates. So soon as this amount shall have been made available, the erection of the building will be proceeded with.

- (4.) Sheep Manure, Glebe Island:—Mr. McElbone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Eagar, Under Secretary to the Treasury, had the sheep manure from Glebe Island at 1s. per ton delivered at Sydney Railway Station?

(2.) Is it a fact that Mr. James Thomson got same manure delivered in boats, in bags, at 1s. per ton?

(3.) Is it a fact that market gardeners and others have to pay 1s. 6d. per load for the refuse manure at Glebe Island, and have to load their own carts?

(4.) Is it a fact that Mr. Oatley was offered 5s. per ton for sheep manure by persons who offered to pay that price, and load and gather it themselves?

(5.) Is it true that nearly the whole of the time of four labourers on Glebe Island is taken up in gathering and bagging the sheep manure for Mr. Eagar and a few other individuals?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) Yes, it was delivered free of cartage in Mr. Eagar's, as in other cases, as I have already stated.

(2.) Two tons of manure were delivered to Mr. Thomson at the wharf, Glebe Island, in bags furnished by him, at 1s. per ton.

(3.) No; the price of manure up to September, 1874, was 1s. 6d. per ton. On 15th September, 1874, the then Treasurer, by minute of that date, reduced the price to 1s. per ton. Since that time it has always been obtainable at that price, whether by market gardeners or others.

(4.) No.

(5.) No; as I have already stated, it is a part of the regular duty of the labourers at Glebe Island to sweep up the yards and collect the manure, without reference to the persons to whom it is subsequently sold.

(5.)

- (5.) Salaries of Railway Officials:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What is the salary of the Inspector of the Traffic Branch on the Southern and Western Railways?
 - (2.) The same information with regard to the Inspector of the Northern Railway?
 - (3.) Will he take steps to have the salaries of these officers equalised on the next Estimates?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—
- (1.) £300 a year, including house allowance.
 - (2.) £250 a year, and £50 a year for house.
 - (3.) The salaries are in effect equal now.
- (6.) Wheat and Flour brought to Sydney by Railway:—Mr. W. C. Browne, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What is the quantity of Wheat and Flour brought to Sydney by the Railway from 1st January to date?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—Wheat, 1,436 tons; Flour, 2,312 tons.
- (7.) Customs Department:—Mr. W. C. Browne, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Was a joint application, to be placed upon the permanent staff of the Customs Department, made by three gentlemen on the acting list, and were these persons recommended by the Collector for appointment, and was the recommendation approved by the Treasurer?
 - (2.) Are two of these officers junior in length of service to other acting clerks who have applied for promotion; if so, on what grounds were the juniors promoted over the heads of the seniors?
 - (3.) Had any other acting clerks been previously recommended by the Collector of Customs for these appointments?
- Mr. Piddington answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) I am informed that two of these officers are junior in length of service to other acting clerks, but not as acting clerks, and they were recommended by the Collector of Customs on account of their qualifications for the offices?
 - (3.) I find that Mr. Shaughnessy was recommended by the Collector of Customs to the favourable consideration of my predecessor in December, 1876, but no definite action was taken in his behalf.
- (8.) Gold-mining Leases applied for by P. Grimley and M'Fadden and party:—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Whether the Government have come to any decision with reference to the conflicting application for Gold-mining Leases 1326 and 3991, of Peter Grimley and M'Fadden and party, respectively?
 - (2.) Will he have any objection to lay the papers upon the Table of the House?
- Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No objection whatever. I will lay the papers on the Table of the House as soon as copied.
2. PENNY POSTAGE TO SUBURBS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Letters that passed to and from the General Post Office and the Suburbs to which the Penny Postage has been extended, during the second and each succeeding year of such extension.
Question put and passed.
3. IMMIGRATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st June, from certain Residents of Plattsburg and Wallsend, against the present system of Immigration, be printed.
Question put and passed.
4. PAPER:—Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—Report from the Surveyor General in reference to opening the Road from Walgett to Nugil.
Ordered to be printed.
5. RAILWAY FROM WALLERAWANG TO MUDGEE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the Town and District of Mudgee in point of wealth and population demands the construction of a Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee without delay.
 - (2.) That the Government should therefore proceed at once with all reasonable energy in the construction of this work, and that a Plan of the Line and Book of Reference be prepared and laid upon the Tables of both Houses of Parliament this Session.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—
- Mr. Rouse moved, That this Order of the Day be discharged.
Debate ensued.
And the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Rouse, proceeding to address the House in explanation, and objection being taken to his doing so,—
Sir John Robertson moved, That Mr. Rouse be now heard.
Debate ensued.
Question—That Mr. Rouse be now heard—put and negatived.
Original Question—That this Order of the Day be discharged—put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Mining Bill (No. 1); second reading;—*until Friday next.*
 - (2.) District Court Judges Salaries and Retiring Allowances Regulation Bill; second reading;—*(after Debate) until Friday, 6th July.*

7. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John Robertson moved, “That” the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted. Debate ensued.
Mr. Stuart moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 13, and the Schedule.”
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and negatived.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be there inserted—put and passed.
Question then—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 13, and the Schedule—put and passed.
On motion of Sir John Robertson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such reconsideration.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o, with further amendments. Ordered, That the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 6th July.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) postponed until Friday next.
9. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO THE CIRCULAR QUAY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stuart, “That” this House will, on “Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions:—
“(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Railway ought to be extended from the present terminus at Redfern to the ‘Circular Quay’ without unnecessary delay.
“(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor”,—
Upon which Mr. Hoskins had moved, by way of amendment,—That all the words after the first word “That” be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “it be referred to a Select Committee, to consider and report upon the expediency of extending the Railway from the present terminus at Redfern to some part of the northern extremity of the city, and the most desirable site for the northern terminus of such extension.
“That such Committee consist of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Abbott, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Macintosh, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Hill, Mr. Booth, and the Mover”,—
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate resumed.
Proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question again proposed.
Mr. J. Watson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “Circular Quay,” in paragraph (1), with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “northern part of the City”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and negatived.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted—put and passed.
Whereupon Question,—That this House will on Friday next resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Railway ought to be extended from the present terminus at Redfern to the northern part of the City without unnecessary delay.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—put and passed.
10. CONTRACTORS DEBTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. H. Suttor 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. Suttor, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 6th July.
11. PAPER:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 23rd February, 1877, in reference to case of Legge and Brickwood and Woods.
Ordered to be printed.
12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
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| (1.) No Liability Mining Companies Bill; to be further considered in Committee;— | } until Friday, 6th July. |
| (2.) Coroners Inquests Bill; second reading;— | |
| (3.) Animals Protection Bill; second reading;— | } until Friday next. |
| (4.) Parliamentary Witnesses Bill; second reading;— | |
| (5.) Bankers Books and Cheques Bill; second reading;— | } until Friday, 6th July. |
| (6.) Travelling Stock Regulation Bill; second reading;— | |
| (7.) Main and Minor Roads of the Colony; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolution;— | } until Friday, 13th July. |
| (8.) Bridge, Parramatta Park; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;— | |

- (9.) Railway Station, Lithgow ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—
 (10.) Adulteration of Food Prevention Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—
 (11.) Lands Acts Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—
 (12.) Salaries of the Civil Servants ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—
- } until Friday, 6th July.

13. BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE BISHOPRICS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Title of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment in the Title.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, That report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Title of the Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain Lands situate within the Dioceses of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale respectively which are now vested in the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle and to extend the Act in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishops of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd June, 1877.

14. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Albert Dangar's Leasing Act Amendment Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Friday, 13th July.
 (2.) Construction of Public Sewers ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—until Friday, 20th July.
 (3.) Police Magistrate for Molong ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—until Friday next.
 (4.) Endowment of Municipalities ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—until Friday, 20th July.
15. CONVEYANCE OF LUNATICS FROM SYDNEY TO COOMA :—Mr. Cameron on behalf of Mr. Long moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the matter of the transmission of Lunatic Patients from Sydney to Cooma.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Burns, Mr. Davies, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Byrnes, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes after Ten o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 25 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Diseases in Sheep:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has this Government applied, or do they intend applying, to the Queensland Government to suspend clauses 43 and 45 of their Diseases in Sheep Act of 1867?
 (2.) Will there be any objection to state what steps have been taken in the matter, with a view to relieve the inconvenience arising therefrom?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) Yes, as regards section 43 of Queensland Act; but as regards section 45 of that Act, no application has been made, as its enforcement occasions little or no inconvenience.
 (2.) There will be no objection. On 13th April, 1876, application was made to the Queensland Government to suspend section 43 of their Sheep Act, to which an answer was received in August, to the effect that it was then deemed inadvisable to suspend that section.

- (2.) Lands Department:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention, in the Additional Estimates promised to be submitted this Session, to make proposals for the increase of the Salaries paid to those Heads of Branches in the Lands Department who have been recommended, on consideration of their onerous and responsible services, for such increases by several successive Ministers?

Mr. Driver answered,—The matter is now under consideration.

- (3.) Lock-up and Police Quarters, Moss Vale:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make prompt provision for a Lock-up and Police Quarters at Moss Vale?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government has decided to make Moss Vale a Police Station, and to build a Lock-up there.

- (4.) Inspection of Conditional Purchases—Forfeited Selections:—*Mr. McElhono* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Does he intend to withdraw the cases put into the hands of the Inspectors to report as to conditions of residence and improvements in cases where selectors took up their land under the Act of 1861, and in which they have made their declarations as to residence and improvements prior to the passing of the amended Lands Act of 1875?
 (2.) How does he intend to deal with the cases already reported on where the parties had taken up their selections under the Lands Act of 1861, and in which they had made their declarations of residence and improvements prior to the passing of the amended Lands Act of 1875?
 (3.) Will he revoke the forfeiture of any selections which have been forfeited, and which were taken up under the Lands Act of 1861, and in which declarations of residence and improvements were made prior to the passing of the amended Lands Act of 1875?
 (4.) Is it a fact that a large number of selections which have been taken up in 1871 and 1872 under the Lands Act of 1861 have been forfeited; if so, what steps does he intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) Yes, except where the Inspectors have found evidence of default on the part of the selectors.
 (2.) The cases are being dealt with on their merits. Those in which the declarations are verified are passed as correct. Those cases in which there is evidence of default in the fulfilment of the conditions will be referred for further inquiry.
 (3.) No selections have been forfeited except upon proof, after due inquiry, of breach of the conditions. No ground appears for revocation of such forfeitures.
 (4.) Many selections made in 1871 and 1872 have from time to time been forfeited. No general action is called for in such cases.

(5.)

- (5.) Selections on Comerong Island :—Mr. Warden asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has the opinion of the Crown Law Officers been obtained in reference to certain selections made by Volunteer Land Orders on Comerong Island, Shoalhaven ; if so, is it his intention to act upon that opinion ; if so, when ?

Mr. Driver answered,—An opinion was received from the late Attorney General in July, 1876, and the matter was referred back for further advice or information on the 12th September last, to which latter reference no reply has yet been received.

- (6.) Fitz-Roy Dock :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How many men are there in Mr. Jas. Hoey's department at work under him at Fitz-Roy Dock ?
 - (2.) What trades are they, including labourers ?
 - (3.) The like in regard to men under Mr. Hayes at Fitz-Roy Dock ?
 - (4.) The like in regard to Mr. Briears ?
 - (5.) How many clerks are there at above dock ?
 - (6.) The names of the clerks, and the salaries they receive ?
 - (7.) Have any of the clerks lately left the dock ; if so, the names and the salary or salaries they receive, what office is he or they now promoted to, and present salary ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) At the present time there are thirty-nine men employed under Mr. Hoey at Fitz-Roy Dock, but, as I have before explained, the numbers vary considerably, according to the work in hand. I may also mention that Mr. Hoey has other duties besides those appertaining to the superintendence of the mechanical department at the dock.

(2.) Engineers, pattern-makers, engine-drivers, smiths, strikers, boiler-makers, labourers, &c.

(3.) Number of men employed at present time, thirty-nine ; they consist of shipwrights, painters, boatbuilders, joiners, sawyers, stonemasons, quarrymen, divers, labourers, &c.

(4.) Briears is not in charge of any department ; he is simply a leading working quarryman, under the immediate supervision of Mr. Hayes.

(5, 6, and 7.) In answer to Questions 5, 6, and 7, I would refer the Honorable Member to the Return which, at his instance, I laid upon the Table on the 16th ultimo, giving full particulars of the staff employed at the dock. Since that information was prepared, the only alteration which has taken place has been the removal of B. Macgillycuddy, the shipwrights' clerk, to a somewhat similar position which is becoming vacant on the Murrumbidgee River, with wages at 14s. 3d. per diem, and promotion of J. Delargy (on trial) to the place vacated by Macgillycuddy.

- (7.) Fitz-Roy Dock :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to Mr. McElhone's Question, No. 1, on 14th June, in reference to wages paid per day to Shipwrights at Fitz-Roy Dock,—Is it not a fact that they only receive 1s. 4½d. per hour, and not 1s. 6½d., as stated by him in answer to that Question ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—1s. 4½d. per hour is the correct amount. On referring to my written answer, I perceive it was so stated ; 1s. 6½d. is merely a printer's error.

- (8.) Mining Lease claimed by Thomas Helsby, Aekerman, and others :—*Mr. Long*, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice.—When will the Papers relating to a disputed Mining Lease at Hawkins Hill, moved for by Mr. J. S. Smith, and ordered by this House, on 29th May, be laid upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The Papers will be laid upon the Table on Thursday next.

- (9.) Boat Race between Rush and Trickett :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to let the Members of the Opposition and the Government supporters have a Government steamer to follow the boat race—Trickett *v.* Rush ?

(2.) If not, is it his intention to let Members have sufficient steamers to see the race ?

Mr. Driver answered,—The Government have not in any way considered the matter. It is not probable, however, that they will provide steamers for the Members of Parliament on the occasion referred to.

2. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Piddington, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message No. 35.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales of a sum of £10,000, in aid of the Funds of the Municipal Council of Sydney.

Government House,

Sydney, 25th June, 1877.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

3. PAPERS :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law of the Borough of Parramatta.

(2.) Correspondence respecting reservation for Her Majesty's Assent of the Queensland Gold Fields Act Amendment Bill of 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ROAD FROM PARKESBOURNE TO THE BREADALBANE PLATFORM :—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from certain Residents of Parkesbourne and Breadalbane, urging the necessity for a road between these places ; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to relief. Petition received.

5. IMMIGRATION :—Mr. McElhone presented a Petition from Martin Guest, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Mechanics, Labourers, &c., citizens of Sydney, stating that the expenditure of the large sum voted for Immigration would operate against one class of the community—the working class; and praying the House to discountenance any more Immigration at the public expense.
Petition received.
6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Piddington, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Piddington then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877.*"
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 a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th June, 1877.*
7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill; second reading ;—
(2.) Audit Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee ;—
} *To follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.*
8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
Mr. Piddington moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon 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 this day.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(8.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the Service of the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £10,000, being for Grant in aid of the City Funds of the Municipal Council of Sydney, for the year 1876.
On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
9. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(8.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1877, the sum of £10,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales for Grant in aid of the City Funds of the Municipal Council of Sydney, for the year 1876.
On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 7) :—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 8), to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, in aid of the City Funds of the Municipal Council of Sydney.
(2.) Mr. Piddington then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales in aid of the City Funds of the Municipal Council of Sydney,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
11. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill; second reading ;—
(2.) Audit Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee ;— } *until Wednesday next.*
12. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 26 JUNE, 1877, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Extension to Quirindi:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has a day been fixed for the opening of the Great Northern Railway to Quirindi?
 (2.) If so, will there be any objection to state the day?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—No date has yet been fixed for opening this extension.

- (2.) Electric Telegraph Department:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the practice for candidates as Probationers in the Electric Telegraph Department to be examined in arithmetic?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes.

- (3.) Police Magistrate, East Maitland:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to pay the Police Magistrate of East Maitland the sum of £89 per annum, for house rent and forage, in addition to his salary?
 (2.) Is he aware that the late Police Magistrate, *Mr. Smith*, did not receive this allowance, and for some time only received £475 per annum as salary, and no other allowances?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) No; the sum of £50, in respect of house rent, will be withheld, as no such allowance has hitherto been paid to *Mr. Addison*; but it is intended to continue the payment of £89 per annum to the Police Magistrate of East Maitland, as a forage allowance, in addition to his salary.

(2.) *Mr. Smith's* salary was £500 per annum, except for the period during which all public officers suffered a reduction; he then drew £475 per annum, and received the usual travelling allowance for visiting Singleton Bench.

- (4.) *Mr. Mansfield*, Architect to the Council of Education:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What salary does *Mr. Mansfield*, Architect to the Council of Education, receive per annum?
 (2.) What amount of commission was paid him for the year 1876, and what amount of commission is still due to him for above year?
 (3.) The like in regard to 1877, to date?
 (4.) What rate of commission does he receive?
 (5.) What was the total amount of all contracts for new school buildings and repairs for the year 1876?

(6.) Do the Government employ any Clerks of Works to look after school buildings; if so, how many, and what salaries were paid to them for the year 1876; also, amount paid them for travelling expenses?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) £350.

(2.) £919 3s. 7d. No further amount due.

(3.) Paid, £281; due, £175 3s. 4d.

(4.) 2½ per cent. on works carried out under his personal supervision.

(5.) £133,209 10s.

(6.) The Council of Education employs one Clerk of Works. No salaries or travelling expenses were paid in 1876.

(5.)

(5.) Trial Survey for Railway between Dubbo and Bourke:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)*, on behalf of *Mr. R. Forster*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the survey party, about to make the Trial Survey of the line of Railway Extension from Dubbo towards Bourke, will have to traverse about 100 miles of country, throughout the whole of which there is not a drop of water to be found for the use of themselves or their beasts of burthen?

(2.) Will the Government take the necessary steps to prevent any risk or danger arising to the lives of the party?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Surveyors are about to be sent to survey a line from Dubbo to Bourke, but it is not known that there is no water for 100 miles of country. Every arrangement, however, will be made to provide water for the Surveyors and their horses.

(6.) Wheat and Flour brought to Sydney by Railway:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Combes*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he inform the House,—

(1.) The quantity of Wheat brought into Sydney by the Southern and Western Railways respectively during the present year?

(2.) The quantity of Flour brought into Sydney by the Southern and Western Railways respectively during the same period?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Wheat—Southern Railway, 824 tons; Western Railway, 627 tons.

(2.) Flour—Southern Railway, 808 tons; Western Railway, 1,589 tons.

(7.) Road, Tamworth to Nemingha:—*Mr. Bennett* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—On whose authority has the line of road from Tamworth to Nemingha been closed?

Mr. Driver answered,—If the road is (as supposed) part of the Main Road from Tamworth to Nundle, no authority has been given for its closing by the Department of Lands.

(8.) Public School, Round Swamp:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Council of Education accepted Tenders for the School at Round Swamp, Mudgee Road; if so, when is it probable the new School will be open; and what is the building to cost?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—A new Public School was opened at Round Swamp on the 6th April last. The cost of the existing school building is £330.

(9.) Public School, Lithgow:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Council of Education arrived at any definite decision relative to the erection of a new Public School in the town of Lithgow?

(2.) If so, what steps are taken, and when is it probable Tenders will be called?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Steps are being taken to secure a site.

(10.) Public School, Ilford:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When was it decided to erect a new Public School at Ilford?

(2.) What is the sum granted, and how long has it been available?

(3.) Have Tenders been accepted; when is it contemplated the building will be completed; and what is the cause of delay?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) 24th March, 1876.

(2.) No specific sum; the amount of whatever Tender is accepted.

(3.) Yes, three times. The Council cannot say at present when the buildings will be completed. The delay has been occasioned by the fact that the site was not promised by the Government until 2nd February, 1877; that the two first Tenders for the erection of the buildings authorised proved to be fictitious ones; and that the third Tenderer now declines to proceed with the work.

(11.) Public School, Mount Victoria:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When was it decided to erect a Public School at Mount Victoria?

(2.) Have plans and specifications been prepared, and has the site been chosen; if so, who was it purchased from, and at what cost?

(3.) When will the building be proceeded with?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) 7th February, 1876.

(2.) Plans and specifications have been prepared. A site has been purchased from *Mr. W. R. Piddington*, at a cost of £45.

(3.) As soon as possible.

(12.) Public School, Fish River Creek:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Council of Education determined to erect a new Public School on their property at Fish River Creek, and at what cost?

(2.) Have Tenders been invited; and are the plans and specifications ready; and when is it likely that the new School will be erected?

(3.) Are the Council aware the present building is in a dangerous state, and that pupils are kept away owing to its dilapidation?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) No, the erection of new school buildings has been deferred for the present.

(2.) Tenders have not been invited; plans and specifications are not ready; it is uncertain when the new school buildings will be erected.

(3.) No, the Public School Board reported that the chimneys of the school buildings had been injured by the late rains, and the Council has granted a sum of money to repair them. 2.

2. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 8th May, 1877, in reference to the Woomargama Public School.
Ordered to be printed.
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Borough of East Maitland.
Ordered to be printed.
4. **MR. EVANS, LATE LAND AGENT AT HAY (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Letters, Correspondence, Papers, &c., in reference to the resignation of Mr. Evans, late Land Agent at Hay.
Question put and passed.
5. **ROADS THROUGH CROOBYAR ESTATE, ULLADULLA (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Warden moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Applications, Petitions, Plans, Minutes, and all other Documents, for and against all Roads through the Croobyar Estate, Ulladulla, since the year 1850.
Question put and passed.
6. **ROAD FROM PARKESBOURNE TO THE BREADALBANE PLATFORM (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 25th June, from certain Residents of Parkesbourne and Breadalbane, praying that a road be opened from Parkesbourne to the Breadalbane Railway Platform, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. **IMMIGRATION (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 25th June, from Martin Guest, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Mechanics and Labourers of Sydney, against the present system of Immigration, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. **DUTY ON KEROSENE OIL**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the duty at present charged on Kerosene Oil, of six-pence sterling per gallon, while justifiable, if levied for the purpose of supplementing a deficient revenue, is, in the present circumstances of the Colony, antagonistic to the Free Trade principles of the Country.
(2.) That such duty be reduced in the following manner, viz., three-pence per gallon on the 1st September next, and the then remaining three-pence on 1st January, 1878.
(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Charles, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Davies, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hill, Mr. Jacob, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Stuart, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Taylor, Mr. J. Watson, and Mr. Wisdom,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at Eighteen minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Platforms on Southern and Western Railways:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What are the present names of all Platforms erected by the Government on the Southern and Western Railways during the last ten years, the date of authorization, the distance from any station or platform, the gradient and curve of line where platform erected, with total cost in each case?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—A Return showing the above information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House as early as possible.

(2.) Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When did the amended Divorce Bill, which was reserved for the consideration of the Home authorities, go to England?

(2.) Is there any news as to the fate of this Bill?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Bill was sent Home by the mail which left Sydney on 4th May, 1877.

(2.) No reply has yet been received from the Secretary of State.

(3.) Site for Hospital, Coonamble:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Surveyor pegged and marked the land in the town of Coonamble for the promised site for a Hospital?

(2.) What is the cause of delay in granting this land to the Hospital Committee, and when will it be so dedicated?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) I am not aware, no report having been received from the Surveyor who was instructed to measure the land.

(2.) The absence of a report from the Survey Office; the attention of the Surveyor General will be directed to the matter.

(4.) Fitz-Roy Dock:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—The number of Ship Carpenters employed on the works at Fitz-Roy Dock, Biloela Island; the name of each; and amount paid each at per day?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return which will give the information required by the Honorable Member.

(5.) Pacific Mail Service:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Under what terms, as between the Contractors, and the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand respectively, is the present Pacific Mail Service performed?

(2.) What are the terms proposed by the Government of New South Wales for the continuance of the Service *via* Auckland and Honolulu?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The whole subject embraced by this Question will be brought before Parliament in the course of a few days.

(6.) Defences of the Colony:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to defray the cost of constructing Batteries and the purchase of an Ironclad, for the purpose of defence, as recommended by Sir William Jervois, by loan or out of the current income of the Colony?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The Government intend to apply to Parliament to make good the expenditure under the recommendations contained in the Report of Sir William Jervois out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(7.)

(7.) Case of Wallington v. Cleg :—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Lucas*, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—If he will lay upon the Table of this House the Depositions taken at the Central Police Office, on the 25th instant, in a case of assault and stealing, in which *Mrs. Wallington* was the complainant and *Henry Cleg* was defendant?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—There will be no objection to lay a copy of the Depositions in the case referred to upon the Table of this House.

2. PAPER :—*Mr. Hoskins* laid upon the Table,—Return showing the number, names, and pay of Shipwrights employed at Fitz-Roy Dock.
Ordered to be printed.
3. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill postponed (after Debate) until Wednesday, 11th July.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 6) :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th June, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Sydney Common Improvement Act,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th June, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

5. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 7) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Piddington* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of *Mr. Piddington*, *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. Piddington*, that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill; second reading ;—	}	<i>until Monday next.</i>
(2.) Audit Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—		
7. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Piddington*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 28 JUNE, 1877, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of *Mr. Speaker*, namely,—*Mr. Bennett*, *Mr. W. C. Browne*, *Mr. Charles*, *Mr. Cohen*, *Mr. H. C. Dangar*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Driver*, *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Hoskins*, *Mr. Hurley (Hartley)*, *Mr. Jacob*, *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, *Sir Henry Parkes*, *Mr. Piddington*, *Mr. Scholey*, *Mr. R. B. Smith*, *Mr. F. B. Suttor*, *Mr. W. H. Suttor*, and *Mr. Windeyer*,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at ten minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 JUNE, 1877.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Wages of Railway Workmen:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What is the number of Railway Porters and Labourers on the Great Western, Southern, and Northern Railways that are receiving 6s., and 6s. 6d., per day, and how long have they been in the employ of the Government?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—In the Department of the Engineer for Existing Lines there are thirteen men paid at 6s. a day, and 128 paid at 6s. 6d. a day. Of the 6s. a day men, four have served less than eight months, and nine have served for periods varying from eighteen months to three years and six months. There are exceptional circumstances attending each of these cases—either the men are very young, having entered as lads, or they are employed at very light work. Of the 128 men paid at 6s. 6d. a day, sixty-six have served less than twelve months, thirty-three less than two years, twenty-two less than three years, and seven have served for periods varying from four years to ten and a half years. In the Traffic Department there are 143 men paid at 6s. a day, and eighteen paid at 6s. 6d. a day. Of the 6s. a day men, 115 have served less than twelve months, eighteen less than two years, and ten varying from two years to ten years. Of the eighteen men paid at 6s. 6d. a day, seven have served under twelve months, five have served between one and two years, and six have served from two years to eight years. I may state that previous to the notice of this Question, given by the Honorable Member, I had called upon the Heads of the various Branches of the Railway Department to furnish me with a return of the names, length of service, nature of duties, and general character of the employés in receipt of a lower rate of wages than 7s. a day, with a view to remedying inequalities, should they be found to exist.

- (2.) Erection of Jetties in the Harbour:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) On what date did the Government give Mr. G. R. Dibbs, or the Messrs. Dibbs, permission to erect jetties into the harbour?

(2.) How many jetties did they get permission to erect?

(3.) For what distance did they get permission to run the jetties into the harbour?

(4.) Have they extended the jetties out into the harbour further than they were granted permission to do?

(5.) If so, how much further into the harbour have they extended their jetties than they were authorized, and will the Government cause him or them to pull up the part which extends into the harbour past the line up to which they got permission to erect their jetties?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) On the 5th July, 1876.

(2.) Three.

(3.) The easternmost jetty authorized extends a mean distance of 232 feet; central jetty, 265 feet; and western jetty, 227 feet.

(4.) The jetties have not been extended further into Darling Harbour than authorized, but have been erected in a somewhat different direction to that shown in the sketch accompanying the application.

(5.) This is answered by reply to No. 4; but it may be added, that as it has been ascertained that the jetties do not encroach upon the general navigation of the harbour, the question of their removal does not now apparently arise.

(3.)

- (3.) Imported Stock :—Mr. Leary asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has he received any communication from Stockowners, urging the removal of the prohibition on importation of Cattle from places beyond the Colony; if so, what course do the Government intend to take in this matter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think any communication has been made to the Colonial Secretary's Office, during the time I have held office, on this subject by stockowners. There was an application made to me to appoint a day to receive a deputation; a day was appointed, but the deputation did not come. I may mention, however, though I hardly think it is embraced by the Honorable Member's Question, that communications have been made by the Government of Victoria as to the passage of sheep across the Murray. These applications are under consideration at the present moment.

- (4.) Light on Nobbys :—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When will copies of the Correspondence and other Papers relative to the obscuration of the Light at Nobbys, ordered by this House, on 14th instant, be placed upon the Table?

Mr. Piddington answered,—They will be laid upon the Table in the course of next week.

- (5.) Prison Labour :—Mr. Davics asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Government have introduced into Darlinghurst and Mudgee Gaols the system of teaching the prisoners the trades of saddle and harness making and boot-making?

(2.) Is it a fact that it is proposed to supply the Police with saddles and harness by Prison Labour?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is reported to me by the Comptroller General of Prisons, as follows :—

(1.) A saddlery shop has been established in Mudgee Gaol, in arrangement with local saddlers, for supply of work. Boot and shoe making is carried on in Darlinghurst and other Prisons.

(2.) There is no present purpose of supplying the Police with saddles and harness by means of Prison Labour.

- (6.) Selections on Comerong Island :—Mr. Warden asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will he obtain the opinion of the Crown Law Officers in reference to the legality of the land taken up by Volunteer Land Orders on Comerong Island, Shoalhaven?

Mr. Driver answered,—I stated in reply to a Question put by the Honorable Member a few days ago, that the matter had been referred to the Crown Law Officers. When I shall obtain the opinion, rests of course with my honorable colleague the Attorney General.

- (7.) Sites for Places of Public Worship :—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government decided to decline applications for the dedication, under the 5th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, of sites for places of public worship?

Mr. Driver answered,—No such decision has been arrived at.

- (8.) Mr. Licensed Surveyor Machattie :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that Licensed Surveyor Machattie upon leaving his district handed over to Mr. District Surveyor Fisher nearly 400 instructions unacted upon, and many bearing date from two to five years back?

(2.) Has Mr. Machattie been transferred to any other district; if so, what district?

(3.) Has any Surveyor been instructed to carry out the surveys and instructions unacted upon, handed over to District Surveyor Fisher by Mr. Machattie; if so, what is the name of the Surveyor so appointed?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Yes; 402 instructions, viz., 14 of 1873, 51 of 1874, 100 of 1875, and 213 of 1876.

(2.) No; Mr. Machattie was dismissed his district for non-attention to instructions.

(3.) Two Surveyors (Messrs. Lupton and Combes) have been appointed permanently, and one (Mr. Tuff) temporarily; and Mr. District Surveyor Fisher has the option of employing a fourth (Mr. Montague) if the arrears are not reduced quickly enough.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 27th April, 1877, in reference to establishment of School at Ben Bullen.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—Supplementary Return to an Order, made on 1st May, 1877, in reference to proposed alterations at certain wharfs, Miller's Point.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 29th May, 1877, in reference to the Disputed Mining Lease claimed by Thomas Helsby, Ackerman, and others.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the case.

4. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 7) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Piddington, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Piddington then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales in aid of the City Funds of the Municipal Council of Sydney.*"

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 a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales in aid of the City Funds of the Municipal Council of Sydney.*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th June, 1877.

5. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Registrar General and the Colonial Secretary with reference to the introduction into this House of the Real Property Act Further Amendment Bill.
Question put and passed.
6. DEFENCES OF THE COLONY:—The Order of the Day for the reception of Resolutions from Committee of the Whole having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until this day week.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. W. H. Suttor.

Noes, 23.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Long,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Farnell,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. McEilhane,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Cameron,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon 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 House adjourned, at one minute before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 29 JUNE, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Sheep in Mudgee and Hartley Districts :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What number of Sheep are there in the Police District or Electoral District of Mudgee?
- (2.) The like in regard to Hartley Electorate and Police District?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) In the Mudgee Electoral District, at 1st January last, there were 216,391 sheep, exclusive of lots under 500, which would amount to about 7000 more.
- (2.) In the Electoral District of Hartley, at the same date, there were 117,408 sheep, exclusive of lots under 500, which would amount to about 4000 more. Of these, 4,367 are in the Police District of Hartley.

(2.) Navigation of the Western Rivers :—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he be good enough to give the House information on the following points,—

- (1.) The total amount expended up to the present time in improving the navigable qualities of the Western Rivers?
- (2.) The Rivers on which such expenditure has been made, and the sums expended on each respectively?
- (3.) The time over which such expenditure has extended?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return giving the information asked by the Honorable Member.

(3.) Erection of Jetties in the Harbour :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has Captain Charles Smith a jetty on the south side of his wharf property at Miller's Point?
- (2.) Is such jetty built of timber and on piles?
- (3.) Was such jetty erected without permission of the Government?
- (4.) Has Captain Smith been permitted to obtain a Real Property title for the said jetty?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes; but a permission had been given him, on 24th November, 1854, to reclaim part of the land covered by the jetty.
- (4.) He obtained a certificate of title under the Real Property Act for part of the area covered by the jetty.

(4.) Trial Survey for Railway from Orange to Forbes :—Mr. J. S. Smith, on behalf of Mr. Combes, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has any trial survey for a Railway been made from Orange to Forbes; and if so, will the Minister be good enough to inform the House by what route?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—No special survey of a Railway from Orange to Forbes has been made; but, in pursuance of a Resolution passed by this House, on the 27th June, 1876, a trial survey is being made from Orange to Wilcannia and Menindie. This line, after passing the Canobla Mountains, crosses Reedy, Borce, Mandagery, and Manildra Creeks; then ascending Crooker's Range, passes down the valley of the Billabong, skirting the northern end of the Dungeon Mountains; it then bears towards Forbes, following generally the valley of the Goobang Creek, and, in order to avoid country subject to floods, passes about 7 miles north of Forbes.

(5.)

(5.) Civil and Military Cricket Ground :—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the land known as the Civil and Military Cricket Ground, near the Victoria Barracks, at Paddington, been vested in trustees ?
- (2.) Has the said land been dedicated, or is it the intention of the Government to dedicate the said land, to the public as a cricket ground, or for any other purpose whatsoever ?
- (3.) Has not the said land been previously dedicated as a military garden ; if so, has there been any revocation of such dedication ?
- (4.) Has the sum of £500, voted by Parliament last year, been paid to and expended by the trustees of the said land on the land in question ?
- (5.) If the said land is to be dedicated to the public as a cricket ground, is it the intention of the Government to permit the trustees thereof to charge for the use of the same in any way whatever, or to charge the public for admission to the said land on any occasion whatever ?
- (6.) Will such dedication (if any) be made in conformity with the provisions of clause 5 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, or how otherwise ?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; by *Gazette* notice of 21st January, 1876.
- (2.) Yes ; an abstract of the authorized dedication was laid before Parliament on the 17th May last.
- (3.) There has been no previous dedication.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) The trustees have not applied for any such permission.
- (6.) Yes.

(6.) Selections made by C. and H. V. Harrison, Deniliquin :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has he called the attention of the Surveyor General to survey of selections made by C. and H. V. Harrison, at Deniliquin, on the boundary of the Wangonilla Reserve ; if not, will he do so in time to prevent later applications allowing alienations to prevent the selectors named getting the land in accordance with application ?

Mr. Driver answered,—C. Harrison's application is for land conditionally purchased in 1874 by Robert Foster and W. Kerr, with the exception of 50 acres on north side of Billabong Creek, offered for sale on 9th May, 1877, and about 25 acres not measured, on the south side of the Billabong Creek. Land is probably available for the application of H. V. Harrison, but survey has not been received.

(7.) Ship "Commonwealth":—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When will the emigrant ship "Commonwealth" be released from Quarantine ?

Mr. Piddington answered,—Instructions have been given to release the ship this day.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Return showing the amount expended in improving the navigation of Western Rivers, the names of such Rivers, and the time over which such expenditure has extended.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Cameron moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. BRIDGE AT GREENHILLS :—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Municipal District of Nowra, and of the Police District of Shoalhaven, stating their objections to the Bridge recently erected at Greenhills ; and praying the House to adopt such measures as will afford them relief.

Petition received.

5. AD EUNDEM DEGREES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Windeyer moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Sir Henry Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Windeyer,		
Mr. Dibbs,		Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,		Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Terry,		
Mr. Day,		
Mr. Scholey,		
Mr. Bennett,		

Noes, 14.

Mr. Stuart,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Wisdom,		Mr. Davies,
Mr. Charles,		Mr. Montague,
Mr. Garrett,		Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Jacob,		
Mr. J. S. Smith,		
Mr. McElhone,		Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Farnell,		Mr. Long.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER 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 this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bennett, Mr. Charles, Mr. Day, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Leary, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Montague, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Terry, Mr. Windeyer, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at eighteen minutes before Ten o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 2 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Byrnes*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—In view of the Government carrying out the Water Scheme, to supply the City of Sydney and Suburbs with water from the Upper Nepean, as recommended by *Mr. Clark*,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision to supply other Municipalities with water, where practicable, from the same source?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—If the Government deals with the recommendations of *Mr. Clark* by a Bill, it will, of course, utilize his suggestions as far as possible. If it be practicable to extend the scheme to other places beyond the metropolis and the immediate suburbs, it will be done.

- (2.) Municipal Council of Goulburn:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Teece*, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he received any applications from the Municipal Council of Goulburn for the endowment due to that Municipality; if so, date of same?

(2.) Has the money due to that body been paid; if not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) Yes. Original application dated 30th March last. Subsequent correspondence with the Treasury dated 26th April and 4th June.

(2.) No. A question having arisen as to the propriety of the claim to endowment, based upon certain subscriptions, the matter was referred to the Attorney General, whose opinion was conveyed to the Council on 26th ultimo. Upon receipt of the information required by that letter, the endowment due to the Borough will be paid.

- (3.) Bridge over Williams River:—*Mr. McElhone*, on behalf of *Mr. Jacob*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Where is the site at which it is contemplated to erect the "Bridge, Williams River," for which the sum of £8,000 is placed on the "Proposed distribution (by *Mr. Hoskins*) of special Grant for Roads and Bridges, to be submitted in Further Additional Estimates, 1877"?

(2.) What is the width of the river at the proposed site, and what is to be the length of the Bridge?

(3.) By whom was application made for a grant for the purpose, on what date, and what amount was asked for?

(4.) Was the application made in writing?

(5.) Was a report called for and received from a competent public officer upon the application, and the site visited by him, prior to the application being conceded?

(6.) Will he, without delay, place upon the Table of the House copies of all the correspondence, reports, minutes, and other documents in any way relating to the proposed Bridge?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) At Clarence Town. The exact site has not been fixed, pending detailed survey.

(2.) The width of the river was reported by the local officer, with whom the papers now are. The exact length of Bridge has not yet finally been determined; such length is never accurately fixed until detailed drawings are made.

(3.) By *Mr. Johnston*, Member for The Williams; received in office 5th April; no special amount was mentioned. *Mr. Johnston's* notice of motion of the 21st March asked for £5,000, but £8,000 was put down for consideration by Cabinet, as a swing bridge may be necessary.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes; a hurried preliminary report, to enable a sum to be placed on Estimates, in pursuance of my minute to the Commissioner for Roads. A survey and detailed report is now being made, to be ready before vote is asked for.

(6.) Yes; officer has been instructed to return papers at once for this purpose. (4.)

- (4.) Selections on Comerong Island :—*Mr. McElhone*, on behalf of Mr. Warden, asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice,—When will he give the opinion asked for by the Lands Office, as to the legality of the selections by Volunteer Land Orders of certain portions of land on Comerong Island, Shoalhaven?
- Mr. Windeyer answered,—I will give this opinion as soon as I am able to form it from the papers that may be laid before me. At present no papers have come before me. They were sent in August last year to the late Attorney General, and although an opinion was given by Mr. Dalley, there is no trace of the papers to be found anywhere.
2. PAPER :—Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 20th February, 1877, in reference to Conditional Purchase made by Patrick Nugent, Wagga Wagga.
Ordered to be printed.
3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
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| (1.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill ; second reading ;— | } <i>To follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.</i> |
| (2.) Audit Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;— | |
4. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 3 JULY, 1877, A.M.

- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
5. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at Twenty-one minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 JULY, 1877.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 6):—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Message No. 36.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 3rd July, 1877.

- (2.) Bathurst and Grafton and Armidale Bishopricks Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Message No. 37.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain Lands situate within the Dioceses of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale respectively which are now vested in the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle in and to extend the Act in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishops of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 3rd July, 1877.

- (3.) Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Message No. 38.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 3rd July, 1877.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Greta Railway Station:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When Tenders will be invited for the erection of the Railway Goods Shed at Greta?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—It is not intended to invite Tenders for this work; the Department will carry it out, and the building is already in hand.

- (2.) Land adjoining General Post Office:—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) If the land now about to be resumed at the rear of the General Post Office was at any time offered for sale to the late Government; and if so, when?

(2.) By whom was it offered, and at what price?

(3.) What reply was given?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The land in question was offered to the Government on the 17th October, 1876, by letter to the late Postmaster General.

(2.) The offer was made by Captain R. F. Pockley, as agent for the proprietor, at £200 per foot.

(3.) The offer was submitted to the Works Department, which referred it to the Colonial Architect, and he reported, on the 9th January, that the price asked was excessive, and that, in his opinion, an Act of Parliament should be obtained for purchasing the land required—the price to be fixed by valuation in the usual way. So far as the papers show, nothing was done until the 16th of March, 1877, when the following minute was made by the late Postmaster General:—"This matter can be brought under the notice of my successor.—J.F.B., 16/3/77."

(3.) Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee:—Mr. Davics asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Loan Estimates this Session for the extension of the Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Provision will be made for this extension on the Loan Estimates for the present year.

(4.) Railway Extension towards the Circular Quay:—Mr. Davics asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Loan Estimates this Session for the extension of the Railway from Redfern to the northern end of the City?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The surveys and borings will not be ready in time to admit of an estimate being made of the probable cost, and provision cannot in consequence be made on the Loan Estimates for the present year for this extension.

(5.) Application of Mr. Henry Walker for Land near Rylstone:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is the Lands Department in possession of an application from Mr. Henry Walker, of Tung Bung, Rylstone, for certain land, and will his application be received?

Mr. Driver answered,—An application to select portion of a forfeited conditional purchase of 320 acres was made by Henry Walker in April last. The matter was reported upon by the Surveyor General, and the Honorable Member apprised of the state of the case by letter of 27th June last.

(6.) Exchange of Land, Rylstone:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any decision been given to the application, made some time since, in reference to an exchange of land by the Wesleyan body of Rylstone?

(2.) Will the Secretary for Lands consent to one acre near the Bridge, fronting Dabec and Louee Streets, being granted?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No application for the land referred to has been received; I am therefore unable at present to give the Honorable Member any definite reply as to whether it would be granted.

(7.) Boring for Coal in or near Sydney:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it his intention to carry out the recommendation of the Geological Surveyor in reference to boring for Coal in the vicinity of Sydney?

(2.) Has he received any communication from the trustees of the City of Sydney Coal Mining Company, in reference to boring for Coal with one of the Diamond Drill Company's machines?

(3.) If so, what is the nature of the proposal, and what course is proposed to be taken with regard to it?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Such a communication has been received from a gentleman, on behalf of trustees of a local coal company.

(3.) The proposal is to let the Government have the use of the apparatus and men, or to undertake a contract to bore for the Government, or, for a consideration, to allow the officers of the Mining Department to inspect the Company's works, and ascertain the result of their boring operations. No decision has been arrived at.

(8.) Delivery of Letters, General Post Office:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Post Office authorities refuse to deliver, when so requested, letters or newspapers at the private residences of those who have letter-boxes at the General Post Office?

(2.) Will the Postmaster General order that directions be issued with a view to such delivery, if required?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Persons having a private box can have the contents sent to their private residence, should it be specially required, on sufficient notice being given to the officer in charge; but, as a rule, the Department expects box-holders to receive their letters at the Post Office.

3. PAPER:—Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Copy of Depositions in the cases of Wellington *v.* Clegg—Assault; Wellington *v.* Clegg—Larceny.
Ordered to be printed.

4. GUNDAGAI GAOL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Leary moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Tenders, Letters, and Papers in any way relating to the Contracts for the repairs of the Gundagai Gaol.
Question put and passed.

5. BRIDGE AT GREENHILLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Clarke, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Clarke, on 29th June, from certain Inhabitants of the Municipal District of Nowra and Polico District of Shoalhaven, relative to the Bridge at Greenhills, be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Real Property Act Further Amendment Bill, which was interrupted for want of a Quorum, on Friday, 29th June, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, the 13th of July.
Question put and passed.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Davies moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
8. PAPER:—Mr. Windeyer laid upon the Table,—His Opinion, as Attorney General, in reference to the necessity for an Act of Parliament to abolish Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges (*in substitution for similar paper laid upon the Table, and ordered to be printed, on 13th June, 1877*).
Ordered to be printed.
9. HARBOUR OF REFUGE, TRIAL BAY:—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the proposed construction of a Breakwater at Trial Bay will be a waste of the public money, and that no further sum should be expended on such work.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Teecc,
Mr. McElhone,

Tellers.

Mr. Dibbs,
Captain Onslow.

Noes, 20.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. H. O. Dangar,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Burns,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. W. C. Browne.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Cost of Railways:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) What is the gross amount of money expended on construction of Railways, including purchase of Parramatta Railway and trial surveys?

(2.) Total number of miles open in the North, South, and West, respectively?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) To the 31st December, 1876, the total amount was £7,714,406; expended from 1st January to 31st May, 1877 (approximate), £168,923; total, £7,883,329.

(2.) Number of miles open for traffic on the North, 124; on the South, 230; on the West, 195; total, 549.

- (2.) The Fortifications:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What is the total amount of money spent on the Fortifications in the Colony since 1850?

Mr. Piddington answered,—£304,308 11s. 8d.

- (3.) Mr. John Campbell's application to reclaim land, Sydney Harbour:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it his intention to allow Mr. John Campbell to reclaim and purchase land, as per notice in *Government Gazette*, 31st May, or any other date?

(2.) What distance has he applied for permission to reclaim into the harbour?

(3.) Is it a fact that the reclamation already made has never been legally sanctioned by the proper authorities?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) No additional reclamation will be permitted. It is only proposed to alienate land which has been reclaimed for many years.

(2.) 46 feet by 52 feet.

(3.) In 1841 a permission, although somewhat indefinite, was given to R. Campbell to extend his wharf.

- (4.) Travelling Stock Reserve, Rocks Creek:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice.—

(1.) What is the cause of the great delay in opening the Travelling Stock Reserve at Rocks Creek, near Cassilis, now or lately leased to Messrs. Busby?

(2.) When will the above Reserve be thrown open to the public?

Mr. Driver answered,—The land referred to was withdrawn from lease, for a public Travelling Stock Reserve, by notice in *Government Gazette* of 20th June last.

- (5.) Quirindi Reserve:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What report did Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst make respecting the opening of Quirindi Reserve?

(2.) Will the Secretary for Lands cause that portion of Quirindi Reserve adjoining the Railway to be surveyed and advertised for sale in building sites?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) He has reported that the Reserve should not be interfered with, being invaluable to travellers, and there being unsold allotments in the town, instructions for the marking of which have been given.

(2.) The above referred to report is under consideration.

(6.)

(6.) Dredge "Samson"—Steamer "Thetis":—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the salary of the master of the "Samson" dredge?
- (2.) Is he paid extra for night duty; if so, how much did he receive for such extra duty for the year 1876, and to date for the present year?
- (3.) The same particulars with reference to the mate of the steamer "Thetis"?
- (4.) Is it true that, with the exception of the two officers alluded to, no officer or man of the dredge "Samson" or steamer "Thetis" has received any extra allowance for night work?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) £300 per annum.
- (2.) Yes; £52 for 1876, and to date of 1877, £26.
- (3.) The first master of "Thetis" receives £216 per annum, but receives no addition for night duty. The second master receives at the rate of £216 per annum for night duty, and at the rate of £192 for day work. There are two mates, taking alternately, week and week about, day and night duty, for which they receive £120 per annum each.
- (4.) All the crews receive 1s. per day extra while employed at the Heads, and Mr. Laing receives 2s. 6d.

(7.) Public School, Sutton Forest:—Mr. Garrett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Why the erection of the Public School at Sutton Forest is not proceeded with; and what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—The erection of the proposed Public School buildings at Sutton Forest is not being proceeded with on account of the site not having been determined. The application of the Council of Education of 19th January last has been referred to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Gorman, whose report has not yet been received. Attention will be called to the subject.

(8.) Reserves, River Darling:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When does he intend throwing open the Reserves, notified in the *Government Gazette* of the 30th October, 1874, on the south side of the Darling, to conditional purchase?
- (2.) Is he aware that the opposite side of the river is open to free selection, and that the best land is on this, the south, side of the Darling, which is locked up on account of being reserved?
- (3.) Will he take the necessary steps to remedy this alleged evil as soon as possible?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware of any application for the cancellation of the Reserves in question, which were reserved for travelling stock purposes.
- (2.) The land referred to was reserved for travelling stock purposes.
- (3.) Inquiry will be made as to the necessity of modifying the Reserves in question.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 8th June, 1877, in reference to the issue of Government Stores on loan.
Ordered to be printed.

3. MR. JOHN Garsed (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the manuscript notes and opinion of Judge Dickinson, having reference to the trial of John Garsed, and now in the possession of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.
Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed (after Debate) until to-morrow:—

- (1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.
- (2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
- (3.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill; second reading.
- (4.) Audit Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

5. CHINESE IMMIGRATION—DISALLOWANCE OF QUEENSLAND GOLD FIELDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) "That," referring to the Circular Notification addressed to the Chief Secretaries of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand, by John Douglas, Vice-President of the Executive Council of Queensland, and laid upon the Table of this House,—It appears from that communication that the Queensland Government had passed a measure through both Houses of Parliament calculated to restrict Chinese Immigration. The Bill was reserved by the Governor of Queensland, against the advice of his Ministers, and disallowed by the Home authorities.

(2.) The Vice-President of the Executive Council of Queensland states in the Circular above referred to—"Her Majesty's advisers in Great Britain have sustained the action of their Representative, and this Government have now to face not only the serious difficulty of a Chinese occupation throughout a large portion of this territory, but the still more serious question which arises as to the exercise of their rights as a self-governing community. The subject is one of vital importance to us. We have been accustomed to consider our rights of self-government as second to no other rights which we possess as British subjects. We are not unjustly proud of the civilisation which has been here established by our energy. But we fear that both our rights and our civilisation may be compromised, and that our social and political systems may be imperilled, if, on any plea whatever, a Chinese immigration is forced upon us against our wishes and against our interests. The people of this portion of Australia will be the first to feel the change and its consequences, but I deem it to be my duty, on the part of this Government, to point out to you that it will not be confined to them alone."
(3.)

(3.) That this House sympathises with our neighbours in Queensland under the circumstances above detailed, and desires to express its regret that the British Government should have advised the disallowance of a measure affecting the vital interests of Queensland, and in some measure endangering our own position, if the fears of the Queensland Government are in any way realised.

(4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to the Right Honorable the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be presented to Her Majesty the Queen.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House having had under its consideration the Despatches and other Papers relating to the reservation of the Queensland Gold Fields Act Amendment Bill by His Excellency Governor Cairns, desires to express its sympathy with the Government and people of Queensland in their efforts to protect themselves from the dangers of excessive Chinese immigration, 'and' will be prepared to support any well devised and temperate measures calculated to restrict or mitigate the evils to be apprehended from any such influx of Asiatic and African aliens.

"(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor." Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Terry,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Garrett,

Tellers.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 26.

Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Windeyer,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Cohen,

Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Montague,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Shopherd,
Mr. Scholey,

Tellers.

Mr. Day,
Mr. Stephen Brown,

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Wisdom moved, That the proposed Amendment be amended by the omission of all the words after the word 'and' in the fifth line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "is of opinion that it is desirable, in the interests of the whole of the Australias, that the Government of New South Wales should represent to the Government in England the expediency of endeavouring to obtain from the Government of China such a modification of the terms of existing Treaties between Her Majesty the Queen and the Emperor of China, as will enable restriction to be placed upon the present exceedingly undesirable flood of Chinese people coming into Australia.

"(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed Amendment—put and negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted from the proposed Amendment be there inserted—put and passed.

Question then—That the words of the proposed Amendment, as so amended, be inserted in place of the words omitted from the original Question—put and passed.

Whereupon Question,—

(1.) That this House having had under its consideration the Despatches and other Papers relating to the reservation of the Queensland Gold Fields Act Amendment Bill by His Excellency Governor Cairns, desires to express its sympathy with the Government and people of Queensland in their efforts to protect themselves from the dangers of excessive Chinese immigration, and is of opinion that it is desirable, in the interests of the whole of the Australias, that the Government of New South Wales should represent to the Government in England the expediency of endeavouring to obtain from the Government of China such a modification of the terms of existing Treaties between Her Majesty the Queen and the Emperor of China, as will enable restriction to be placed upon the present exceedingly undesirable flood of Chinese people coming into Australia.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—put and passed.

6. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Papers respecting Disallowance of Queensland Gold Fields Act Amendment Bill.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 15th June, 1877, in reference to Incorporation of Central Shoalhaven.

(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Albury.

Ordered to be printed.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only fifteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. McElhone, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Sir John Robertson, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. F. B. Suttor, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at Eight minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sidings and Platforms on Railway Lines:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. Long*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When was the Siding and Platform at Campbellfields made?
 - (2.) At whose request and expense was each made?
 - (3.) What has been the return for Passenger and Goods Traffic from the Campbellfields Platform and Siding respectively since they were made?
 - (4.) How many Sidings and Platforms have since been made on the Western, Southern, and Northern Lines, giving in each case,—1. When each was made; 2. At whose request each was made; 3. At whose expense each was made; 4. What has been the return for Passenger and Goods Traffic from each since it was made?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—This information is being compiled, and as soon as the statement is ready it will be laid upon the Table of the House.

- (2.) Hyde Park:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Who were the contractors for the erection of the dwarf wall and iron railing round the northern end of Hyde Park?
 - (2.) For what reason has the progress of the work been stopped?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to offer any compensation to the contractors for the loss of time and material?
 - (4.) When is it likely the work will be resumed?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) The contractors were Messrs. Wadsworth and Johnson.
 - (2.) The work was stopped, pending a decision as to the widening of the footpath in Elizabeth-street.
 - (3.) I am not aware of any claim having been made for compensation.
 - (4.) The work can be resumed at any time after it is decided what width the footpath is to be.
- (3.) Lock-up, Greta:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will steps be taken for the erection of the Lock-up at Greta?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Tenders will be invited at an early date.

- (4.) Traffic on Pathways in Sydney:—*Mr. Cohen* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has the attention of the Inspector General of Police been directed to the obstruction on the pathways of the City, especially at the intersections of King and Pitt Streets and King and George Streets, created by large numbers of persons continually congregating thereon, to the great inconvenience of the public?
 - (2.) Will the Inspector General take the necessary steps to prevent the continuance of such obstruction?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have the following report from the Inspector General of Police:—The police are instructed to use every effort to prevent obstructions to the thoroughfares in Sydney, as far as they are legally empowered to do so. Constables have been stationed at the intersection of George and King Streets, and at other points, for this and other purposes. The police have no legal power to interfere with persons standing or congregating on the footways beyond requesting them to move on, unless proceedings are warranted for wilful obstruction of other passengers.

(5.)

(5.) Taralga Road—Bridge across the Wollondilly:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the classification of the road from Taralga to the boundary of the Goulburn Municipality, and the amount of money which it is proposed to expend on the same during 1877?
- (2.) Has application been received for the erection of a Bridge across the Wollondilly, at the Taralga Crossing?
- (3.) Considering the importance of the Taralga Road, will the Government cause to be placed on the Further Additional Estimates for 1877 a sum of money sufficient for the erection of the said Bridge?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Second-class; £25 per mile, or £1,400.

(2.) Yes, on the 16th ultimo.

(3.) Already four large road Bridges have been provided across rivers in the vicinity of Goulburn, and within less than a mile of the centre of the city. The Bridge now referred to would be little more than half a mile from the Bridge at Marsden's Crossing, to which there is a good road, which can be used when the river is up, and there is an excellent ford when the river is not in flood. The Government cannot therefore place a sum on the Further Additional Estimates for this purpose.

(6.) Alienation of Auriferous Lands:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Will he lay upon the Table a letter sent to his Department by the Mining Board, dated 23rd February, 1877, relating to the alienation of auriferous lands?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—There will be no objection whatever to lay the document upon the Table, and I will give instructions to have it copied.

(7.) Public School, Cudgegong:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Why the erection of Public School, Cudgegong, is not proceeded with, and what is the cause of delay?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—Application, dated 16th February, 1876, was referred without delay to the Survey Office; from thence it was remitted to the local surveyor, on 16th May, 1876. The measurement was only made 16th April, 1877, and then was incorrect, and had to be referred back; it is still in the hands of the Survey Office, for examination of the correct plan, and is promised without further delay. When received from the Surveyor General it will be included at once in an abstract of dedications to be laid before Parliament as usual.

(8.) Parramatta Gaol:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Government accepted the lowest Tender for the supply of provisions for the Parramatta Gaol from 1st instant to 31st March next?
- (2.) Who were the Tenderers, and what was the amount of each Tender?
- (3.) Whose Tender was accepted, and who are the sureties?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) C. Kidman & Son, £2,053 9s.; B. Harper, £2,404 7s. 11d.; D. D. Henderson, £2,396 10s.

(3.) Mr. D. D. Henderson's Tender was accepted. His sureties are Messrs. Herbert Coates and William Lord.

I decided to accept the Tender of Mr. Henderson, although not the lowest, on the following recommendation of the Board, namely:—"Acting upon this report of the Comptroller General of Prisons, the Board do not feel justified in recommending the acceptance of Messrs. Kidman & Son's Tender for this establishment. The Board therefore recommend the acceptance of the next Tender, that of Mr. D. D. Henderson.—(Signed) EDMUND FOSBERY, FRANCIS HIXSON, HY. LUMSDAINE, L. I. BRENNAND, FREDERIC KING.—The Treasury, 26th June, 1877."

The following is the report of the Comptroller General of Prisons above alluded to:—"Having reference to the manner in which Messrs. Kidman & Son conducted their last contract at Parramatta Gaol, the papers relating to which are in the Treasury, I desire most strongly to urge that they be not permitted to have the contract now to be made. I am of opinion that Messrs. Kidman either will not or cannot satisfactorily carry out a contract at Parramatta Gaol, as a reference to the correspondence will make obvious, and that the acceptance of their Tender would be attended with serious injury to the discipline of this important establishment, even the risk of disturbances.—HAROLD MACLEAN, C.G.P.—26 June, 1877."

(9.) Bridge over the Hunter at Muswellbrook:—Mr. Buchanan, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of the great delay in calling for Tenders for the erection of the Bridge over the Hunter River, at Muswellbrook, and when will Tenders be called for the erection of this Bridge?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Tenders have been invited this day.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 14th June, 1877, in reference to the obscuration of the Light at Nobbys, Newcastle.
Ordered to be printed.

3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 7):—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 a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales in aid of the City Funds of the Municipal Council of Sydney*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th July, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

4. VOLUNTEER FORCE REGULATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Enrolment of Volunteers and to validate certain claims to Land Orders under the provisions of the 'Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867,'*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes stated to the House the course which the Government proposed to pursue in the transaction of the public business,—and moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the reception of Resolutions from Committee of the Whole in reference to the Defences of the Colony postponed (after Debate) until Thursday next.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-one minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 JULY, 1877.

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

INSOLVENCY OF MEMBER FOR NORTHUMBERLAND:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, transmitting certified copies of the Orders Nisi and Absolute for the compulsory sequestration of the Estate of Mr. Charles James Stevens as Insolvent; and reporting that that gentleman is Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland in the present Legislative Assembly.

(2.) Sir Henry Parkes moved, That Charles James Stevens, Esquire, the Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland, having become an insolvent debtor within the meaning of the laws relating to insolvent debtors, his Seat as such Member has thereby become, and is hereby declared to be, vacant.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Patrick Brougham:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he made inquiries into the charges made by Mr. McElhone against Mr. P. Brougham, Police Magistrate at Bingera?

(2.) If so, what is the result of such inquiry?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—Yes, and inquiries are still being made, but I am not yet in a position to state the result of such inquiries.

(2.) Small-pox:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When will the claims of the sufferers by the enforcement of the regulations which were made during the late Small-pox panic be adjusted and paid?

Mr. Piddington answered,—These claims shall have the early attention of the Government.

(3.) Issue of Grants to Minors:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the practice of the Lands Department to issue the Crown Grants to minors who have complied with the Lands Act, and who have paid up the balance due on their conditional purchases?

(2.) If not, will the Government issue the Crown Grants (if applied for) to the father, or the lawful guardian, as trustee of such minors?

(3.) Where land has been purchased from the Crown for the benefit of minors, is it the practice to issue the Crown Grants to the trustees who are acting for such minors?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) There is no distinction made between the cases of minors holding completed conditional selections and other purchasers of Crown Lands.

(2.) Grants in such cases are issued to the lawful guardian of the minor.

(3.) If the lands are purchased in the names of trustees, the Grants issue in the same names.

3. STEPHEN MURPHY, LATE WARDER IN BERRIMA GAOL:—Mr. McElhone presented a Petition from Stephen Murphy, late Warder in Berrima Gaol, representing the circumstances which led to his dismissal; and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration.
Petition received.

4. MR. JOHN GARSED (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the proceedings in the civil case "William Dean and Archibald Ashdown v. John Garsed."

Question put and passed.

5. **IMMIGRATION (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, there should be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Reports, since 1875 to date, from the Agent General, the Health Officer, and Agent for Immigration, to the Government, relative to the despatch of Emigrants from England or elsewhere, and after their inspection on arrival in the Colony by each ship.
 - (2.) That similar Reports should henceforward be laid upon the Table of the House as soon as practicable after the arrival and the inspection of the Immigrants by each ship.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Question put and passed.
6. **ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2) (Formal Motion)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly.
- Question put and passed.
7. **DISTRICT COURT JUDGES SALARIES AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES REGULATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read.—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until "Friday twenty-seventh July."
- Mr. Farnell moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Friday twenty-seventh July" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this day six months."
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- Debate ensued.

Interruption.

The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. F. B. Suttor, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 39.

In accordance with the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the Salaries and to make provision for Retiring Allowances to the District Court Judges.

Debate continued.

Proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. R. B. Smith then moved, That this Order of the Day be discharged.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

8. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John Robertson moved, That the Report 2^o from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Macintosh,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Byrnes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Stephen Brown.
Mr. Sutherland,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. McElhone,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir John Robertson then moved, That the Bill be read a third time on Friday, 27th July.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. **CONTRACTORS DEBTS 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 this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
- Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Greville, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Johnston, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Montague, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Teece, Mr. Terry, Mr. Windeyer, and Mr. Wisdom,—
- Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at eight minutes before Seven o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 9 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Issue of Government Stores on Loan:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What quantity of goods, that have been issued on loan, have been returned to Government Stores during the month of June?

Mr. Piddington answered,—June 18th, 1877—returned from Mercantile Rowing Club, 24 flags, 16 flag-poles; June 19th—from Mr. T. R. Allt, 1 tent, complete; June 29th—from Manly Fire Brigade, 53 flags; June 14th—from Mr. Brennand, 14 camp bedsteads, 14 mattresses, 4 old rugs, 5 tables (old barrack), 6 basins.

- (2.) Post and Telegraph Office, Brewarrina:—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to call for Tenders for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Brewarrina?

(2.) Have the Government decided upon the site for same?

(3.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that the present office is leased, and that great difficulties exist in the way of procuring building material, &c.;—under these circumstances will the Government proceed with proposed buildings without delay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) Great difficulty is experienced in procuring a suitable site, and until this is done it is impossible to proceed with the building.

(3.) The present office is rented at £60 per annum. The Postmaster General is not aware whether building material is scarce at Brewarrina, but so soon as a site has been secured the erection of the new office will be proceeded with.

- (3.) Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it his intention to take any action, with a view to reform, in the management of the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta?

(2.) Has his attention been drawn to the disclosures of the want of proper management, as contained in the evidence taken before a Select Committee of this House, during the present Session?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find it somewhat difficult to deal with this question. If the Honorable Member means by "management" the system of management, I do not think I could take any steps to improve it. If the Honorable Member means some impropriety in the conduct of the chief officer, the Superintendent, all the inquiries I have made have not led me to the conclusion that he is in any way unfit for his office; at the same time I admit that irregularities have been disclosed—such irregularities as will arise in any case. I have taken steps to correct them, and will make further inquiries.

2. IMMIGRATION:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from certain Residents of the townships of Anvil Creek, Greta, and the surrounding district, praying the House to prevent the expenditure of the sum voted for Immigration purposes.

Petition received.

3. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message No. 40.

In accordance with the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the amendment of the law relating to the representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

Sydney, 9th July, 1877.

4. RAILWAY EXTENSION:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Piddington, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 41.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the propriety of making provision for the completion of the Railway Extension into Bathurst, and to complete the Extensions from Bathurst to Orange, from Goulburn to Wagga Wagga, and from Murrurundi to Tamworth.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th July, 1877.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

5. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 28th June, 1877, in reference to the introduction of the Real Property Act Further Amendment Bill.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 24th April, 1877, in reference to the establishment of a Public School at Springside.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 8th May, 1877, in reference to the issue of Bonded Stores from the ship "Windsor Castle."

Ordered to be printed.

6. STEPHEN MURPHY, LATE WARDER IN BERRIMA GAOL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 6th July, from Stephen Murphy, late Warder in Berrima Gaol, relative to his dismissal, be printed.
Question put and passed.

7. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes 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 make better provision for the representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor in reference thereto be referred to the Committee.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon 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 this day.

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

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

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

(9.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1877, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £207,352, for Railways, being £30,000 to complete the construction of a line from Goulburn to Wagga Wagga; £20,352 to complete the extension into Bathurst; £77,000 to complete the construction of a line from Bathurst to Orange; and £80,000 to complete the construction of a line from Murrurundi to Tamworth.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

9. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

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

(9.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £207,352 be raised by the sale of Debentures, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of completing certain Railways of the Colony.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

10. RAILWAY LOAN BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 9), to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Railways.

(2.) Mr. Piddington then presented a Bill, intitled "A Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Railways,"—which was read a first time.

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

11. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday next:—
 (1.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill; second reading.
 (2.) Audit Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
12. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 10 JULY, 1877, A.M.

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

13. **ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2)**:—Sir Henry Parkes *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 25th July:

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

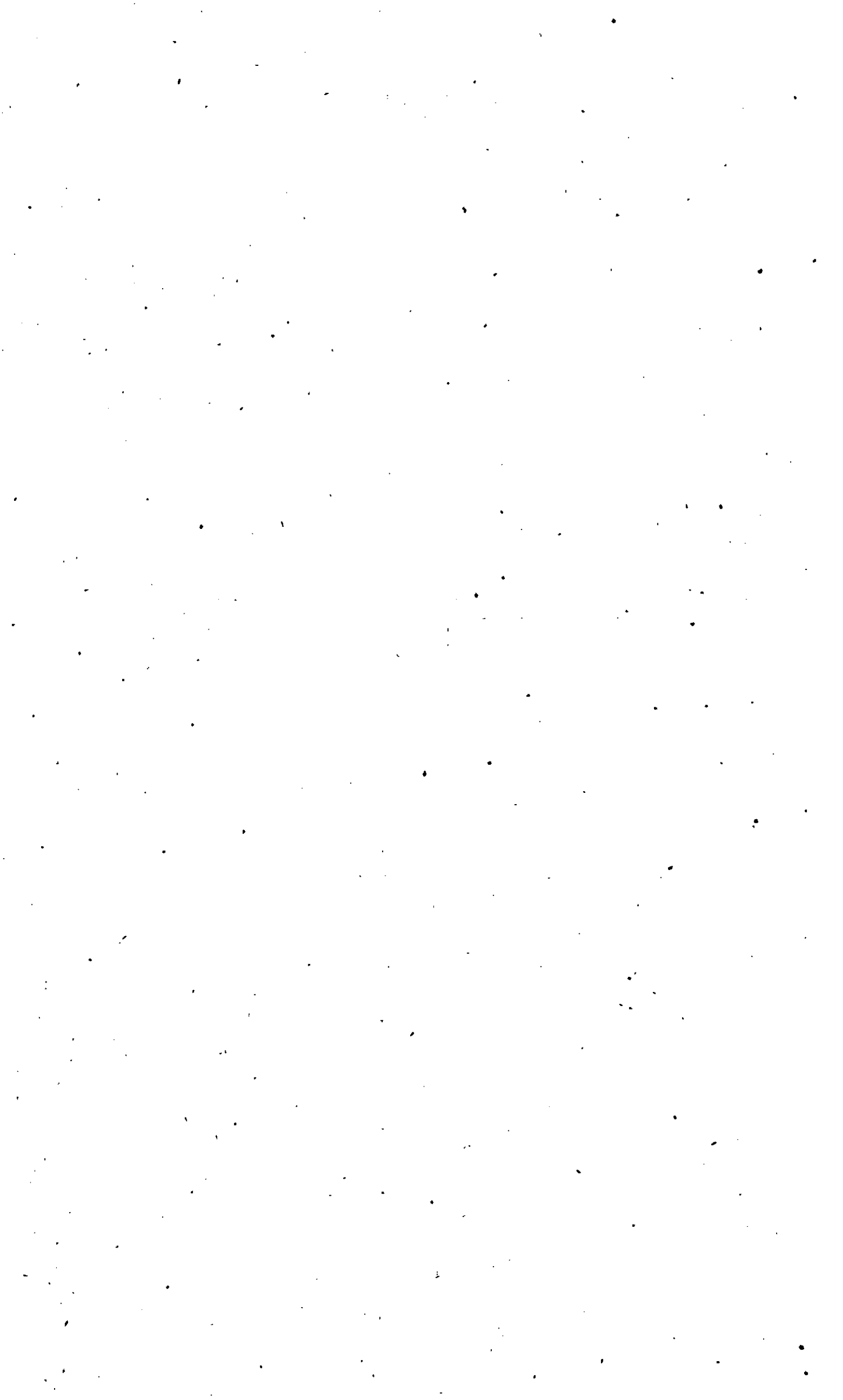
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 JULY, 1877.

There being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Montague, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Teece, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Wallis Creek Water Reserve:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. Scholey, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—(1.) When will the Correspondence moved for by the Honorable Member for East Sydney (*Mr. Davies*), on the 27th February, 1877, with reference to the Wallis Creek Water Reserve, East Maitland, be laid upon the Table of this House?

(2.) Is there any objection to lay upon the Table any further Correspondence (if any) since that date up to the present time?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) I think it will be ready to lay upon the Table in the course of a fortnight.

(2.) There will be no objection.

(2.) East Maitland Racecourse Reserve:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. Scholey, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return, ordered by this House on 15th May, 1877, with reference to the East Maitland Racecourse Reserve be laid upon the Table of this House?*Mr. Driver* answered,—It has been found necessary to refer to the Mayor of East Maitland for some information required to make this Return complete. He was written to again on the 7th of this month, and the Return will be laid upon the Table as soon as the said information has been furnished.(3.) Mail to Gunnedah:—*Mr. Wisdom* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide for the transmission of a daily Mail from Quirindi to Gunnedah upon the opening of the Railway to the former place?*Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—The Postmaster General has made inquiries, and the result of those inquiries is that the tri-weekly mail to Gunnedah is sufficient; but the Inspector will visit the district shortly, and he has specially instructed that officer to report upon the matter.(4.) Court House, and Post and Telegraph Office, Gunnedah:—*Mr. Wisdom* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will the Government call for Tenders for the erection of the Court House at Gunnedah, plans for which were stated to have been ready in the early part of last year?

(2.) When will Tenders be invited for the erection of Post and Telegraph Office, Gunnedah?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) A plan for the Court House at Gunnedah has been prepared some time, the estimated cost of the work being £2,400. The Vote of £1,500 taken for this work having lapsed, is on the list of Re-votes, and the balance, namely £900, is on the Estimates for 1877. Tenders for the erection of the building will be invited without delay.

(2.) The sum of £1,000 is on the Estimates for this year for a Post and Telegraph Office at Gunnedah, and so soon as a site shall have been procured, plans and specifications for the building will be prepared.

(5.)

- (5.) Small-pox :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Did Dr. Alleyne order from Mr. M'Bride spirits, &c., for the Holden family, when in quarantine at Miller's Point, to the amount of £5 14s. 9d., through Sergeant Dawson, or any other member of the Police Force?
 - (2.) If so, does he intend to pay Mr. M'Bride the amount of his claim?
- Mr. Piddington answered,—On the recommendation of Dr. Alleyne, I yesterday authorized payment to be made of the claim referred to.
- (6.) Reclamation of Land at Rushcutters Bay :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has Judge Hargrave received permission to reclaim any part of Rushcutters Bay in front of land leased by him?
 - (2.) Has he received permission to run his fencing out into Rushcutters Bay, and so debar the public from access to the beach?
 - (3.) Is he aware that Judge Hargrave has reclaimed part of the bay, and run fences out into the bay a long way past high-water mark?
 - (4.) Will he put a stop to this, and cause Judge Hargrave to remove his fence, and stop him from reclaiming land in Rushcutters Bay?
- Mr. Driver answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) No.
- (3 and 4.) Should it be definitely ascertained that Mr. Justice Hargrave has erected fences into, or reclaimed any part of, Rushcutters Bay beyond the boundaries of the land originally granted to Messrs. Macleay and West, he will be prohibited from further encroaching, and such other action as may be deemed advisable will be taken. Doubt exists as to the relative positions of the boundaries of these grants with the fencing erected by Mr. Justice Hargrave; the matter is under investigation, in connection with the proposed reclamation of part of Rushcutters Bay, by the Government. I may add, that one of the boundaries of Macleay's grant is partly the site of a weir considerably below or beyond the present high-water mark; this weir existed at date of grant (19 October, 1831).
- (7.) Proposed alterations at certain Wharfs, Miller's Point :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the whole of the Plans, Letters, Papers, Correspondence, &c., relating to Dibbs's and Smith's Wharfs, have not been laid upon the Table of the House, as ordered by Resolution of the House on 1st May last?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Cuthbert's plans and applications to reclaim, in the years 1858 and 1859, have been left out of the Correspondence, &c., laid upon the Table of this House; if so, how was it that these documents were omitted?
 - (3.) When will Cuthbert's plans and applications to reclaim, in 1858 and 1859, and other documents, &c., in reference to Dibbs's and Smith's Wharfs, not already laid upon the Table of this House, be laid upon the Table and printed?
- Mr. Driver answered,—
- (1.) All the plans and papers relating to the case, known to exist up to the 23rd ultimo, and which were obtainable, have been laid before Parliament.
 - (2.) An application, dated 26th March, 1859, by Mr. J. Cuthbert, to form a wharf at Miller's Point, and a letter from Mr. C. Smith, dated 26th July, 1859, objecting to proposed wharf extension by Mr. Cuthbert, were searched for on several occasions within the past seven months, and cannot be found; the latest search was made to-day. In the printed papers laid upon the Table of the House in reference to this case, the absence of this correspondence is specially drawn attention to by a marginal note. Mr. Cuthbert does not appear to have lodged any application to reclaim in 1858. I may add; that in 1859 applications to form wharfs were equivalent to applications to reclaim.
 - (3.) Should the missing papers be found, copies will be laid upon the Table of the House at once, with copies of any other papers or plans in the case not already printed, which possibly exist, but of which the Department is not aware.
- (8.) Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges :—Mr. Long asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to abolish Tolls throughout the Colony, in accordance with a Resolution of this House; and if so, when?
- Mr. Piddington answered,—In reply to a similar Question, asked by Mr. Jacob, on the 13th ultimo, I made the following explanation :—That the Government have not decided to bring in any Bill until provision had been made to meet these liabilities (annual expenditure, £22,284, and immediate payment of loans raised by Trusts, £12,800), for which an Estimate will be submitted to Parliament; but, in compliance with the Resolution of the House, the Government will cease to collect at end of year all Tolls which can be abandoned without legislation, leaving the remainder to be abolished by a comprehensive Act next Session, which would deal fully with the whole road and municipal legislation.
- (9.) Railway, Cootamundra to Gundagai :—Mr. Leary asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to construct a Railway from Cootamundra to Gundagai?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—I may inform the Honorable Member that the question of a Railway from Cootamundra to Gundagai has, with other proposed extensions, received the attention of the Government, and that it has been decided to explain to Parliament, before the close of the present Session, their proposals for future Railway Extensions, which they consider will best meet the present and ultimate requirements of the Colony generally. It is therefore undesirable to anticipate that explanation by stating in a fragmentary manner what these proposals are likely to be.
- (10.) Messrs. Kidman & Son's Contract for Provisions for Parramatta Gaol :—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Were the late contractors, Messrs. Kidman & Son, paid for the provisions supplied by them to the Parramatta Gaol for the last two months of their contract; if not, for what reason was the payment withheld?
- Mr.

Mr. Piddington answered,—The accounts referred to are not paid, for the reason that they have not yet been rendered to the Treasury. In connection with these accounts, the following letter was received from the Comptroller General of Prisons, on the 10th April:—

"No. 77/1,037.

"Department of Prisons, N.S.W., Comptroller General's Office,
"Sydney, 10 April, 1877.

"Sir, "I have the honor to submit herewith claims amounting in all to £20 10s. 9d., being "for supplies obtained by the Gaoler at Parramatta, at the risk of the contractors, in consequence "of their having either neglected to supply or furnishing unfit articles.

"Messrs. Kidman & Son have been repeatedly applied to for the amount, but have not complied with the request, or furnished their own account, from which a deduction could have been "made; and as the Gaoler is pressed for payment, I request that authority may be given for issue "of the amount, to be subsequently deducted from the contractors' claim when submitted.

"I have, &c.,

"HAROLD MACLEAN,
"Comptroller General."

"The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

On the 19th ultimo, the Treasury, by letter of that date, applied specially for these accounts to Messrs. Kidman & Son, but without effect. They have not yet been furnished.

- (11.) Volunteer Force Regulation Acts Amendment Bill:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have all the persons; whose names are included in the Schedule to the Volunteer Force Regulation Acts Amendment Bill, served their full five years service as Volunteers?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I directed all claims for Volunteer Land Orders, that could be sustained by reason of any slight irregularity in the drills, to be collected and placed in this Schedule, and I now find there are one or two that will have to be erased from the Schedule.

2. JETTIES ERECTED BY MESSRS. DIBBS AND CO. IN DARLING HARBOUR:—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from Archibald McLean, of Sydney, shipowner, stating that Petitioners rights are interfered with by the jetties, buoys, and chains placed by Messrs. Dibbs and Co. at their wharf in Darling Harbour; and praying relief.

And the same having been read at length by the Clerk by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Return to an Order, made on 24th April, 1877, in reference to the disputed land cases—"Frost v. Harris"—"Dillon v. Murphy"—and "Laycock v. Ogilvie."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

Two Returns to Addresses, adopted on the 4th and 6th July, 1877, respectively, in reference to the case of Mr. John Garsed.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

Correspondence connected with the appointment of Manager of Government Asylums for Infirm and Destitute.

Ordered to be printed.

4. IMMIGRATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th instant, from certain Residents of Anvil Creek, Greta, and neighbourhood, in opposition to the expenditure of the vote for Immigration, be printed.
Question put and passed.

5. CONTRACTORS DEBTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. W. H. Suttor, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Contractors Debts Bill, which was interrupted for want of a Quorum, on Friday, 6th July, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 13th July.
Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Criminal Law Amendment Bill; second reading;—(after Debate) until Thursday, 26th July.

(2.) Volunteer Force Regulation Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—until to-morrow.

7. RAILWAY LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Piddington 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. Piddington, 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. Piddington, that report was adopted.

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

8. RESCISSION OF ORDER FOR PRINTING PAPERS:—Mr. F. B. Suttor (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Order made this day for printing papers in the case of Mr. John Garsed, be rescinded; and that the papers be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the case.
Question put and passed.

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 7):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 42.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales in aid of the City Funds of the Municipal Council of Sydney*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 11th July, 1877.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday next:—
(1.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill; second reading.
(2.) Audit Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
Mr. Piddington moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Sir John Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Tecco,	
Mr. Davics,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Long,	
Mr. Wisdom,	

Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 27.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Taylor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Abbott,	
	Mr. Shepherd,
	Mr. Dibbs.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight:—

THURSDAY, 12 JULY, 1877, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at two minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sale of Land, Brewarrina:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. Lord, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When will the allotments of land at Brewarrina, surveyed twelve months ago, be offered for sale?
 - (2.) Is he aware that many families are living in tents, waiting for the sale of these allotments, and will he take immediate steps to remedy this by ordering the land to be sold?
 - (3.) Will the Government make Brewarrina a separate Land Office, or is the land already surveyed to be sold at Bourke, distant seventy-five miles from Brewarrina?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) The surveyor only sent in his plans on the 23rd May last; they are now being charted, and the lands will probably be advertised on or about the 27th of this month.
 - (2.) I have not received any such information.
 - (3.) It cannot be stated whether a separate Land Office will be made at Brewarrina, but, if no objection is found to exist, the sale may be held there in this instance.
- (2.) Conditional Purchases of James Elstob and John Miller, Narrabri:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have applications been made for a refund on James Elstob's and John Miller's conditional purchases, Narrabri District?
 - (2.) When is it intended to make these refunds?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) Applications were made, through Mr. Dangar, M.P., in the month of May last.
 - (2.) Refund in the case of John Miller will take place immediately, the Survey Branch of this Department having now been enabled to identify the land with a prior selection. In the other case, a report has not yet been obtained, and refund must be deferred until it can be ascertained whether the applicant is entitled to it.
- (3.) Cost of Railway Extensions to Orange, Wagga Wagga, and Tamworth:—*Mr. Sutherland* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What was the difference between the Engineer-in-Chief's estimates and the price of the accepted Tenders for the Railway Extensions from Bathurst to Orange, Goulburn to Wagga Wagga, and Murrurundi to Tamworth?
 - (2.) What was the total amount, according to the Engineer-in-Chief's estimates, of the price of the rails and fittings for each of the above extensions, calculated at 40lbs. to the yard; and what was the actual price of the rails and fittings, at 70lbs. to the yard?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) The Engineer's estimates for the lines named were as under—
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| Goulburn to Wagga Wagga | £7,000 per mile. |
| Bathurst to Orange | 6,000 " |
| Murrurundi to Tamworth | 6,000 " |

But

But it is assumed that the information required is the difference between the accepted Tender and the Engineer's value of the work, at the time the analysis of Tenders was made in each case; if so, the following are the amounts:—

	Valuation of accepted Tender.			Engineer's valuation.			Difference.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Goulburn to Yass	194,766	6	1	217,411	0	0	22,644	13	11
Yass to Cootamundra	220,585	18	4	243,168	10	10	22,582	12	6
Cootamundra to Wagga Wagga	172,799	3	4	200,308	18	4	27,509	15	0
Bathurst to Orange	171,873	5	0	225,985	6	8	54,612	1	8
Murrurundi to Tamworth	216,844	19	6	253,470	18	5	36,625	18	11

(2.) The estimated cost of permanent way materials, with rails weighing 40lbs. per yard, was as under—

Goulburn to Wagga Wagga	£190,570	=	£1,121	per mile.
Murrurundi to Tamworth	69,502	=	1,121	„
Bathurst to Orange	53,808	=	1,121	„

The actual cost of the 70lb. rails and fastenings for the Wagga Wagga and Tamworth Extensions cannot be ascertained until the whole of the materials have been issued for these Extensions. The actual cost of the 70lb. rails and fastenings issued for the Orange Extension was—

	£94,922	=	£1,978	per mile.
Deduct estimated cost of 40lb. rails and fastenings	53,808	=	1,121	„
Difference	£41,114	=	£ 857	„
The estimated cost of 70lb. rails per mile, in 1873, was	£1,947	15	9	
Do. 40lb. rails do.	£1,120	17	8	
Difference	£826	18	1	

The additional amount asked for is £827, or £30 per mile less than the actual cost of the 70lb. rails and fastenings used on the Orange Extension.

2. RAILWAY LOAN BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Piddington, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Piddington then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Railways.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Railways,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1877.*

3. MR. G. H. REID'S ESSAY ON THE COLONY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers relating to Mr. G. H. Reid's essay on the "*Mother Colony of the Australias,*" published from the Government Printing Office.
Question put and passed.
4. JETTIES ERECTED BY MESSRS DIBBS & CO. IN DARLING HARBOUR (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Wisdom*, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Cameron on the 11th July, from Archibald McLean, of Sydney, against the extension of Jetties at Dibbs's Wharf, in Darling Harbour, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. DIVIDING FENCES REGULATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Dividing Fences of adjoining Lands.
Question put and passed.
6. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Sessional Order, appointing Monday an additional sitting day, agreed to by this House on 17th May last, be now rescinded.
Question put and passed.
7. DEFENCES OF THE COLONY:—The Order of the Day for the reception of Resolutions from Committee of the Whole having been read,—The Chairman of Committees moved, "That" the Resolutions be now received.
Mr. Greville moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Resolutions be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to consider the propriety of adding to them the following Resolution, viz. :—That the expenses attending the carrying out of the preceding Resolutions, together with all other expenses connected with the Military or Naval Defence of the Colony, should be defrayed by the means of a property tax."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.

Question

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Leary,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Stuart,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. McElhone,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Cameron.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question—That the Resolutions be now received—put and passed.

Whereupon Resolutions read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved—

- (1.) That the Permanent Artillery Force be increased to three batteries of 100 gunners each.
- (2.) That immediate steps be taken to order for the Defence service an ironclad ship-of-war, of the tonnage, capacity, and armament of the vessel described in the Report of His Excellency Sir William Jervois.
- (3.) That the alterations in the Defence works of Port Jackson, and new fortified works at Botany Bay and Newcastle, as recommended in the Report of His Excellency Sir William Jervois, be undertaken and carried out without delay.
- (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Piddington then moved, That the Resolutions be now read a second time.

And Mr. Garrett requiring that the Resolutions be considered *seriatim*—

Question—That the Resolutions be proposed *seriatim*—put and passed.

Resolution proposed,—

- (1.) That the Permanent Artillery Force be increased to three batteries of 100 gunners each.

Mr. Piddington moved, That this Resolution stand Resolution (1.)

Question put and passed.

Resolution proposed,—

- (2.) That immediate steps be taken to “order” for the Defence service an ironclad ship-of-war, of the tonnage, capacity, and armament of the vessel described in the Report of His Excellency Sir William Jervois.

Mr. Piddington moved, That this Resolution stand Resolution (2.)

Mr. Garrett moved, That the Resolution be amended by the omission of the word “order” in the first line, with a view to the insertion in its place of the words “arrange with Her Majesty’s Government for the obtaining and maintenance, at the expense of this Colony, and”

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Sir Henry Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. H. C. Dangar.
Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Day,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. McElhone,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Farnell,	Captain Onslow.
Mr. Shepherd,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then put,—That the Resolution, as amended, stand Resolution (2),—

- (2.) That immediate steps be taken to arrange with Her Majesty’s Government for the obtaining and maintenance, at the expense of this Colony, and for the Defence service, an ironclad ship-of-war, of the tonnage, capacity, and armament of the vessel described in the Report of His Excellency Sir William Jervois.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Day,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Stuart,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Cameron,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Cunneen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Shepherd.
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. McElhone,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution proposed,—

(3.) That the alterations in the Defence works of Port Jackson, and new fortified works at Botany Bay and Newcastle, as recommended in the Report of His Excellency Sir William Jervis, be undertaken and carried out without delay.

Mr. Piddington moved, That this Resolution stand Resolution (3.)

Question put and passed.

Resolution proposed,—

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

Mr. Piddington moved, That this Resolution stand Resolution (4.)

Question put and passed.

Question then proposed, That the Resolutions, as amended, be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 13 JULY, 1877, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-six minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Additional Magistrates for Country Districts:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended shortly to appoint additional Magistrates in the country districts where needed or applied for?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government will, in the course of a short time, consider the expediency of appointing some additional Justices of the Peace.

- (2.) Northern Mails—Late arrival of Steamer at Newcastle:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Macintosh, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Upon how many occasions during the present year, to date, have the Northern mails been delayed on account of the non-arrival of the steamer at Newcastle in time for the dispatch of the mails per morning train?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The steamer has arrived at Newcastle too late for the morning train on thirteen occasions this year, on eight of which the detention was caused by foggy weather, and on five by stormy weather. In view of these late arrivals having occurred rather frequently of late, arrangements have already been made for the dispatch of mails by a special train, to overtake the ordinary one, provided the steamer reaches Newcastle not later than 10 a.m.

- (3.) Land Office, Gunning:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the arrangements be completed for the establishment of a separate Land Office at Gunning?

Mr. Driver answered,—The necessary preliminary arrangements have now all been completed, and the establishment of the new Land Office, with schedule of the conditional purchases coming within the new district of Gunning, and description of the said district, will be notified in the *Government Gazette* next week.

- (4.) Road from Goulburn to Bathurst:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government placed, or do they intend to place, on the Further Additional Estimates a sum of money for the repair and maintenance of the road from Goulburn to Bathurst?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—It is proposed to submit a sum of £2,500, on the Further Additional Estimates, for the road in question.

- (5.) M. A. Butler's forfeited Conditional Purchase:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did a person named Thomas C. Wetherall select, on the 7th June last, at Inverell, a forfeited conditional purchase, which was notified on the 7th May, 1877, as a forfeited conditional purchase, originally taken up by M. A. Butler?

(2.) What was the value of the improvements on the said forfeited conditional purchase at date when Wetherall took up the same; and was it open for conditional purchase on the 7th June last?

(3.) Was M. A. Butler reported as non-resident on the above conditional purchase; and what is the area of the same?

(4.) Is he aware that Wetherall has been committed for trial for assaulting a Mr. Frederick Joseph Cooper whilst asserting his rights to the above conditional purchase?

(5.) Is he aware that M. L. Murray, one of the Magistrates who tried the above case, is a licensed surveyor, and near relative of M. A. Butler's?

(6.) Will he cause inquiry to be made into Mr. M. L. Murray's conduct, with a view of superseding him in the Commission of the Peace if the above statements are true?

Mr.

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) There is no official information to hand as to the value of the improvements on the land at date of re-selection, but application has been made for the cancellation of Wetherall's selection, on the ground of the land containing improvements.

(3.) M. A. Butler was reported resident at the time of survey; the area of the land is 320 acres.

(4, 5, and 6.) Attention has not previously been directed to these circumstances, but due inquiry shall be made.

(6.) Public School, Canowindra :—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of the delay in granting a site for a Public School at Canowindra; and will he say when the site in question will be granted?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—Application for site was forwarded by the Survey Office to Licensed Surveyor Machattie, with the usual instructions to report and measure, if unobjectionable, on the 27th May, 1875. In consequence of the late removal of Mr. Machattie from his district, all his unacted instructions have been handed over to Mr. District Surveyor Fisher, and the Surveyor General has sent up three or four licensed surveyors to work off the arrears.

(7.) Road through Sir Daniel Cooper's land, south of Baptist's Garden :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the Government paying any sum of money towards making the road through Sir D. Cooper's land to the stables belonging to Sir Hercules Robinson, south of Baptist's garden?

(2.) If so, what sum of money, and what Vote is it being paid out of?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) An amount to supplement, and not to exceed £600, the sum paid in by Sir Daniel Cooper as contribution towards the opening of this road, being a continuation of Elizabeth-street to the Botany Road, forming the direct main road to Botany, which the Municipal Council refused to allow him to open, and which was consequently proclaimed a main road on the 6th September, 1876?

(8.) Mr. J. R. Varcoe's Selection, near Deniliquin :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did he receive a letter from Mr. J. R. Varcoe, free selector, near Deniliquin, in reference to Cobb & Co. having fenced in a paddock of 200 acres on the stock road or Reserve, which cuts Varcoe off from access to the main road?

(2.) Will he send immediate instructions to the proper officer to remove the obstructions of Cobb & Co. off this stock road or Reserve, and to give Mr. Varcoe free access to the road?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Yes; yesterday, through the Honorable Member himself.

(2.) Instructions were at once issued by me to attend to the matter, and, if the facts are as represented by Mr. Varcoe, to remove the fence without delay.

(9.) Improvements on Crown Lands :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the practice of the Lands Department to consider ploughing an improvement within the meaning of the Lands Act; if so, what is the value per acre put on it?

(2.) Is it the practice of the Lands Department to consider clearing, stumping, and burning off timber an improvement within the meaning of the Lands Act; if so, what is the value per acre put on it as an improvement?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) The practice is, to recognize all improvements coming within the terms of the Land Acts. Ploughing is usually considered an improvement, but the value necessarily depends upon the circumstances of each case, and whether, apart from the immediate crop, the land is thereby rendered more valuable.

(2.) Unquestionably; the value per acre varies with the quantity and cost per acre, the locality, and the circumstances.

(10.) Immigration :—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Macintosh, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government authorized Magistrates or other persons resident in the interior to expend any money for assisting newly-arrived Immigrants who may be sent by the Immigration Agent into the interior in search of employment; if so, what is the amount expended during the present year for that purpose to date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No such authority has been given, except in one instance, when a number of Immigrants arrived in Newcastle too late for the day's train, when the Police Magistrate was authorized to afford them food and lodging until they could proceed on their journey.

(11.) Extension of time to Railway Contractors :—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that considerable extensions of time, without penalty, were granted to the contractors on the Southern Railway Extension from Yass to Wagga Wagga, and also on the Northern Extension from Murrurundi to Tamworth?

(2.) Is it a fact that no extension of time, except under a heavy penalty, was granted to the contractors for the Western Line from Blayney to Orange?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) The time for completion of the line from Yass to Cootamundra was 30th June, 1876; the portion to Murrumburrah to be finished by 31st December, 1875. These times were extended, without penalty,—To Bowring, 31st March, 1876; opened 3rd July, 1876—three months after extended time. To Murrumburrah, 30th November, 1876; opened to Binalong 1st November, 1876—one month before extended time; and to Murrumburrah, 12th March, 1877—three months

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and two weeks after extended time. To Cootamundra, 30th April, 1877. The time for completion of contract from Cootamundra to Wagga Wagga was 31st December, 1876; extended, without penalty, to 31st December, 1877. The time for completion of contract from Murrurundi to Tamworth was 31st March, 1876; the time was extended, without penalty.—To Quirindi, 31st August, 1876; to Tamworth, 30th September, 1877. In all the above cases, where the extended time has been exceeded (except the line to Bowning), the contractors have been fined £200 a week.

(2.) The time for the completion of the contract from Bathurst to Orange was 1st August, 1876; the time was extended (the penalty of £200 per week being enforced) to 31st January, 1877. The line was opened to Blayney on the 1st November, 1876—three months before the expiration of the extended time; and to Orange on the 19th April, 1877—two months and three weeks after that time.

2. PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—By-law of the Borough of Mudgee.
Ordered to be printed:
3. LAND ADJOINING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Reports, or Minutes thereon, that have taken place between the Government and the proprietors of any lands required for extending the Post Office eastward, and for the widening of the street in front of the same, since the advent of the late Government to office, to present date.
Question put and passed.
4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. MAIN AND MINOR ROADS OF THE COLONY:—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 Resolution:—
That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on a Further Additional Estimate for 1877, to add to the Grants set apart for the repair and maintenance of the Main and Minor Roads of the Colony, for the present year, at the following rate, viz:—Main and 1st and 2nd class Minor Roads, 25 per cent.; 3rd and 4th class Minor Roads, 50 per cent.; 5th and 6th class Minor Roads, 100 per cent.; and an additional sum of £6,000 for Unclassified Minor Roads.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on a Further Additional Estimate for 1877, to add to the Grants set apart for the repair and maintenance of the Main and Minor Roads of the Colony, for the present year, at the following rate, viz:—Main and 1st and 2nd class Minor Roads, 25 per cent.; 3rd and 4th class Minor Roads, 50 per cent.; 5th and 6th class Minor Roads, 100 per cent.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
6. BRIDGE, PARRAMATTA PARK:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sufficient sum to defray the expense of erecting a Wrought-iron Lattice Bridge in the Parramatta Park, across the fresh water stream forming the head of the Parramatta River, near to the site of the old Volunteer Bridge; such Bridge to be for the accommodation of foot passengers only.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sufficient sum to defray the expense of erecting a Wrought-iron Lattice Bridge in the Parramatta Park, across the fresh water stream forming the head of the Parramatta River, near to the site of the old Volunteer Bridge; such Bridge to be for the accommodation of foot passengers only.
On motion of Mr. Byrnes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
7. ALBERT DANGAR'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, 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. Stuart, that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
8. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER 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 this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with Amendments.
Ordered, That the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

9. **CONTRACTORS DEBTS 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 this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 27th July.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Piddington moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at Twenty-eight minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Legalization of certain Conditional and other Purchases:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to bring in a Bill this Session to legalize conditional and other purchases made in error since the passing of the last Bill for a similar purpose last Session?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes, as soon as the course of public business will admit.

- (2.) Bridge at, and Roads near, Mugundi:—*Mr. Long*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has it been reported to the Government that the lessee of the Wirrah Run, near Mugundi, on the Barwin River, has fenced in the watercourse road, thereby causing a deviation, and the traffic to go over an almost impassable road?

(2.) Will, or have instructions been issued to the District Surveyor to mark a road for travelling stock from the Mehi *via* Caidmurry, down on the Watercourse and Wirrah, to the Bridge at Mugundi?

(3.) Is the Government aware that the proposed new Bridge at Mugundi will be useless unless roads exist to it, or if the principal road, in use for thirty years, is blocked up?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes, by a letter received this day.

(2.) The letter above referred to will be sent to the District Surveyor for report.

(3.) Not aware.

- (3.) Post and Telegraph Office, Scone:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of the new Post and Telegraph Office at Scone, and when will the building be commenced?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—A plan is now under the consideration of the Government, and Tenders will be invited for the work with the least possible delay.

- (4.) Bridge over Sandy Creek, near Muswellbrook:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will Tenders be called for the erection of the Bridge over Sandy Creek, on the road to the Wybong, near Muswellbrook?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay in calling for Tenders for the above Bridge?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) As soon as the necessary plans, &c., can be prepared.

(2.) The vote for Bridge was only passed by the House on yesterday [week, and the amount has not yet been appropriated by Parliament.

- (5.) Town Common, Scone:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it customary to grant money to improve Town Commons or Reserves?

(2.) If so, will he place the sum of £200 on next year's Estimates to preserve the water on and improve the Town Common or Reserve at Scone?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) In special cases, and when applied for, but not as an invariable rule.

(2.) I cannot say positively, but the matter will receive every consideration when the Estimates for next year are being prepared.

(6.)

- (6.) Road, Wybong Creek:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) In reference to the Petition presented by Mr. McElhone some months since, on behalf of Mr. George Ireland and others,—when is it likely that the road applied for by them, from the Wybong Creek, will be proclaimed and opened?
 (2.) What is the cause of the delay in opening this road?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—If the matter here referred to is an application from Mr. G. Ireland for a road through Hall's (late Piper's) 640 acres and W. Cox's 930 acres to the main road, such an application has been received, and has been referred to the District Surveyor.

- (7.) Town Common, Scone:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 When will the road, applied for by Mr. McElhone, to the Town Common, Scone, be opened; also, the road to the river, from the Common; and what is the cause of the delay in opening this road?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The plan of survey of the road from Scone to the Common, through W. Dumaresq's 620 acres, now M. Millar's land, has not yet been received from the surveyor.

- (8.) Travelling Stock Reserve, Miller's Creek:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Travelling Stock Reserve at Miller's Creek, Liverpool Plains, near foot of Main Range, been cancelled?

(2.) If not, has any application been made by any person to have it cancelled; if so, who made the application?

(3.) Is he aware that this is the only Travelling Stock Reserve within many miles of the place, and contains the only water in the neighbourhood available for travelling stock, and if it were cancelled, travelling stock could not get any water on that road?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Reserve No. 454, extended for travelling stock, has not been cancelled.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes.

- (9.) Railway Extension, Werris Creek to Gunnedah:—*Mr. Long*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of delay in calling for Tenders for the extension of the Great Northern Railway from Werris Creek to Gunnedah, and when will Tenders be invited?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—There has been no delay in inviting Tenders for this extension. Tenders were called for on the 24th June last, four days before the Honorable Member gave notice of this Question.

- (10.) Travelling Stock Reserves:—*Mr. Long*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any steps been, or are any intended to be, taken, by causing reports or otherwise to be made, in order to ascertain what Travelling Stock Reserves are fenced in?

(2.) Will there be any objection to state what has or will be done in the matter, with a view to throwing open such fenced in Reserves, by removing all obstructions to the use of them by the public?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes, by circular instructions issued to all Stock Inspectors, in September, 1876, to inspect stock routes, and see that they are not obstructed by fencing by lessees or others.

(2.) No. In cases in which obstruction has been complained of, directions have been issued for its removal.

- (11.) Road, Walgett to Nugil:—*Mr. Long*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the necessary notices been issued preparatory to the opening of the Nugil Road; and has the usual time expired within which objections to the opening of the said road could be lodged?

(2.) Have any objections been received; and if so, would there be any objection to their contents being made public?

(3.) Has a numerously signed petition been received from Walgett, praying for the immediate proclamation of the above road?

(4.) When is it intended to issue the usual proclamation declaring this road open for the use of the public?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) No; yes.

(2.) Yes; and there will be no objection to their publication.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) No date can be fixed, the objections having to be considered, and other preliminary steps taken, in accordance with law, should the opening of the road be determined upon.

- (12.) Quirindi Railway Station:—*Mr. Long*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it intended to erect yards and platforms at Quirindi for the trucking of sheep to market?

(2.) If so, will such yards, &c., be made higher than those at Murrurundi, so that sheep may be more easily and readily trucked?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The yards will be so constructed as to admit of the loading of sheep to both the upper and lower decks of the trucks.

- (13.) Upset price of forfeited Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Day* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many forfeited conditional purchases have been put up to auction and sold, with the appraised value of the improvements erected thereon added to the upset price, since the Lands Acts Amendment Act became law?
 (2.)

- (2.) What was the total value of the improvements on the land so sold?
 (3.) How many conditional purchases were put up to auction with the appraised value of the improvements thereon added to the upset price, and not bid for?
 (4.) What was the total value of the improvements on the land so put up to auction, and not bid for?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—A Return embracing this information is in preparation and will be laid upon the Table when completed.

- (14.) Post Office for Boggabilla:—*Mr. Long*, on behalf of *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to establish a Post Office at Boggabilla, on the M'Intyre River, the distance of which is 35 miles from Yetman, the nearest Post Office?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is intended to establish a receiving house at Boggabilla on the 1st proximo.

- (15.) Public School, Yass:—*Mr. Fitzpatrick* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Council of Education arrived at any, and what, determination with respect to the erection of the Public School at Yass?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—The Council of Education has determined to proceed at once with the erection of the proposed school buildings at Yass.

- (16.) Cumberland-street Watch-house:—*Mr. Hill*, on behalf of *Mr. Dibbs*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did the Sydney City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board report on the unhealthy state of the Cumberland-street Watch-house?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to take steps to cause the erection of a new building for police purposes?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Sewage and Health Board did report that the Cumberland-street Watch-house is in an unhealthy state, and it is the intention to build a new watch-house, but a difficulty arises in procuring a site; that is the cause of the delay.

- (17.) Sale of Land, Quirindi:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any applications been made to have a quantity of land measured for auction in the town of Quirindi?

(2.) When is it likely this land will be measured and offered for auction?

(3.) Is he aware that a large number of persons are anxiously waiting for this land to be sold, to enable them to purchase and erect places of business?

(4.) Is he aware that private persons are about offering a number of allotments in above township?

(5.) Will he give immediate instructions to hurry on the survey and sale of land in above township?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The instructions are now being carried out. I cannot say, of course, at present the exact time when they will be completed.

(3.) No.

(4.) No.

(5.) Instructions to the effect required have already been given.

- (18.) *Mr. Fuller*:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is *Mr. Fuller*, the gentleman at present engaged on the Water Supply at Newcastle, a Licensed Surveyor?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—He is not a Licensed Surveyor. Several persons who can level well are employed on the Defence works who are not Licensed Surveyors. The law does not require it in these cases.

- (19.) Road through *Sir Daniel Cooper's* land, Redfern:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all Papers, Correspondence, &c., in reference to Road from Elizabeth-street to Botany Road, through *Sir D. Cooper's* land, and a statement showing the amount of money expended on it?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—I will presently place the original papers upon the Table, as an exhibit only. If the Honorable Member wishes to have them copied, I will direct it to be done; but he will see the amount of labour involved in copying papers going back for so many years. I will also place a tracing upon the Table, which will show that my reply to the first Question, on the 13th instant, hardly conveyed the true state of the case. It will be seen that this road, though going towards, is not the road south of *Baptist's* garden to the stables of *Sir Hercules Robinson*, which road has been made by that gentleman himself, down Bourke-street, but is, as proclaimed, the direct main road, *via* Elizabeth-street, to Botany, saving the inhabitants of Paddington and Surry Hills, a detour of half a mile, and opening up for sale the lands of *Sir Daniel Cooper*. It will be observed that there is an unconstructed interval in Bourke-street, between the nearest point of this road and the stables referred to. The reasons for the Government interfering in the matter are shown in the minute of the Commissioner for Roads with the papers.

2. IMMIGRATION:—*Mr. McElhone* presented a Petition from *Martin Guest*, as Chairman of the Working Men's Defence Association, respecting the vote for Immigration, and urging reasons for its re-consideration; also, suggesting the expediency of early legislation on various subjects affecting the interests of the working classes; and praying the House to grant relief.
 Petition received.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Baker* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Sutherland* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all orders given for the supply of Engines and Carriages for the last ten years, whether made in the Colony or imported, and, if by Tender, the amount of same; if otherwise, the cost complete, whether by Tender or otherwise, the name of the officer recommending, and Minister directing, the same.

Question put and passed.

5. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT ACT (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Papers, Plans, &c., upon which the late and present Attorney General have given any opinion as to the legal meaning of the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act; and also a copy of the said opinions.
Question put and passed.
6. **ALBERT DANGAR'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend 'Albert Dangar's Leasing Act of 1873.'*"
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 'Albert Dangar's Leasing Act of 1873.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th July, 1877.*
7. **PAPER**:—Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 17th July, 1877, in reference to legal meaning of 31st clause of Lands Acts Amendment Act.
Ordered to be printed.
8. **WAGGA WAGGA BRIDGE**:—Mr. Leary moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Tolls on the Wagga Wagga Bridge should be abolished.
(2.) That, in order to carry this object into effect, the Government be empowered to enter into negotiations with the Directors of the Wagga Wagga Bridge Company at once for the purchase of the above bridge.
(3.) That the above Resolutions be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. J. Watson.
Mr. Long,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Garrett,	

Noes, 21.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Greville,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. F. B. Sattor,
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Rouse,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. **RAILWAY EXTENSION INTO THE CITY OF SYDNEY**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Letters, Documents, and Plans, which were forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works, on the 14th July, 1876, from J. F. Wakely, in reference to a scheme for bringing the Railway into the City of Sydney.
Question put and passed.
10. **RAILWAY CONTRACTS**:—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A copy of the specifications and conditions for each Railway contract from Goulburn to Wagga Wagga, from Bathurst to Orange, and from Murrurundi to Tamworth.
(2.) A copy of the bond entered into by each contractor for the due completion of the aforesaid contracts.
(3.) A copy of the accepted Tenders for supplying the rails for the contracts referred to.
(4.) A tabulated statement showing the cost of the rails for each contract, delivered at Sydney or Newcastle, with dates of landing, showing contract price, also charges, if any.
(5.) The cost of removal from landing-place to Railway, if any, at per ton, with total tonnage and cost delivered, for each contract.
(6.) The cost of carriage by Railway, at per ton per mile, and total tonnage delivered, and cost for each contract for distance as per specification, including that which is not yet delivered.
(7.) A summary of the tonnage and cost of rails for each contract length, according to original specification; also, add to each contract length the amount of accepted Tender for construction, showing the cost of each contract length, with cost of rails added.
(8.) The amount voted by Parliament per mile, and total amount for each contract length as submitted when Vote was taken.
(9.) A copy of the minute of the then Secretary for Public Works, dated 14th July, 1873, referred to in the Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, dated 23rd January, 1877.
Question put and passed.
11. **TOLLS ON GOVERNMENT FERRIES**:—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to abolish all Tolls or Ferry Dues on Government Ferries throughout the Colony.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued. Question

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Long,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr H. H. Brown,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Terry,	

Noes, 13.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Windeyer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. Rouse,	
Mr. Dibbs,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. COLONIAL STOREKEEPER'S DEPARTMENT :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the management of, and the manner in which, the Colonial Storekeeper's Department is conducted.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Day, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Greville, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Terry, Mr. Macintosh, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
13. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Piddington moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-six minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mugundi Bridge:—*Mr. Jacob*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the New South Wales and Queensland officers have fixed upon a new site for the Mugundi Bridge, over the Upper Barwin River, different from the one chosen by Mr. Surveyor Matthews?

(2.) If so, will immediate steps be taken to reserve the land opposite this site, on the New South Wales side, from sale (so that it may not be purchased), and reserved for the use of the public and travelling stock, as if otherwise, the Bridge may be rendered useless?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Steps are now being taken for that purpose.

- (2.) Lands Acts Amendment Act:—*Mr. H. C. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have instructions been given to surveyors not to survey any land applied for under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act which is not at least five miles from any alienated land?

(2.) If so, under what authority have such instructions been issued?

(3.) Has the present Attorney General given an opinion upon the meaning and intent of the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act?

(4.) What is the purport of such opinion?

(5.) Do the Government intend to make a regulation, and instruct surveyors, in accordance with that opinion?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1 and 2.) No such instructions have been given.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) A copy of it, together with other papers on the subject, was laid upon the Table of the House yesterday evening.

(5.) No decision has yet been arrived at in the matter.

- (3.) The Police, East Maitland:—*Mr. Bennett* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) By whose authority were Sergeants Hogan and Barnes, and other members of the Police Force, stationed at East Maitland, placed on duty at the Municipal Council Chambers, East Maitland, on the 4th of this month, from 7 p.m. until a late hour in the evening, instead of performing their duty in the town?

(2.) What was the nature of the duty they were engaged upon?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Constables Hogan and Kirmane attended at the Municipal Council Chambers, East Maitland, for about two hours on the 4th instant, at the request of the Mayor.

(2.) They were required to be present in case of a recurrence of disorderly conduct previously complained of.

- (4.) Applications under Real Property Act:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of applications which were made to bring property under the Real Property Act, from the 1st January to the 30th June, 1877?

(2.) How many of the applications in question have been acceded to, refused, or otherwise dealt with, up to the present time?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The number of applications received from 1st January to 30th June, 1877—118. Of these, twenty-four have been reported on by the Examiners of Titles and passed, and none, up to date, have been refused. In addition to those passed, sixty of the applications in question have been dealt with by the Principal Draftsman, and seven have been dealt with by the Examiners of Titles, by means of requisitions.

- (5.) Post and Telegraph Office, Parramatta :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it likely that Tenders will be invited, by advertisement or otherwise, for the erection of the new Post and Telegraph Office in the town of Parramatta?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Tenders will be invited as soon as possible. The Colonial Architect has been instructed to prepare plans and estimates without delay.

- (6.) Site for Public Baths, Parramatta :—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did a deputation from the Borough Council of Parramatta wait on him, asking the Government to grant to the Borough Council a portion of the land connected with the Parramatta District Hospital, for the purpose of erecting baths on it?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to grant the same, and when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No application has come within my knowledge for the erection of Public Baths on this ground; though I may state that a letter was addressed to me by a gentleman in Parramatta, stating that a piece of ground had been promised for that purpose.

- (7.) Telegraph Office for Homebush :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has any application been received, and if any, what decision been arrived at, in reference to the application for a Telegraph Office to be erected at Homebush Railway Station?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—An application for a Telegraph Office, as stated, was received, but there being no accommodation at the Homebush Railway Station, the applicants were informed that their request could not be complied with. I may state, however, that the question of the erection of a suitable building is now under the consideration of the Government.

- (8.) Post and Telegraph Office, Liverpool :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government fixed on a site for a new Post and Telegraph Office at Liverpool?

(2.) If so, have the Government received any report from any officer in the Government service recommending the site selected?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) A site has not yet been selected.

(2.) No.

- (9.) Goods Traffic between Parramatta and Sydney :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any, and if any, what, steps to provide additional accommodation for the goods traffic between Parramatta and Sydney?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Steps have already been taken, and the work commenced, to provide additional accommodation for goods traffic between Sydney and Parramatta, viz., laying down a siding and weighbridge at Parramatta Junction for weighing wood, produce, &c., so as to avoid sending these articles to Sydney to be weighed and then returned to the various suburban stations. Alterations and additions to be made in through roads and sidings at the suburban stations where required in connection with the above. An additional siding to be laid in at Parramatta Station for fruit, &c.

- (10.) New Battery of Artillery :—Mr. Wisdom, on behalf of Mr. Combes, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—How many men have been engaged or enlisted towards forming the new company of Artillery?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Fifty-four.

- (11.) Gulgong Post Office :—Mr. R. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Postmaster General aware that the building at Gulgong used as a Post Office is unsuitable for the purpose?

(2.) What accommodation is there on the premises for the Postmaster and his family and his assistant?

(3.) Is it intended to erect new premises, or such additions to the old building as will afford accommodation for the occupants?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Postmaster General is aware that the present building at Gulgong is an unsuitable one, but cannot state the precise amount of accommodation it contains.

(3.) The matter is now being dealt with by the Works Department, and it is intended either to erect a new building or to make such additions to the present one as may be necessary. I may add that I saw some gentlemen to-day on the subject, and that the matter will be attended to without any delay.

- (12.) Land Office for Gulgong :—Mr. R. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were the Resolutions passed at a Public Meeting held at Gulgong, on the 14th ultimo, having reference especially to the establishment of a Land Office at that place, presented to him; and if so, when?

(2.) What action has been taken in reference thereto?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is not probable, from the inquiries which have been made into the matter, that a separate Land Office will be established, but no actual decision has been given.

(13.)

(13.) **Loafing Sheep, Gulgong:**—Mr. R. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the ratepayers at Gulgong are suffering injury by reason of flocks of loafing sheep feeding in and around the township?

(2.) Will he give instructions to abate the alleged nuisance?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes, representations to that effect have been made by the Town Council, Gulgong.

(2.) Yes, a temporary Common has been proclaimed at Gulgong, and trustees will be appointed, who will be in a position to protect the Common from trespass by loafing sheep.

(14.) **Reserve Arrawatta:**—Mr. R. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was the land comprised in Reserve No. 125, county of Arrawatta, withdrawn, so as to be open for conditional purchase; if so, when, and at whose instance?

(2.) Has it been conditionally purchased by Mr. F. B. Mulligan, of Inverell; and if so, when?

(3.) Is it a fact that the only water available for the sustenance of the families in the neighbourhood of this Reserve is to be found on the Reserve?

(4.) Will the Secretary for Lands take steps to prevent the alienation of this land, or such portion thereof as is covered by water?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Reserve No. 125, county of Arrawatta, at Apple-tree Gully, notified the 5th of July, 1867, has not been cancelled.

(2.) Yes, on 29th March, 1877, but the selection is about to be declared void.

(3 and 4.) The cancellation of this Reserve has been reported to be inexpedient, and there is no present intention of taking that step.

(15.) **Dredge "Samson"—Steamer "Thetis":**—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Mate of the steamship "Thetis" and the Engineer and Master of the dredge "Samson" receive extra pay for night work?

(2.) If so, what amount does each receive; and what is the reason that the other officers and men of the abovenamed dredge and steamship do not receive extra pay for night work also?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Master, who is also Chief Engineer of the dredge, receives £4 6s. 8d. per month extra for night work. The Mate of the "Thetis," who also performs the duty of Second Master, receives at the rate of £2 per month extra when employed as Master on night work, but receives only £16 per month when acting as Master on day work. As regards the other officers and men, who take week about on night and day work, they receive similar rates of remuneration to those paid to men in similar capacities in the coasting steamers, and who have to work day and night off.

2. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Jacob moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. **PAPERS:**—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return showing number of Electors, as per Schedule "A" of Electoral Bill (No. 2).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **IMMIGRATION (Formal Motion):**—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 17th July, from Martin Guest, Chairman of a Meeting of the Working Men's Defence Association of Sydney, respecting the present system of Immigration, and in favour of various measures affecting the interests of the Working Classes, be printed.

Question put and passed.

5. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill postponed until Thursday, 26th July.

6. **AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

On motion of Mr. Piddington, that report was adopted.

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

7. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Volunteer Force Regulation Acts Amendment Bill postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Piddington moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Consolidation of the Public Debt:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. Stuart*, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Whether, in view of the recently declared desire of Ministers to have an extended Session, it is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this Session for the consolidation of the Public Debt of the Colony?

Mr. Piddington answered,—I wish to correct a slight error in the Question of my Honorable Friend: I am not aware that the Government have at any time expressed a desire for an extended Session; they have often expressed a desire for a short Session. The subject of the consolidation of the Public Debt of the Colony is of so much importance that no proposal of the kind ought to be submitted without full and careful consideration, more especially as the aid of Imperial legislation may be required. The Government are not prepared to introduce a Bill during the present Session.

- (2.) Department of Lands:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Was the sum of £5 received by the Secretary for Lands, on or about 27th May, 1876, from *Mr. H. Levien*, solicitor, of West Maitland, being amount of purchase of a road for *Mr. William Scully*, of Branxton?
(2.) If not, will he cause an inquiry to be made as to the loss of this money, as *Mr. Levien* states he sent the money to the Secretary for Lands on the above date for *Mr. Scully*?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No.

(2.) Every inquiry has been made through the department, and no trace of any such sum having been received from *Mr. Levien* can be found either in the office registers or the book in which special entries are made of all moneys received in the department.

- (3.) Drill Instructors, Volunteer Force:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)*, on behalf of *Mr. Stephen Brown*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many Drill Instructors are attached to the Volunteer Force?

(2.) Is it the fact that the Drill Instructors attached to the Volunteer Force have not for the last three years given any instruction to that Force, and that whatever instruction has been given to the Force has been given by the Officers?

- (3.) How many efficient Volunteers are there at present on the roll; how many of that number have received, and how many are entitled to receive, Land Orders?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) One Sergeant Instructor of Musketry, six attached to Artillery (including one non-commissioned officer of the New South Wales Artillery), one attached to Engineer Corps, and ten attached to Rifles.

(2.) It is not a fact; certain Instructors are attached to the various battalions, and are generally available, under the directions of the officers commanding battalions, when required for drilling the various corps, as are also the services of those not so attached, upon application.

(3.) This Return has not yet been completed, owing to the great amount of work involved in its preparation.

- (4.) Artillery Force:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)*, on behalf of *Mr. Stephen Brown*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—How many men have resigned since the formation of the New South Wales Artillery Force; how many have been imprisoned for misconduct; how many have deserted; and how many have been invalided?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—None have resigned, but six have been permitted to purchase their discharge. Imprisonments:—By courts martial, sixty-five; by summary award of Commanding Officer (not exceeding 168 hours), forty-eight; by civil power, seven. Desertions, sixty-one. Invalided, twenty-eight.

(5.)

(5.) Tonnage Dues, Circular Quay:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. J. Watson*, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Government taken the opinion of the Attorney General on the question of their right to collect Tonnage Dues on vessels loading at the Circular Quay?
- (2.) If so, what is the nature of such opinion?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) Yes; the Government have recently taken the opinion of the Attorney General on the question referred to, in the case of the ship "Abergeldie."

(2.) The opinion is as follows:—"If there is room at the Circular Quay, the Government cannot refuse to allow a ship accommodation there simply because the master refuses to sign a contract which there is no law compelling him to sign. Any ship of a greater burden than 500 tons may lie at the wharf thirty-five days without paying wharfage dues, and any attempt to make the ship pay dues before the expiration of that time is illegal. I pointed out some time since that the law required amendment to meet the altered circumstances of the port. Till this is done, the Government can have no effectual control over the wharf. The 61st section of the Navigation Act of 1876 has no application to a master navigating his own vessel, and cannot be resorted to against the master of the 'Abergeldie,' as *Mr. Bell* suggests in his letter of the 6th July. In conclusion, I would refer the Colonial Treasurer to my opinion in the case of the 'Ann Duthie,' where the Government was compelled, under threat of legal proceedings, to refund money paid under a similar illegal claim made by the Collector of Customs."

(6.) Goulburn Gaol:—*Mr. Teece* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Government had under its consideration the desirability of removing the Gaol at Goulburn?
- (2.) If so, what determination has been arrived at?
- (3.) Has the present Colonial Secretary, or the late Colonial Secretary, expressed opinions favourable to the removal of this structure?
- (4.) Is the Government aware that by statute 33 Vic. No. 1, passed into law at the instance of *Mr. W. Forster*, on 18th November, 1869, for the resumption and enclosure of a certain portion of Union-street, a site is provided for new Gaol at Goulburn?
- (5.) Has any recommendation or report been made by the Colonial Architect or Comptroller General of Prisons; if so, what is the nature of such recommendation or report?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Though the Honorable Member was good enough to postpone this Question yesterday, I find that I have not the particulars to enable me to answer it in detail, but I think I can give an answer which will be quite satisfactory to him. The gaol at Goulburn and the gaol at Bathurst both stand in the same relation to the circumstances affecting either—their retention where they are, or their removal—and the Government has come to the conclusion that both these gaols ought to be removed out of the town as early as possible, and will take steps to effect that purpose as soon as possible.

(7.) Additional Grants for Roads and Bridges, &c.:—*Mr. Terry* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on an Additional Estimate the sums for Bridges and other Public Works enumerated in the Schedule placed upon the Table of the House by him during the debate on the Resolution of the Honorable Member for Camden (*Mr. Garrett*), with reference to an increased grant for Main and Minor Roads?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Yes, for such works as funds will not be provided for under *Mr. Garrett's* motion.

(8.) Railway Traffic between Morpeth and East and West Maitland:—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that it is alleged that the goods traffic from the Wharfs at Morpeth to East and West Maitland, which is very large, is wholly lost to the Railway, because of the high rates charged for the short distance, forcing all the traffic to be carried by drays?
- (2.) Will he take this matter into early consideration?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—I am not aware that the carriage of goods between Morpeth and Maitland is diverted from the Railway in consequence of the high rates charged. I will, however, cause an inquiry to be made, with a view to see whether any traffic which now goes by road would by a judicious modification of the charges be attracted to the Railway.

(9.) Morpeth Railway:—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the practicability of a great saving being effected over the present working of the Morpeth Railway as a branch if the line were continued from the eastern end to join the line to Newcastle lower down, thus making a through line from Newcastle to Morpeth and East and West Maitland?
- (2.) If not, will he give the subject consideration?
- (3.) Will he cause a survey to be made, and a report furnished, to ascertain the cost such an alteration as is indicated in the first Question would entail, and the incidental advantages that would be derived therefrom?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—My attention has not before been drawn to this matter. I will call upon the Engineer-in-Chief to furnish me with a report on the subject.

(10.) Bridge, Pennant Hills Road:—*Mr. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Was a Petition received by him, signed by a large number of residents of Pennant Hills and other places in the district of Parramatta, asking for a Bridge to be built at the junction of Hunt and Darling Hills Creeks, on the Pennant Hills Road?
- (2.) If so, what steps do the Government intend to take with regard to that Petition?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) The Petition referred to was only received on the 17th instant.
- (2.) A report has been asked for from the local officer.

- (11.) Overloading of Steam Colliers :—*Mr. Jacob*, on behalf of *Mr. R. Forster*, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has it come to his knowledge that the Steam Colliers trading between Newcastle and Sydney never batten down the hatchway, and that coal is piled up over the hatchway as high as it is possible to be placed?
 - (2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made as to how the "Yarra Yarra" steamer was loaded on her last fatal trip, and inform the House of the result?
- Mr. Piddington* answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that these Steam Colliers frequently pile coals over the hatchway, and do not batten it-down.
 - (2.) Yes.
- (12.) *W. Armstrong's Conditional Purchase, Inverell*:—*Mr. Jacob*, on behalf of *Mr. R. Forster*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has an application, made on 11th May, 1876, by *W. Armstrong*, a conditional purchaser at Inverell, for permission to purchase a portion of his pre-lease, not been attended to?
 - (2.) Were instructions given to *Mr. Licensed Surveyor H. V. Evans*, on 27th July, 1876, in reference to this application; and what is the reason that he has not reported thereon?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—
- (1.) An application, by *William Armstrong*, to purchase, in virtue of improvements, 57 acres 3 roods 14 perches, county of Murchison, parish of Gum Flat, was received on the 15th May, 1876.
 - (2.) The application was referred to *Mr. Licensed Surveyor Evans*, for report thereon, 27th July, 1876. No report has yet been received.
- (13.) Water Supply for Gulgong :—*Mr. Jacob*, on behalf of *Mr. R. Forster*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has any application been made to the Government to send *Mr. Clark*, Hydraulic Engineer, to Gulgong, to report on the best means of supplying that town with water?
 - (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to grant the request?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—An application to this effect has been received from Gulgong, but it is feared that *Mr. Clark* will not be able to visit the town. *Mr. Clark* has already intimated that he is not desirous of undertaking any new work for the Government of New South Wales.
- (14.) Platforms on Southern and Western Railways :—*Mr. Sutherland* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return in reference to Platforms on Southern and Western Railways be laid upon the Table of this House, as promised in answer to Question asked on June 27th, 1877?
- Mr. Hoskins* answered,—I hope to be able to lay this Return on the Table of the House to-morrow.
- (15.) Money Order Office, Boggabri :—*Mr. Wisdom*, on behalf of *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to establish a Money Order Office at Boggabri, Namoi River; and if so, when?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—It is intended to establish a Money Order Office at Boggabri on the 1st proximo.
- (16.) Haulage of Coal, Great Northern Railway :—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. Long*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it the case that the minimum charge for the haulage of coal on the Great Northern Line is at the rate of 10d. per ton for any distance under 7 miles?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Newcastle Coal Company have had their coal carried at 8d. per ton, a reduction of 2d. on the rate fixed by schedule?
 - (3.) Has the reduction been made in any other case than that of the Newcastle Coal Company?
- Mr. Hoskins* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes; the distance hauled being a quarter of a mile only.
 - (3.) No.
2. PAPERS :—*Sir Henry Parkes* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report, by *W. Clark, Esq.*, Hydraulic Engineer, on the interception and disposal of the Drainage of the City of Sydney and Suburbs.
 - (2.) Report, by *W. Clark, Esq.*, Hydraulic Engineer, respecting Water Supply, &c., of Newcastle, Maitland, and Bathurst.
 - (3.) Report on Nautical School-ship "Vernon," for the year ended 30th June, 1877.
 - (4.) By-Laws of the Borough of Goulburn.
- Ordered to be printed.
3. AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Piddington*, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Piddington* then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Audit Act of 1870.'*"
- 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 'Audit Act of 1870.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th July, 1877.
4. DEFENCES OF THE COLONY :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Piddington*, "That the Resolutions from Committee of the Whole, as amended, be now read a second time,"—

And

And the Question being again proposed,—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the Resolutions from Committee of the Whole, as amended, be now read a second time—put and passed.

Resolution,—

“(1.) That the Permanent Artillery Force be increased to three batteries of 100 gunners each,”—read a second time, and agreed to.

Resolution,—

“(2.) That immediate steps be taken to arrange with Her Majesty’s Government for the obtaining, and maintenance at the expense of this Colony, and for the Defence service, an ironclad ship-of-war, of the tonnage, capacity, and armament of the vessel described in the Report of His Excellency Sir William Jervois,”—read a second time.

Question proposed,—That the Resolution be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the Resolution be agreed to—put and negatived.

Resolution,—

“(3.) That the alterations in the Defence works of Port Jackson, and new fortified works at Botany Bay and Newcastle, as recommended in the Report of His Excellency Sir William Jervois, be undertaken and carried out without delay,”—read a second time, and agreed to.

Resolution,—

“(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor,”—read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned, at nineteen minutes before Twelve o’clock, until To-morrow, at Four o’clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 20 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Railway Maps :—Mr. B. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will he cause to be placed in the ante room to the Legislative Assembly, or in some convenient place, for reference by Members of this House, a map of this Colony, showing thereon,—1st. The Railway Lines completed ; 2nd. The Lines in course of erection ; and 3rd. The route of proposed Lines ?

(2.) Will he, for the like purpose, cause to be placed as above, a map of Australia, distinguishing thereon the respective Colonies, and giving the like information as to railways in the various Colonies ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is no objection to the preparation of maps such as the Honorable Member names ; on the other hand, I think they might be very useful. The map representing the railways of this Colony shall be prepared in a few days, as desired ; but I think that showing the railways in the other Colonies will take some little time to prepare, but it shall be attended to as soon as possible.

- (2.) Public School, Brodie's Plains, Inverell :—Mr. Abbott asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the building of the Public School at Brodie's Plains, near Inverell, been commenced ?

(2.) If not, when will a commencement be made, and what has been the cause of delay hitherto ?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) When the proposed site has been vested in the Council. The delay has been occasioned by the fact that the deeds of the donor of the site have not yet been issued by the Lands Titles Office, and the Council's solicitors are therefore unable to prepare the necessary transfer to the Council.

- (3.) Immigration Agents :—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return, ordered by this House on the 1st May last, relative to Immigration Agents in the United Kingdom of Great Britain, the Continent of Europe, and America, be laid upon the Table ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As soon as certain requisite information is obtained from the Agent General in London, who has been addressed on the subject.

- (4.) Volunteer Land Orders :—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return, ordered by this House on the 25th April last, relative to disputed cases for Volunteer Land Orders, be laid upon the Table ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A part Return will be laid upon the Table this afternoon ; a further Return will be prepared with the least possible delay.

- (5.) Stephen Murphy, late Warder in Berrima Gaol :—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers relating to the case of Stephen Murphy, lately a Warder in Berrima Gaol, be laid upon the Table of this House ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—They will be laid upon the Table this afternoon.

- (6.) Technical Schools :—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has he taken any action, and if so, what is it, in order to carry out his promise, made some time ago to a deputation from several public bodies, as to the establishment of Technical Schools throughout the Colony ?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—Yes. The subject as to the establishment of Technical Schools throughout the Colony was lately referred by me for report of the Council of Education, and I am informed the requisite report will be furnished in the course of next week.

(7.)

(7.) Contract for Railway Extension to Dubbo:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the case that Mr. Watkins's Tender has been accepted for the construction of a Railway from Orange to Dubbo?
- (2.) At what rate per mile is the contract to be carried out?
- (3.) Will Mr. Watkins be required to commence his work without any delay?
- (4.) Has any impediment occurred which will prevent the contractor (Mr. Watkins) from commencing his work at once; and if so, of what character?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The contract has been taken at a schedule of prices, which I shall be glad to show the Honorable Member at the Public Works Office.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) I am not aware that any impediment has occurred to the immediate commencement of the work.

(8.) Adelong Common:—Mr. Lynch, on behalf of Mr. Baker, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers relating to the Adelong Common, ordered on the 19th June, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—The correspondence, so far as relates to the Department of Justice, is very voluminous, and is now being copied with as much dispatch as possible, and the Return will probably be ready to be laid upon the Table in the course of next week.

2. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 19th June, 1877, in reference to the dismissal of Stephen Murphy, late Warder in Berrima Gaol.
- (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 25th April, 1877, in reference to disputed cases as to the issue of Volunteer Land Orders.
- (3.) Return showing Increase and Decrease in Numbers of Electors on Electoral Rolls, 1859–60, and from 1873–4 to 1876–7.
- (4.) Return showing the estimated Number of Electors entitled to vote in the several Gold Fields Electoral Districts for 1877–8.

Ordered to be printed.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SEWERS:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. Sutherland, discharged.

4. ENDOWMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on a Further Additional Estimate for 1877, for payment to all the Municipal bodies of the Colony, including the Corporation of the City of Sydney, of a sum equal to the amount received by such bodies for the year 1876, excepting all sums that may have been paid to them as endowment from the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony.

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

5. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Terry moved, That the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

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

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 JULY, 1877.

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

ELECTORATE OF NORTHUMBERLAND:—

- (1.) *Issue and Return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 6th instant, declaring the Seat of Charles James Stevens, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Stevens; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of William Turner, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland.
- (2.) *Member Sworn*:—William Turner, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) *Steam-launch for conveyance of Artillery Guards*:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the name of the Steam-launch hired to convey the Artillery Guards to the Heads?
 (2.) By whom was she hired; and at what cost; and on whose authority; and from what person?
 (3.) How many trips has she made during the time she was engaged; and the number of men conveyed by each trip?
 (4.) Is the time of the steamer wholly taken up in the service for which she was engaged?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) "Prince" or "Princess," as steamer is available.
 (2.) By the Officer Commanding Artillery; at £1 the trip up and down; the Colonial Secretary; Mathew Byrnes.
 (3.) From the 1st January to 30th June, 1877, 181 trips; number of men per trip, on average, eight, or sixteen per day (not counting prisoners and witnesses).
 (4.) Almost entirely, as it works often till very late.

- (2.) *Denison-street, Bullock Island*:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Was a sum of £2,000 voted by this House, some two years ago, for the construction or repair of Denison-street, on Bullock Island, near Newcastle?
 (2.) If so, has the whole of the money been applied according to the vote; and if not, what has become of the balance?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) The sum of £2,000 was voted in the year 1876 for the formation of a public road through Bullock Island.
 (2.) The whole of the money has been applied strictly according to the vote.

- (3.) *Orange Railway Station*:—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Combes, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide yards and appliances for trucking sheep and cattle at the Orange Railway Station; and if so, when?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Directions have been given that yards for trucking sheep and cattle at the Orange Railway Station are to be constructed without delay.

- (4.) *Road from Blayney to No. 1*:—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What progress has been made on the works on the road from Blayney to No. 1?
 (2.) What sum of money has been expended on the road up to present date?
 (3.) What amount of money is available for construction of said road?

Mr.

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) The road referred to is only subsidised from Blayney as far as the village of Shaw. Works have been let, to full amount of vote, between Blayney and Costelloe's Lane, and are now almost completed.

(2.) £67 11s. has been paid.

(3.) The balance of vote (£182 9s.) is available, and will be paid when the works referred to have been satisfactorily completed.

3. IMMIGRATION:—Mr. Cameron, presented a Petition from certain Residents of Minmi and the surrounding Districts, praying the House to prevent the expenditure of the sum voted for Immigration.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the names, &c., of all Platforms erected by the Government on the Southern and Western Railways during the last ten years.

(2.) Return of all Correspondence, Reports, Minutes, and other Documents relating to the erection of a Bridge over the Williams River, at Clarence Town.

(3.) Report by John Rae, A.M., Commissioner for Railways, on the construction and working of the Railways of New South Wales during 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 19th June, 1877, in reference to the Conditional Purchase of Topham Forge and J. Campbell.

(2.) Letter from W. Clark, Esq., Hydraulic Engineer, covering Report respecting the interception and disposal of the Drainage of the City of Sydney and Suburbs.

(3.) Return showing the number of Electors on the Roll of each Electoral District of New South Wales, for 1877-78.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Map of New South Wales, showing Boundaries as defined in Schedule A. of Electoral Bill (No. 2).

(5.) Sketch showing Boundaries of the Electoral Districts of East Sydney, North Sydney, West Sydney, Alexandria, Balmain, Canterbury, The Glebe, Newtown, Paddington, Redfern, as defined in the first Schedule of Electoral Bill (No. 2).

5. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Day presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Jerilderie and surrounding District, praying the House to allot a second Member to the Electoral District of The Murray.
Petition received.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cameron moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. SUPPLY OF COAL FOR RAILWAY PURPOSES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Lackey, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Tenders received, with the names of the persons who tendered, for the supply of Coal for engine purposes for the year 1877, together with the reports of the officers who made the usual tests, and any correspondence which may have taken place on the subject.
Question put and passed.

8. THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, our present Land Law is in a most unsatisfactory state, injurious alike to the agricultural and the pastoral interests.

(2.) That the Government should introduce a Bill next Session, dealing with the whole subject in a fair and equitable spirit.

(3.) That in any Bill the Government may introduce provision should be made for the separation of the agricultural and pastoral interests by setting aside in every district of the country large tracts of the best land, to be devoted to agricultural purposes, and so confining free selection to those areas thus set aside, and putting an end to that ruinous and disastrous collision of the two great interests, agricultural and pastoral, which seems to be slowly but surely bringing about the ruin of both.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Piddington moved the Previous Question.

Debate ensued.

Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. McElhone,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Lynch,	

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Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. H. O. Dangar,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. E. B. Smith,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and negatived.

9. WIDOW OF THE LATE EDWARD ROBINSON:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £500, as compensation to Mrs. Robinson, the widow of the late Edward Robinson, who was killed at the Redfern Railway Station, on the 31st August, 1876.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. LANDS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill further to amend the Land Acts of 1861 and the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.
Question put and passed.
11. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Terry 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. Terry, *passed*.
Mr. Terry then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to further amend the 'Real Property Act.'*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Real Property Act,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th July, 1877.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 108.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Contract, Bathurst to Orange:—*Mr. W. C. Browne*, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were the contractors for the Bathurst and Orange Railway bound to give up any portion of the line for public use before final completion of their contract?

(2.) Was the opening of the line to Blayney a public convenience and advantage?

(3.) Have the contractors been fined for the period of time which elapsed between the opening of the Blayney extension and the opening to Orange?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes; in accordance with the terms of the agreement they entered into in consideration of their being allowed to proceed with the work after the expiry of the contract time.

(2.) Water Supply for Parramatta:—*Mr. Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
If the scheme, as recommended by *Mr. Clark*, to supply the City of Sydney and Suburbs with water from the Nepean is adopted, will the Government make provision to supply the town of Parramatta with water from the same source?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In reference to the subject of the Honorable Member's question, I may say, that as soon as time can be obtained, which I hope will be very soon, for the examination of the whole subject, the case of Parramatta, together with the Suburbs of Sydney, will be carefully considered.

(3.) Light-house at Barrenjuey:—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to his answer, on 3rd May last, to the Honorable Member for East Macquarie (*Mr. Booth*); to the effect that the resumption by the Government of the land on which it is proposed to erect the Light-house at Barrenjuey is now being proceeded with,—Has the land yet been resumed; if it has not, what stage has the question reached?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The land has not yet been resumed; and the papers relating thereto have been sent to the Attorney General to obtain his opinion on the case.

(4.) Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When does he propose laying upon the Table, in accordance with the order of this House, made on 20th June last,—

(1.) The Minute or Regulation in reference to three months notice to Conditional Purchasers before forfeiture of their selections?

(2.) The Minute or Regulation relative to the withdrawal from Inspectors of all cases of Conditional Purchases made prior to 1875?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I propose laying the Return upon the Table this afternoon.

(5.) Sale of Land, Lamb's Creek, county of Durham:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the land at Lamb's Creek, county of Durham, known as the Village Reserve, and which has been surveyed, be offered for sale?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In about six weeks.

(6.) Lands Acts Amendment Act :—

1. Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are there any protests against the course taken by the late Secretary for Lands (Mr. Garrett) in administering the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875 other than that of M. Fitzpatrick, Esq., M.L.A., printed with the correspondence, as to the said clause, laid upon the Table of this House on the 17th instant?

(2.) If so, will they be laid upon the Table at once?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) They will be laid upon the Table with the least possible delay.

2. Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of applications made under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.

(2.) The number of such applications approved of?

(3.) The number of such applications rejected?

(4.) The number of such applications received, but not disposed of?

(5.) The number of applications under the 31st clause made since the 6th July instant?

(6.) The names of the Land Agents through whom the applications referred to in the foregoing Questions were made?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) 1,461 applications have been received.

(2.) Five of these have reached the stage of appraisalment of the land and valuation of the improvements.

(3.) 647 have been refused.

(4.) The remaining cases (809) are in various stages. Some are with surveyors, for measurement; others are awaiting the receipt of the necessary statutory declarations as to completion of improvements within twelve months from date of application; and in other cases the plans are being charted.

(5.) Six applications, made since the 6th instant, have been registered in the books of the department.

(6.) The applications are received by the local Crown Land Agent within whose district the land applied for is situated.

3. Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The date of the application made by Sir James M'Culloch for 50 acres of land on the Illilawa Run, alluded to in the letter written to the Secretary for Lands by M. Fitzpatrick, Esq., M.L.A., dated 11th May, 1877, as printed in the correspondence, as to the opinions of the present and former Attorney General on the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, laid upon the Table of this House on the 17th instant?

(2.) Were the said 50 acres a measured portion, and had it been previously applied for or occupied under any provision of the Land Laws; and if the latter, under what provision?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) 3rd April, 1876.

(2.) This information cannot be given at present, the papers being still with the surveyor.

(7.) M. Fitzpatrick, Esquire, M.P. :—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—In what capacity did Mr. M. Fitzpatrick, M.P., appear before the Secretary for Lands when he made the representation referred to in his (Mr. Fitzpatrick's) letter dated 11th May, 1877, and which appears in the correspondence laid upon the Table of this House on the 17th instant, as to application of the 31st clause of the new Lands Act?*Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—It is not very easy for me to give an answer to this Question: I understand that Mr. Fitzpatrick appeared before the Minister as many other gentlemen do. It is known that he is engaged in business as a land agent, and it is known also that he is a Member of the House, but, if I am to give a definition, I apprehend that he appeared in the capacity of Mr. Fitzpatrick.(8.) Road, Marulan Railway Station to Marble Lime Quarries :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a road been surveyed from Marulan Railway Station to the Marble Lime Quarries?

(2.) Is it intended to have the road so surveyed made and proclaimed; and if so, when is it likely to be done?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) A road has been laid out from Marulan to Greenwich Park, and a portion of this road, together with reserved roads, will afford the access required.

(2.) Steps are now being taken for the proclamation of this road; the reserved roads do not require proclamation.

(9.) Public School, Adamstown, near Newcastle :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—When is it intended to send a Public School Teacher to Adamstown, near Newcastle; and what has been the cause of the delay?*Mr. F. B. Suttor* answered,—A Public School Teacher was appointed to Adamstown on the 12th July instant. The short delay which occurred in regard to this appointment was occasioned by the difficulty experienced in providing a suitable Teacher at an earlier date.(10.) Tenders for Railway Trucks :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many Tenderers were there for the D Trucks lately tendered for successfully by Hudson Brothers?

(2.) The amount of their respective Tenders, and the time in which they offered to complete the work?

Mr.

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Nine Tenders were received for 100 trucks.

	Name of Tenderer.	Time for completion.	Amount.
(2.)	Thomas Wearne	18 weeks from date of bond ...	£6,487 10 0
	Frederick Kellaway	16 per month	6,400 0 0
	Robert A. Ritchie	5 months	6,550 0 0
	Hudson Brothers	6 do.	6,300 0 0
	John Robertson	8 do.	6,700 0 0
	Thomas Denny	8 waggons per month	7,000 0 0
	Geo. Duesbury, David Brodic, and Thomas Leahy	6 months	7,300 0 0
	Davy & Co.	6 do.	6,450 0 0
	Richard Venables	3 waggons per month	7,150 0 0

The Tender of Hudson Brothers was accepted on the following report of the Railway officers:—
 “The Tender of Messrs. Hudson Brothers is the lowest, and I recommend it be accepted. As it was stated in the specification that time of supply would be considered in determining the most eligible Tender, these Tenders must be considered, on this basis. Mr. Wearne’s time is the shortest, but his price exceeds that of Hudson Brothers by £187 10s. Mr. Hudson will, in the time named by Wearne, deliver eighty-one trucks only, and the department will lose the net earnings of nineteen trucks. According to the returns of 1876, the net earnings of each truck are about 30s. a week; the nineteen trucks would earn net in the extra six weeks required £171. On the basis, therefore, of time and money the Tender of Hudson Brothers is the most eligible.”

(11.) Bridge across Railway, Pymont:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Bridge across the Railway Line at Pymont been removed; and if so, for what reason?
- (2.) Is it his intention to take any steps to provide the residents in the abovenamed locality any means of communication with the City, in order to shorten the present circuitous route?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) The bridge was removed about three years ago, to permit of the construction of the present sidings at the head of Darling Harbour.
- (2.) This is the first time my attention has been drawn to the matter; it will receive early consideration.

(12.) Petition of Messrs. Wilson and Cawley:—Mr. Charles, on behalf of Mr. Gray, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What action has been taken by the Government in the case of Messrs. Wilson, Cawley, and Frew, the Report from Select Committee on whose case was adopted by this House on the 6th February last?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The land applied for by the persons named having been found to be within areas previously taken up by Mr. Alexander Stuart, under mineral lease, these selections were cancelled, and deposits refunded. The Government has had no power to interfere in the matter, which is one resting between the parties.

(13.) Railway Contract, Bathurst to Orange:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of money stopped from the contractors for the Railway from Bathurst to Orange, Messrs. Mason and Elkington, by way of penalty?
- (2.) Have the contractors appealed for a remission of the penalty; and what are the special grounds they urge?
- (3.) Did Mr. Attorney General Dalley give an opinion on this matter; what is its purport?
- (4.) Did the Government give the contractors full legal possession of the land through which the line was to run on the 1st of August, 1874?
- (5.) Is it not a fact that several of the owners of land threatened legal proceedings against the contractors, and prevented them working on the land, in consequence of the Government not being in legal possession?
- (6.) Did the contractors notify the stoppage of works to the Engineer?
- (7.) Have the Government refused to entertain the contractors appeal?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) The amount of penalty is £7,800.
- (2.) The contractors have appealed for a remission, on the following grounds:—1st. They did not get possession of the line on 1st August, 1874. 2nd. That rails were delivered at Kelso instead of Bathurst. 3rd. They could not obtain skilled labour. 4th. They were called upon to do a large quantity of work not named in the contract. 5th. They handed over line to Blayney before extended time expired, and thereby delayed the completion of the extension from Blayney to Orange.
- (3.) Mr. Attorney General Dalley gave an opinion, which will be found with the printed correspondence, laid upon the Table of the House on 12th December, 1876.
- (4.) The contractors obtained actual possession of the land on 1st August, 1874; whether they were placed in legal possession is a technical point, which does not appear to affect the merits of the case.
- (5.) It is so alleged by the contractors; but proceedings were not taken, nor does it appear that the contractors were delayed by any action of landowners.
- (6.) Yes; but the Engineer reported that the landowners objecting were all beyond Blayney, and as the rails were laid only 20 miles from Bathurst, he could not see how progress was affected thereby.
- (7.) The Government have decided that they cannot remit the penalties.

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

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 43.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the propriety of making provision out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales for the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of July, 1877; together with provision for Railway and other Wages for the month of August, 1877.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th July, 1877.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

3. **ALBERT DANGAR'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend 'Albert Dangar's Leasing Act of 1873,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th July, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

4. **SYDNEY CORPORATION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the Corporation of the City of Sydney, and to increase the powers and endowments thereof.
Question put and passed.

5. **IMMIGRATION (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 24th July, from Residents of Minmi and the surrounding Districts, against the present system of Immigration, be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. **ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2) (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 24th July, from certain Inhabitants of Jerilderie and surrounding District, praying the House to allot a second Member to the Electoral District of The Murray, be printed.
Question put and passed.

7. **PAPERS**:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 20th June, 1877, in reference to Conditional Purchases.

(2.) Decennial Return, and Return for year ended 31 March, 1877, respecting Agriculture.

(3.) Return to an Order, made on 27th February, 1877, in reference to Wallis Creek Water Reserve.

Ordered to be printed.

8. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Bill (No. 2) postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.

9. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, 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 this day.

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

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

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

(10.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the Services of the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £273,500,—being £242,500 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of July, 1877, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1876, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1877; £24,000 for wages of Railway Employés for the month of August, 1877; and £7,000 for wages of Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers for the month of August, 1877.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

10. **SYDNEY CORPORATION BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 44.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that the necessary provision be made to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the consolidation and amendment of the laws relating to the Corporation of the City of Sydney.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th July, 1877.

11. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, 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,

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

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

(10.) *Resolved*.—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1877, the sum of £273,500 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of July, 1877,—and for Wages of Railway Employés and Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, for the month of August, 1877.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 8):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 10), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877.

(2.) Mr. Piddington then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Suspension of the Standing Orders:—Mr. Piddington (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of this Bill through its remaining stages this day.

Question put and passed.

(4.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Piddington, read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Piddington, 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. Piddington, that report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour this day.

13. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 26 JULY, 1877, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow:—

(1.) Volunteer Force Regulation Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

(2.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.

15. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 8):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Piddington then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*.”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 26th July, 1877, A.M.

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Black, School Teacher, Moree:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Local School Board at Moree invited Mr. Black, a competent teacher, to open the school there in January last, and that he did so, and had an average attendance of some forty children—the largest average that ever attended the school?
- (2.) Did this Board recommend Mr. Black's appointment as teacher, which, after four months delay, was confirmed by the Council of Education?
- (3.) Did the Council cut off three months salary from Mr. Black, who refused to continue in the service under that condition?
- (4.) Has the Moree Local Board requested the Council to pay for the time Mr. Black rendered service (six months); and is it true that up to the present time he has not been so paid, but that the Council state he should be paid by the Board?
- (5.) What steps do the Council of Education purpose taking in the matter?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the Council is not aware of the private arrangements between the Local Board and Mr. Black, nor is it in possession of any information as to forty children being in attendance.
 - (2.) The Board did not recommend Mr. Black's appointment, but appointed him upon their own responsibility. The Council did not confirm this appointment, but duly appointed him.
 - (3.) The Council did not cut off three months salary from Mr. Black. Mr. Black did not refuse to continue in the Council's service—he refused to enter it.
 - (4.) The Local Board have not requested the Council to pay for six months service rendered by Mr. Black. It has been pointed out to the Board that the Council cannot pay salary to a teacher who was never in its service, and who refused to enter its service.
 - (5.) None; the Council do not consider it necessary to take any further steps in the matter.
- (2.) W. Armstrong's Conditional Purchase, Inverell:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)*, on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What delays compliance with the application of W. Armstrong, a conditional purchaser at Inverell, for permission to purchase portion of his pre-lease?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The matter is delayed by the non-receipt of Mr. Licensed Surveyor Evans's report, which was called for some time ago.

- (3.) Railway, Muswellbrook to Mudgee:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the distance by survey of Railway from Muswellbrook to Mudgee?
- (2.) What was the estimated cost of the line from Muswellbrook to Mudgee?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) The distance is 120 miles.
 - (2.) The Engineer-in-Chief informs me that he has not made an estimate of the cost of this line.
- (4.) Supply of Railway Engines:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have any colonial manufacturers complained that they find it impossible to comply with the conditions of the specifications for the manufacture of Railway Engines; and if so, does he intend to take any action to remedy the grievance complained of, in order that the Engines may, if possible, be constructed in the Colony?

Mr.

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Mr. Mort, on behalf of Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, wrote me a letter, in which he stated that owing to the nature of the conditions, as regards the time allowed, the mode of payment, and the penalties, his firm would be precluded from tendering, and urging that in future the specification might be amended in these particulars. As regards the present supply, I may mention that there will be no objection to take two contracts for these Engines—one for the Passenger Engines, and the other for the Goods Engines, in which case each contractor will have sixteen months to complete the supply, viz., six in twelve months, and the remaining six in sixteen months. As the Engines are urgently required, it would not be prudent, in view of the exigencies of the traffic, to give a longer period.

- (5.) Wages of Railway Guards:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has his attention been drawn to a petition which was presented to Mr. Vernon, in reference to the scale of pay of Railway Guards and Assistant Guards; and if so, what steps does he intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—My attention has not before been drawn to this matter. The Traffic Manager submitted yesterday his report on the petition of the Guards, and it will receive early consideration.

- (6.) Railway Workmen:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Guards, Assistant Guards, and other men of the Traffic Department, received their two weeks pay, due on the 15th instant, as per pay-sheet; if not, when will they be paid?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The available balance of the Votes was insufficient to pay all the wages which fell due on the 15th instant. Wages were paid as far as possible, and the remainder will be paid directly the appropriation for July is obtained.

- (7.) Water Supply for Parramatta:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), on behalf of Mr. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Government allow Mr. Clark, Hydraulic Engineer, to visit Parramatta; with a view to report upon the best means of supplying that town with fresh water?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have already answered this question; I think yesterday, or the day before.

- (8.) Lock-up and Police Quarters, Marengo:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of Lock-up and Police Quarters at Marengo, long since promised to be done?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The Colonial Architect has been instructed to prepare the necessary plans, and Tenders will be invited without delay.

- (9.) Recreation Reserve, Murrumburrah:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Trustees (whose names were submitted for approval of the Government nearly two years since) for the Recreation Reserve at Murrumburrah be gazetted?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Trustees could not be legally gazetted until after the formal dedication of the land, which only took place this month. Their names will now be submitted for the approval of the Executive Council without delay.

- (10.) Public School, Murrumburrah:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that Tenders were invited for the erection of the Public School at Murrumburrah nearly twelve months ago, but up to the present time no Tender has been accepted?

(2.) Will he give instructions that the work may be proceeded with immediately, as the buildings are most urgently required?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—I am informed a Tender has been approved of by the Council of Education, but the proposed site has not yet been determined. Steps will, however, be at once taken to expedite a decision in reference to the requisite site.

- (11.) Post and Telegraph Offices, and Court House, Murrumburrah:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of the Post and Telegraph Offices, also the Court House, at Murrumburrah, for which the necessary funds have been long since voted, and the plans for the former buildings were prepared months since?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The plans alluded to as having been prepared for the Post and Telegraph Offices were considered too costly, instructions were therefore given for a new set, which are now in preparation. Tenders for the work will be invited as soon as practicable. With respect to the Court House, I may state that the amount voted will not be available until the Appropriation Act shall have passed, but the Colonial Architect has been instructed to prepare plans without delay.

- (12.) Site for Public School, Demondrille Creek:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the land at Demondrille Creek, near Wombat, applied for by the Council of Education for Public School purposes, be conveyed to them?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government is still awaiting the report of the Surveyor of the district. Steps will be taken to urge the sending in of this report.

- (13.) Site for Public School, Murrumburrah:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the land at Murrumburrah, applied for by the Council of Education for Public School purposes, and surveyed in March, 1876, be dedicated and conveyed to them?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It will now be dedicated immediately. The delay in the matter has been caused by a proposal to alter the site first fixed upon, which has now been dealt with.

- (14.) Sewer from Government Establishments, Parramatta:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Who recommended, and what Minister of the Crown approved of, the erection of the Sewer from the Government establishments at Parramatta to its out-put under Lennox Bridge, in the centre of the town of Parramatta?

(2.) How long has this abomination existed?

Mr.

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Mr. Byrnes was the Secretary for Public Works by whom the construction of this sewer was authorized.

(9.) The Tender for it was accepted on 10th June, 1867, and the work was completed in December, 1868.

(15.) Free Passes by Railway to School Children:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)*, on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice—In the interest of the children in the interior, will he allow children living in the vicinity of Railway Stations to travel free by railway, to enable them to attend at their schools?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Very liberal provision has already been made for conveyance by railway of school children. The fare per diem for 16 miles of travelling—which is about the average distance—amounts only to 1½d. With such low charges it has not hitherto been deemed necessary or desirable to allow school children to travel free, but the question shall receive consideration.

2. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 8th May, 1877, in reference to escorting Prisoners for Trial at Police Courts.

(3.) Final Report, to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, of the Philadelphia Exhibition Commission.

Ordered to be printed.

3. CLAIM OF WILLIAM HENRY BARON:—Mr. Baker, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 19th December, 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from James F. Ward, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Electors of Parkes and District, praying the House to grant to Parkes the privilege of direct representation, by the formation of a separate Electorate.
Petition received.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cameron moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Railway Loan Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Railways*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th July, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 8):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th July, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

(1.) Criminal Law Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Wednesday, 8th August.*

(2.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill; second reading;—*until Wednesday next.*

8. SYDNEY CORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes 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 consolidate and amend the laws relating to the Corporation of the City of Sydney, and to increase the powers and endowments thereof; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor in reference thereto be referred to the Committee.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the Corporation of the City of Sydney, and to increase the powers and endowments thereof.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 4, 5, and 6, be postponed to follow after Mr. Garrett's Notice of Motion, No. 1 of General Business, in reference to the Lands Acts Amendment Act.

Question put and passed.

10. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT ACT:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Opinion given by the Attorney General as to the meaning of the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act 1875 (as set forth in the papers on this matter laid before this House on the 17th instant) is not in accordance with either the spirit or meaning of the law, and should not be acted upon in its administration.

(2.) That this Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Words of Heat:—Mr. Garrett, in addressing the House, referred to certain statements made by Mr. Fitzpatrick in a letter to the Secretary for Lands, dated 11th May, 1877, laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed, 17 July, 1877, and used certain words, to which exception was taken by the Honorable Member for Yass Plains (Mr. Fitzpatrick), at whose instance the words were, by direction of Mr. Speaker, taken down by the Clerk, as follows:—"I accuse him of a deliberate falsehood."

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the words used by the Honorable Member for Camden, as taken down by the Clerk, are disorderly, and should be withdrawn.

And Mr. Garrett having withdrawn from the Chamber,—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Burns moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Mr. Burns, by leave, withdrew the motion for the Previous Question.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then, by leave, withdrew his motion.

And Mr. Garrett, having re-entered the Chamber, withdrew the words objected to, and apologised to the House for having used them,—he then concluded his address.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 27 JULY, 1877, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Wednesday next.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at Ten minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 110.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Captain Allan, Harbour Master, Newcastle:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer pursuant to Notice,

(1.) Is he aware that Captain Allan, Harbour Master, Newcastle, is still acting as a private marine surveyor, and during the present month has held a survey on the ship "Gloster," or some other ship?

(2.) Will he immediately put a stop to this practice on the part of Captain Allan, or any other Government official, and stop them from receiving pay from private individuals or companies?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) I am informed that Captain Allan, Harbour Master of Newcastle, is not still acting as a private marine surveyor. He did not survey the "Gloster," or any other ship, during the present month.

(2.) I am not aware of any case where other public officers are stated to have acted in this way.

- (2.) Naval Brigade—Volunteer Force:—Mr. Jacob, on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many drills has the Naval Brigade attended during the year 1876?

(2.) The like as to the Volunteer Force stationed in Sydney?

(3.) What amount of fines were there imposed on the men of the Naval Brigade during the year 1876?

(4.) What becomes of the money?

(5.) Is it true that the men sign the pay vouchers for the full amount, notwithstanding that the fines are deducted?

(6.) If so, why do not the pay vouchers disclose the fines in each case?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) 148.

(2.) Brigade and battalion parades, 50; battery and company drills, 1,065; brigade and shot practice, 6.

(3.) £105 5s.

(4.) It is paid into the fund which provides for the maintenance of the band and other incidental expenses connected with the force.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) The account disclosing the fines is kept separate from the pay vouchers.

- (3.) Steamer "Illalong":—Mr. Jacob, on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that on a very recent occasion the Illawarra Company's steamer "Illalong," then lying at the Company's wharf, Darling Harbour, proved to be so leaky that she had to be fastened to the wharf whilst steam was got up to work the pumps; that on reducing the leakage it was found that there was a hole in the bottom of the vessel, near the stern, where the ironwork had rotted away; that instead of docking the steamer to effect a thorough repair, a piece of sheet-iron was placed over the hole, fastened in some way on the inside, and that she was sent to sea in that state, and was not docked until after the voyage referred to?

(2.) Has each steam-boat belonging to this Company the necessary complement of boats required by law, and are they in a sound condition, fit for use in case of emergency?

Mr.

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) It is true that a leak in the after-hold of the steamer "Illalong" was recently discovered, and found to be due to a defective rivet. A screwbolt was fitted, which stopped the leak temporarily, to the satisfaction of the Engineer Surveyor to the Marine Board. As the vessel's bottom had been sighted a short time previous, she was allowed to go to sea at the time, but was docked and thoroughly repaired on her return to port.

(2.) Yes.

(4.) Defence of the Colony :—Mr. Combes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government taken any steps, and if so, what, to put Sydney in an efficient state of defence?

(2.) What is the number of men who have been already enlisted in the 3rd Battery of Artillery, the formation of which has been sanctioned by this House?

(3.) What is the number of the present Permanent Defence Force, and how are the men distributed over the various fortifications?

(4.) Have the Government obtained any additional information from any sources as to the cost of the works recommended by Sir William Jervois, and as to the probable time at which such works will be completed?

(5.) Have any steps been yet taken to carry out these works?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Orders were given to engage men several weeks ago, and the officers of the new Battery have been selected, and will be appointed in a day or two.

(2.) Altogether, 63.

(3.) 9 officers, and 256 non-commissioned officers and men, distributed in the following manner, viz. :—South Head: 1 officer, 1 sergeant, and 26 rank and file; Shark Point: 3 rank and file; George's Head: 1 officer, 1 sergeant, and 16 rank and file; Bradley's Head: 4 rank and file; Middle Head: 1 sergeant and 7 rank and file.

(4.) No information that has assumed any definite shape has been obtained on the subject referred to in this question, though considerable inquiry has been made.

(5.) Steps will be taken.

(5.) Railway Workmen :—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Why have the employes on the Great Northern Railway not been paid their wages due on the 21st instant?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—I explained, in answer to a similar question yesterday, that some of the wages were unpaid in consequence of the insufficiency of the votes. The appropriation for July having now been made available, the wages which fell due on the 21st instant will be sent to Newcastle to-night.

(6.) Pacific Mail Service :—Mr. H. C. Dangar, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the nature of existing arrangements with regard to the Pacific Mail Service?

(2.) Has any alteration been made from the terms of the original contract?

(3.) Are the respective Governments of New Zealand and New South Wales and the Contractors for the Service in accord on the matter of such alteration?

(4.) Is it necessary, to validate any alterations made, that the approval of Parliament be obtained?

(5.) If so, when will the approval of this House be asked?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) The existing arrangements are those stated in my reply to the Honorable Member's questions on this subject on the 3rd May last.

(3 and 4.) Yes.

(5.) As soon as the pressure of other business will permit—probably in a week or ten days.

(7.) Coroner, Coonamble :—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Who is the Coroner for the town and district of Coonamble?

(2.) Upon whose recommendation was he appointed to the office of Coroner?

(3.) Does he practise the profession of medicine in or about the said district; and is he legally qualified?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Mr. Joseph Francis Peers, J.P.

(2.) Upon the recommendation of the Bench of Magistrates at Coonamble, signed by the following Magistrates :—Daniel D. McMahon, M. Dulhunty, and A. Wilmott, Esquires.

(3.) Inquiry is now being made on this point. Mr. Peers's name does not appear on the New South Wales Medical Register of legally qualified practitioners.

2. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th July, from James F. Ward, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of certain Electors of Parkes District, praying that the district of Parkes may be constituted a separate Electorate, be printed.

Question put and passed.

3. W. S. CASWELL, ESQ., POLICE MAGISTRATE, MORUYA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all Papers, Documents, Reports, and Minutes having reference to the recent proceedings before the Supreme Court in the case of Caswell against the Rev. J. Graham Love, now a confinee in H.M. Gaol, Darlinghurst, in consequence of such proceedings.

(2.) Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, &c., between the late Inspector General of Police and W. S. Caswell, P.M., having reference to certain charges made by the latter against Sergeant Hitch.

Question put and passed.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Charles moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. **DISPUTED MINING LEASE, HAWKINS HILL**:—Mr. J. S. Smith (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That the Petition of Thomas Helsby, presented to this House on 26th April last, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Disputed Mining Lease, Hawkins Hill."
Question put and passed.

6. **FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877, AND FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1876**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Piddington, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 45.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Further Additional Estimates of the expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1877; and Further Supplementary Estimates for the year 1876.

*Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1877.*

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

7. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Moscs,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Booth,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Dibbs,

Tellers.

Mr. J. S. Smith,
Captain Onslow.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Sir John Robertson moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Lackey, on behalf of Sir John Robertson, moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867.'*"

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 'Municipalities Act of 1867.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th July, 1877.*

8. **CONTRACTORS DEBTS 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 this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with Amendments.
On motion of Mr. W. H. Suttor (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. **ENDOWMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES**:—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 an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on a Further Additional Estimate for 1877, for payment to all the Municipal bodies of the Colony, including the Corporation of the City of Sydney, of a sum equal to the amount received by such bodies for the year 1876, excepting all sums that may have been paid to them as endowment from the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
10. **WIDOW OF THE LATE EDWARD ROBINSON**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McElhone, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £500, as compensation to Mrs. Robinson, the widow of the late Edward Robinson, who was killed at the Redfern Railway Station, on the 31st August, 1876.

Mr.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £250, as compensation to Mrs. Robinson, the widow of the late Edward Robinson, who was killed at the Redfern Railway Station, on the 31st August, 1876.

On motion of Mr. McElhone, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

11. **NO LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES 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 this Bill.

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

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

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

12. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Coroners Inquests Bill postponed until Friday next.

13. **PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Taylor, discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

14. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Bankers Books and Cheques Bill; second reading;—

(2.) Travelling Stock Regulation Bill; second reading:—

(3.) Railway Station, Lithgow; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—

(4.) Adulteration of Food Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—

(5.) Lands Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 10th August.*

15. **SALARIES OF THE CIVIL SERVANTS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Taylor moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause (regard being had as well to the privations which in the years 1871 and 1872 were borne by all classes of Public Servants through the reduction of their rates of pay, as also to the present prosperous state of the Public Revenue) provision to be made on the Additional Estimates for the year 1877 for the payment of a bonus or gratuity to the Civil Servants, Members of the Police Force, and Workmen under the Government; such bonus or gratuities to be for each Public Servant, of whatever grade, equal in amount to the loss which he sustained by reason of the general reduction of salaries and wages in the years above referred to.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Tellers.	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,		Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Sutherland,		Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Farnell,		Mr. Stuart,	Tellers.
Mr. W. H. Suttor,		Mr. Burns,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Macintosh,		Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. J. S. Smith.

Noes, 12.

And so it passed in the negative.

16. **DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bennett, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Windeyer,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-one minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 111.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 31 JULY, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cadets in Works Department:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many Cadets are there in the Works Department?

(2.) What are the names of these Cadets, and the branches of the department in which they are engaged?

(3.) Have any of these Cadets paid a premium; if so, what was the amount paid; to whom was it paid; and the name of the Cadet who paid it, or for whom it has been paid?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Thirty-four.

(2.) In the Ministerial Office: J. O. Trimble, G. J. Forsyth (non-professional). In the Railway Branch: George Robinson, C. F. Garvan, W. C. Grey, W. W. Thompson, John Carter, W. Bullard, E. N. Halligan, G. W. Boulton. In the Harbours and Rivers Branch: John A. Rossbach, H. H. L. Berthon, F. S. Arnheim, M. L. McLean, James McCabe, R. P. Pell, D. F. Campbell, Arthur F. Tunks. In the Colonial Architect's Branch: Charles H. Slatyer, John Doherty, W. Mitchell, R. Falconer, E. Burns. In the Roads Branch: E. M. Allman, C. Bedford, T. P. Davis, F. M. Baker, A. H. Martin, D. Bullen, A. Potter, R. Cordeaux, J. Crummer, J. Bassett, A. Gracie.

(3.) No.

(2.) Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of acres of land conditionally purchased each year, to the 1st of July, 1877, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861?

(2.) The amount for which such land was sold?

(3.) The amount of purchase money received, and the amount due and remaining unpaid?

(4.) The amount received for interest each year, to the 1st instant, and the amount of interest remaining unpaid on the 1st instant?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—A Return embodying the information described can, if desired, be prepared; but it is impossible to give it without compilation, which will occupy some time.

(3.) Free Passes by Railway to School Children:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that four or five children are conveyed daily by train free from Aberdeen to one of the schools at Muswellbrook?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The School Board at Aberdeen have recently brought this matter under my attention; they complain that the children of some of the Railway employes resident near Aberdeen are allowed to travel free by train to Muswellbrook to attend school there, to the detriment of the Public School at Aberdeen. Inquiry is now being made into the matter.

(4.) Allan's Hill, Newcastle:—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is Allan's Hill and adjoining land down to the life-boat shed, upon which houses occupied by Captain Allan, the pilots, boatmen, and station-master Cox, as well as workmen McVee, Parllir, and Cove, are erected, owned by Government?

(2.) If so, is rent paid for these houses; to whom; and do the Government receive the rent?

(3.) If not let or leased, will the Government take steps to at once remove from the land and houses all persons not employed in the Pilot Service, so that a crew may be near the life-boat house, if required, on any emergency?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Allan's Hill and the adjoining land down to the life-boat shed are embraced by lands reserved by the Crown. The Railway Department occupies a small piece of land on Allan's Hill. Mr. Cox, a Railway Station-master, got permission to erect a house on the hill; when Cox was removed to Murrurundi Station, the department purchased his house, and have since let it as a residence for a pilot.

(5.)

(5.) Entrance to Port of Newcastle :—Mr. Scholey asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) When will the recommendations be carried out with reference to Port Hunter, Newcastle, as to placing a Beacon and Light on the northern and southern Breakwater, referred to the Marine Board about the 5th of June last?

(2.) If the Marine Board have not taken the matter into their consideration, will he withdraw the matter from them and place it in the hands of some carpenter, that the work may be carried out at once?

(3.) Will he place the bell buoy upon the rock inside Nobbys, in place of the black buoy now moored there?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) Nothing further can be done in this matter until the Breakwaters are completed.

(2.) The matter has been under consideration.

(3.) It is not considered desirable to do so.

(6.) Road, Wallsend to Minmi :—Mr. Turner asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to order a survey of, and proclaim, a Public Road from Wallsend to Minmi, and to place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for the construction of same?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The survey and proclamation of roads is the duty of the Lands Department; but inquiry will be made, and if the road is sufficiently defined, such expenditure as the importance of the traffic may justify will be provided.

(7.) Road, Pomeroy to Collector :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did he receive a letter from Mr. Edward S. Jones, of Miller's Creek, near Goulburn, some three months since, in reference to closing a surveyed road from Pomeroy to Collector, through a part of water reserve on Mullen's Creek, to his conditional purchase?

(2.) Has such letter been answered?

(3.) Is he aware that Mr. Jones is stopped from using this road, which he has used for years, and is now stopped from travelling on it; and will he take steps to re-open this road at once?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Not aware. Mr. Jones has been informed that he is entitled to the unobstructed use of the road in question, and that he must maintain his own rights to it; a tracing showing such road has also been sent to him for his information.

(8.) Railway Contracts—Truck System :—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Baker, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether the Government have taken the precaution to reserve power to themselves in the new Railway contracts to check the so-called truck system, which it has been alleged existed some time since on the works for the construction of new Railway Lines?

(2.) Do the Government intend to take some steps to protect the labourers in regard to the so-called truck system, as against the contractors or sub-contractors for the new Railway works?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The following is one of the conditions of the contracts for the new extensions :—“*Truck System not allowed.*—18. The workmen, tradesmen, and labourers of every class employed on the works to which these conditions refer, shall be paid their wages, in full, in money, current coin of the Colony, at least once in every month, and no ticket or other system of payment by provisions, liquors, or goods will on any pretence be allowed; nor shall the contractor, or any person or persons employed by him, or in any way connected with him, establish any shop for the supply of provisions, liquors, or goods; nor shall the contractor oblige his workmen to take provisions, liquors, or goods of any kind, from any person in particular. The workmen of every class shall be paid on the works if it be possible, or in some building adjoining, and in no case shall they be paid at a public-house, or other place where liquors or refreshments are sold.”

(9.) Mail from Bathurst to Evans Plains :—Mr. Pilcher asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Why was the daily mail from Bathurst to Evans Plains discontinued; and when?

(2.) Will he cause the daily mail to be restored?

(3.) Is he aware that letters posted at Evans Plains after mid-day on Saturday are not forwarded from that town until the following Tuesday?

(4.) Will he cause this matter to be inquired into, and the grievance remedied without delay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Because the daily mail to Carcoar ceased to run from Bathurst, owing to different arrangements being made on the opening of the Railway to Blayney.

(2.) Evans Plains is a small village, yielding a postal revenue of about £13 a year, and but for the fact of its being on the main road to more important localities would never have had a daily mail, and it is considered that the present tri-weekly service, costing £49 10s. a year, is more than sufficient for its requirements.

(3 and 4.) The time-table is so arranged that there is no mail out from Evans Plains from Saturday till Tuesday, but important letters could be taken to Bathurst and posted there. If, however, the residents can suggest any better time-table it will be adopted.

(10.) Railway Rates—Wimbledon Station :—Mr. Pilcher asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What are the Railway Passenger Rates between Bathurst and each of the following places :—George's Plains, Wimbledon, Back Creek, and Blayney?

(2.) The same as to the Goods Rates per ton per mile?

(3.) Do the Government intend to make provision for goods traffic at the Wimbledon Station; if so, when?

Mr.

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Passenger Rates :—

From Bathurst to George's Plains, 1st class, 1s. 6d. ; 2nd class, 1s.
Do. Wimbleton, 1st class, 3s. 3d. ; 2nd class, 2s. 2d.
Do. Back Creek, 1st class, 4s. 9d. ; 2nd class, 3s. 2d.
Do. Blayney, 1st class, 6s. 9d. ; 2nd class, 4s. 6d.

(2.) Goods are carried between Bathurst and the places mentioned in accordance with the following scale :—

	Special C lass.			1st. Class.	2nd. Class.	3rd. Class.	4th. Class.
	A.	B.	C.				
For any distance not exceeding 15 miles, at per ton	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 4 0	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 6 0	s. d. 7 0	s. d. 9 0	s. d. 12 0
For any distance exceeding 15 miles, at per ton per mile, in addition to the charge for 15 miles	0 1½	0 2¼	0 2½	0 4	0 5	0 7	0 9

(3.) The question of accommodation for goods traffic at Wimbleton has not before been brought under attention. Inquiry will be made as to the necessity for this provision.

(11.) Bridge over Campbell's River :—Mr. Pilcher asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of the Bridge across Campbell's River, on the new line of road from Rockley to Swallow's Nest ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—When the Appropriation Act is passed by Parliament.

(12.) New-street, Rockley :—Mr. Pilcher asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the street, in Rockley, in front of Mr. Budden's mill, be proclaimed ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—This cannot be effected until the passing of a measure, which it is proposed to introduce, giving the Executive Council power to alter the designs of towns.

(13.) Deeds of Land purchased by Mr. John Lean, Wimbleton :—Mr. Pilcher asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Have the deeds of certain lands (three 40-acre blocks) purchased by Mr. John Lean, of Wimbleton, near Bathurst, in the month of September, 1872, been issued to him yet ; if not, will he cause them to be issued without delay ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The land was taken by conditional purchase, and the selector not having paid the balance of the purchase money, is not yet entitled to the issue of his deeds.

(14.) Post Office, Wimbleton :—Mr. Pilcher asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is there any Post Office or other provision for the receipt and dispatch of letters at Wimbleton, on the Great Western Line of Railway, beyond Bathurst ?

(2.) If not, will he cause arrangements to be made for the receipt and dispatch of letters at the abovenamed place by the creation of a Post Office there ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There will be no objection to establish a Post or Receiving Office at this place if a Postmaster can be procured. The matter is under consideration.

(15.) Lands Acts Amendment Act :—Mr. H. C. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What was the number of applications under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act during the first twelve months after the passing of that Act ?

(2.) The number of such applications approved ?

(3.) How many of them were disallowed during the said period ?

(4.) What was the date on which an application was first disallowed on the ground that the land applied for was not within a block five miles square ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) 907.

(2.) 467 of these still stand good in the books of the office.

(3.) 151.

(4.) 13th October, 1876. Although 151 of the total number of applications were refused within twelve months from the date of passing of the Act, 289 have been since rejected, making a total of 440 applications refused out of the 907 made during the time specified.

(16.) Public Gates on Brandon Estate—Road, [Raymond Terrace to Clarence Town :—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Jacob, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was an application lodged, and the required fee paid, in November of last year, by Mr. Wm. Fisher, on behalf of himself and Mr. Walter Scott, for the erection of Public Gates on the road leading from Raymond Terrace to Clarence Town, passing through the Brandon Estate ?

(2.) If so, has the application been yet dealt with, and any communication made to the applicant as to the decision arrived at ?

(3.) What is the decision, if one has been come to ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) Yes ; and the preliminary notification, inviting objections to be lodged against the granting of the permission sought, to erect the gates in question, has appeared in the *Government Gazette*, and the customary advertisement will shortly be published in the local papers.

(17.) Want of Cubic Space in Public Schools :—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did Dr. Bowker write to the Council of Education in reference to the injury being done to the health of the teachers and children in the Public Schools, in consequence of there not being enough cubic space in the schools to give the proper supply of pure air to keep them in health ?

(2.)

- (2.) What was the nature of the reply sent to Dr. Bowker?
 (3.) Have not a large number of teachers applied for leave of absence through illness caused by the deficient supply of pure air?
 (4.) Can he state the number of cubic feet which Dr. Parks states should be allowed for breathing space in any building to give a sufficient supply of pure air to keep them in health?
 (5.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House, Dr. Bowker's letter to the Council of Education, in reference to the above; also, the reply to his letter,—and cause the same to be printed forthwith?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1 and 2.) Dr. Bowker addressed a letter to the Council of Education, a copy of which, and also the reply sent by the Council, I will presently lay upon the Table of this House.

(3.) No.

(4.) A reference will be found to Dr. Parks's opinion on this subject in Dr. Bowker's letter to the Council.

(5.) Yes.

- (18.) Public School, Cathcart :—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) In reference to the Public School at Cathcart, Monaro District,—when is it likely that the site applied for will be granted?

(2.) Was Mr. P. Sullivan, Secretary to above school when it was a Provisional School?

(3.) Was he sued in the District Court, as Secretary to above school, and a verdict given against him, for £70 2s. 6d., and does the Council of Education intend to repay him the money; if so, when?

(4.) Has the Council of Education got possession of above school; and what is the cause of the great delay in paying Mr. Sullivan the money due to him?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Steps are being taken to expedite the issue of the requisite grant as a site for the Public School at Cathcart.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Council has not been officially informed that Mr. Sullivan was sued as Secretary to the School, and a verdict given against him for £70 2s. 6d. The Council is prepared to pay Mr. Sullivan (as he was informed by letter, on the 28th May last) the sum mentioned when the land applied for has been granted.

(4.) No; the building is used for school purposes, but is not the Council's property. The payment to Mr. Sullivan has been postponed, pending the settlement of the requisite site—the Council being precluded by the provisions of section 23 of the Public Schools Act from expending money upon school buildings the site of which is not vested in the Council.

- (19.) Bridge over Sandy Creek, near Muswellbrook :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will he cause immediate inquiries to be made as to whether the sum of £200, proposed to be spent in the erection of the Bridge over Sandy Creek, near Muswellbrook, is sufficient to erect a Bridge large enough for the traffic?

(2.) What is the width of the Bridge proposed to be erected over Sandy Creek; also, the length of it?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) The approximate estimate for the Bridge is £200; if it should exceed that amount, the vote will be supplemented.

(2.) The Bridge will be 16 feet wide (rather wider than usual), and 54 feet long.

- (20.) Mr. William Stephenson's Pre-lease, Wheoco :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did Mr. Wm. Stephenson, of Wheoco, write the late and present Minister for Lands a number of letters in reference to his pre-lease?

(2.) Were any replies sent to his letters; if not, what is the reason that no replies were sent?

(3.) Was his pre-lease of 1,184 acres gazetted on 1st September, 1876; if so, what is the reason he cannot get his pre-lease, as per *Gazette*, and that he is only allowed 450 acres pre-lease?

(4.) Did he pay £3 14s. last September, as rent of his full pre-lease?

(5.) Did Mr. M'Cormick pay £3 14s. rent of same pre-lease?

(6.) How is it that these persons have not been paid a refund of the extra rent paid by them on the pre-lease they hold?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Mr. Stephenson has not been granted a pre-emptive lease, nor does he appear to have applied for one. He has written two letters to the present Minister for Lands respecting Hugh M'Cormick's pre-emptive lease.

(2.) No replies were sent, owing to the indefiniteness of his communications.

(3.) A pre-emptive lease of 1,184 acres was gazetted in favour of Mr. M'Cormick on 31st August last. The area was reduced to 450 acres, which was all the available land, the remainder having been previously leased to Messrs. M. Connell and L. Corbett. Mr. M'Cormick was appraised to that effect on 5th instant.

(4 and 5.) £1 17s. was paid for the rent of Mr. M'Cormick's lease in September last.

(6.) The refund of the balance of rent is awaiting the further investigation of the case.

- (21.) Public Pound at Borambil, near Cassilis :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of the delay in building the Public Pound at Borambil, near Cassilis?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—The Cassilis Bench have been informed that the site for the Borambil Pound has been fixed; and that if they apply, they will receive the usual grant towards the expense of erecting the yards, but that the money will not be available until the Appropriation Act is passed.

- (22.) Railway Goods Shed for Morpeth:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Wisdom*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect a Railway Goods Shed at Morpeth?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—This question is now under consideration; it is feared that if the goods have to be taken from the steamers wharf to a goods shed at the Morpeth Station, the extra cost of dray hire will divert the traffic from Morpeth to Newcastle, at which station no dray carriage is required.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by *Sir Henry Parkes*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

(1.) Railway Loan Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 46.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Railways*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1877.

(2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 8):—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 47.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1877.

3. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES (No. 2) FOR 1877:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Piddington*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 48.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Further Additional Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1877.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st July, 1877.

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

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Return of Correspondence in reference to legal meaning of 31st clause of Lands Acts Amendment Act.

(2.) Copies of Correspondence and Papers, so far as relates to the Public Works Department, on the subject of the Road from Elizabeth-street to Botany Road, including a statement of expenditure thereon.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

Report on Prisons, for the year 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. F. B. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 6th February, 1877, in reference to Appointments to the Civil Service, since 8th February, 1876.

(2.) Correspondence between *Dr. Bowker* and the Council of Education, respecting insufficiency of Cubic Space in Schools.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 12th June, 1877, in reference to work performed by certain officers of the Department of Mines.

(2.) Papers in connection with the dispute between the Lessees of Gold-mining Leases 1,826 (*Messrs. Grimley and Read*) and 3,991 (*M'Fadden and party, afterwards Gordon Korff*), and *Messrs. Dreier and Smith*.

Ordered to be printed.

5. RAILWAY CONTRACT, BATHURST TO ORANGE:—*Mr. Farnell* presented a Petition from *William Mason and Company*, of Bathurst and Sydney, Railway Contractors, stating reasons for the remission of certain penalties imposed upon them in connection with this contract; and praying the House to consider their case, in order that substantial justice may be done them.
Petition received.

6. **NO LIABILITY MINING COMPANIES BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Terry, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Terry then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate No Liability Mining Companies.*"

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 incorporate No Liability Mining Companies,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 31st July, 1877.

7. **CHARGE AGAINST MR. SOLOMON COHEN**:—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers, Correspondence, and Minutes, on the subject of a charge of wilful murder made against Mr. Solomon Cohen, of Murrurundi, by Sergeant Cleary, of the Murrurundi Police.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. **GEOLOGICAL SURVEYORS**:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made for the appointment of two additional Geological Surveyors, to be attached to the Geological Survey Branch of the Mines Department.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

9. **CONTRACTORS DEBTS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. W. H. Suttor, moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Cameron moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Friday, 10th August.

10. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Married Women's Property Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*

(2.) Mining Bill (No. 1); second reading;—*until Tuesday, 28th August.*

(3.) Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—*until Friday next.*

(4.) Railway Extension towards the Circular Quay; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Tuesday next.*

11. **ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 17th August.

12. **SYDNEY CORPORATION BILL**:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the Corporation of the City of Sydney and to increase the powers and endowments thereof,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 9th August.

13. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

General Business—

(1.) Police Magistrate for Molong; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Tuesday next.*

Government Business—

(2.) Volunteer Force Regulation Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*(after Debate) until Thursday next.*

14. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1877, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 112.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1, AUGUST, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Tolls on Government Ferries :—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) What action does the Government purpose taking with reference to the vote of this House, on 17th instant, in regard to abolishing Tolls on Government Ferries ?

(2.) So far as existing leases will allow, will the Government abolish Tolls on Government Ferries from the end of this year, so as to accord with a similar intention relative to Tolls on Bridges ?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The Government intend to carry out the Resolution of the House in regard to abolishing Tolls on Government Ferries as soon as practicable.

- (2.) Loss of "Yarra Yarra"—The Life-boat—Overloading of Vessels :—Mr. Scholey asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to cause an inquiry to be made into the following matters, by a Board constituted of masters of ships, independent of traders to Sydney and the Marine Board, as, by the evidence taken before the Coroner's Court, the Chairman appears to be interested in the matter :—1. The loss of the "Yarra Yarra"; 2. Mismanagement of the Life-boat; 3. The overloading of steamers or sailing-ships; 4. The remedies that should be applied by the Government ?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The whole matter is under consideration, and everything that is possible will be done to deal with facts recently disclosed.

- (3.) Petition of Wilson and Cawley :—Mr. Gray asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice, What action has been taken by the Government on the Report of a Select Committee of this House in the case of Messrs. Wilson, Cawley, and Frew, which Report was adopted by this House on the 6th February last ?

Mr. Driver answered,—No definite action has been taken with regard to the cases referred to by the Honorable Member since the final intimations made to the parties that the matter of their selections (which had been previously cancelled as embracing land not open to selection) could not be re-opened. They all embrace land previously selected under mineral lease by another party, and that of Wilson was found also to interfere with a reserve; but it was intimated to him in July, 1876, that in the event of an arrangement being come to with the party having the prior right to the land, the difficulty as to the reserve would be sought to be removed by reference to Parliament. The report of the Select Committee recommends the claims of the Petitioners to the favourable consideration of this Honorable House, but does not indicate that any particular action should be taken therein by the Government; and, as stated in reply to a previous question by the Honorable Member, as the matter involves the rights of other parties, it is not clear how the Government can interpose to aid the petitioners, but the correspondence is now under review.

- (4.) Charge for Supply of Water, Liverpool :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the residents of Liverpool are charged and compelled to pay to the Government three-pence for each cask of water taken from the tank at the Railway Station in that town ?

(2.) If so, will he cause this charge to be taken off, and allow them to obtain their supply of fresh water from the tank free of charge ?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) A charge of three-pence per cask is made.

(2.) An expense is incurred in pumping up water for the use of the residents at Liverpool, and therefore it is proper that a charge should be made to cover that cost. When the rate was fixed a steam-pump was being used. The cost, no doubt, since the substitution of a windmill-pump has decreased, and the cost per cask will be made to correspond with the decreased cost of working expenses, but it cannot be remitted altogether.

(5.)

- (5.) Water Supply for Goulburn:—Mr. Teoce asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Will Mr. Clark, the Hydraulic Engineer, visit Goulburn for the purpose of recommending the best means of securing a water supply for that city?
 (2.) If so, when is Mr. Clark's visit likely to take place?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I can give no reply to this question at the present time, although I think it is not likely Mr. Clark will be able to visit Goulburn. If, however, the Honorable Member pleases to put the question in a week's time, I will, in the interim, consult Mr. Clark on the matter.

- (6.) Construction of Drain, Liverpool:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Have any applications been made to his department for the construction of a drain, leading from the Government road, in the town of Liverpool, to George's River?
 (2.) If not, will he cause a report to be made on the matter, and, if found desirable, carry out the improvement?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—Such an application has been received, and is now under reference to the local officer for his report.

- (7.) Supply of Coal for Railway purposes:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is it true that the Government are receiving supplies of Engine Coal from the Waratah Coal Company, in consequence of the inferior quality supplied by the contractors, of the New Lambton Coal Company?
 (2.) What price is the Government paying the Waratah Coal Company per ton?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Coal has been obtained at contractor's risk from the Waratah Coal Company, not in consequence of the inferior quality of the Coal supplied, but because the Contractor has not always supplied the Coal ordered with sufficient dispatch.

(2.) The Waratah Company has supplied the Coal at contract rate, viz., 17s. 6d. per ton.

2. RAILWAY CONTRACT, BATHURST TO ORANGE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 31st July, from Wm. Mason & Co., relative to their Railway Contract between Bathurst and Orange, be printed.
 Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—

- (1.) The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, until to-morrow:—

(1.) Electoral Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.

(2.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill; second reading.

- (2.) Mr. Piddington (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4, be postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day of General Business for the resumption of the adjourned Debate in reference to the Lands Acts Amendment Act.

Question put and passed.

4. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT ACT:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Garrett,—

"(1.) 'That,' in the opinion of this House, the Opinion given by the Attorney General as to the meaning of the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act 1875 (as set forth in the papers on this matter laid before this House on the 17th ultimo) is not in accordance with either the spirit or meaning of the law, and should not be acted upon in its administration.

"(2.) That this Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word 'That,' with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "in view of the conflicting Opinions given by the late and the present Attorney General as to the construction of the 31st clause of the Amended Land Act, this House is of opinion that the Government should take steps to obtain a decision by the Supreme Court on the subject, and that until such decision be obtained no action should be taken on the said Opinions."

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1877, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Friday next, to take precedence of the other Orders of the Day.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until Four o'clock, P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 113.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Overloading of Colliers:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—With the object of acting as a check to the overloading of Colliers, will he instruct the Sub-collector of Customs at Newcastle not to grant clearances, and particularly night clearances, to such vessels without the certificate of a competent official that any such vessel requiring a clearance is away from the wharf and fit to go to sea?

Mr. Piddington answered,—This can easily be done if thought expedient. It may be well, however, to state that under the Bill now before the Legislative Council coasting clearances are virtually abolished, and this Bill has already passed the Assembly.

(2.) Steam Cranes, Newcastle:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the case that, although sailing vessels are berthed at the cranes at Newcastle in the order of arrival, steamers are placed at the first crane which may happen to be vacant after their entering the port?

(2.) Is he aware that the preferential turn given to steamers over sailing vessels operates injuriously towards the latter, because coal, which should be shipped on board vessels already at the cranes, is allowed to be kept back for steamers expected to arrive?

(3.) Does he know that the effect of the course pursued as indicated in the foregoing questions is to keep the whole of the cranes and the adjacent shoots unemployed for a considerable portion of the year, and thereby to much diminish the export of coal and entail serious loss on coal-miners?

(4.) Will he take these matters into consideration, with the view of making such alterations and providing such remedies as the circumstances will justify?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) No; except in the case of steamers having mails and passengers on board, calling for coal for consumption on the voyage. One crane only is set apart for the use of steam-colliers, and this is done by virtue of an Act of Parliament.

(2 and 3.) I am aware that these statements have been made, and also that they have been contradicted; indeed, it has been urged that the preferential turn, at one crane, given to steam-colliers facilitates the shipment and increases the quantity of coal exported.

(4.) Parliament having specially granted a crane for the use of steam-colliers trading to the port of Newcastle, the Government is unable to take this privilege away; but every effort will be made to prevent any abuse of the privilege.

(3.) Site for Railway Work-shops:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the present Government to remove the Work-shops, or any portion of them, from the Redfern Station to the ground selected and purchased by the late Government for that purpose at Duck River, near the Parramatta Junction?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—A final decision in this matter has not yet been arrived at.

(4.) Overloading of Vessels:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—How many vessels have been stopped during the years 1876 and 1877 for carrying deck cargo and overloading, or for any other causes, by the Inspector of Marine Board?

Mr. Piddington answered,—Thirty-seven of these cases were reported to the Board; others have been dealt with by the Inspectors, which have not been officially reported.

(5.) Light-houses at Barrenjuey and "The Solitaries":—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have been taken towards the erection of the Light-houses on "The Solitaries" and Barrenjuey?

Mr.

Mr. Hoskins answered,—A survey will be made at the earliest possible opportunity, with a view to determine a site for the erection of a Light-house at "The Solitaries," pending which nothing can be done in the matter. Before anything can be done in the erection of Light-house at Barrenjuey the land required for the site will have to be surveyed by the Government. Some difficulty exists, but steps are being taken to facilitate the matter.

(6.) Preparation of Summonses by Clerks of Petty Sessions:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is an applicant for a summons or summonses expected to write them out, or is it the duty of the Clerk of Petty Sessions or Police Magistrate?

(2.) If a Clerk of Petty Sessions refuse to draw out an information, should he charge 6s. 6d., the same as if he did the work?

(3.) Is the Minister aware that thirty-six informations and summonses were charged in the above separate sums in one of the Western Courts; if so, what steps will he take to prevent a recurrence of such a demand?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—

(1.) No; it is the duty of the Clerk of Petty Sessions to do it, or cause it to be done.

(2.) No.

(3.) No; but inquiry will be made upon the subject, and I will take such steps as may be requisite to ensure an uniform and regular course in future.

2. PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Twenty-second Annual Report of the Postmaster General, on the Departments under his Ministerial control, being for the year 1876.
Ordered to be printed.
3. THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from Richard Sadleir, B.N., praying the consideration of the House to an amended Land Act, to remove certain alleged defects in the present Land Law.
Petition received.
4. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Leary presented a Petition from Thomas Hodson, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Electors, held at Wagga Wagga, praying that the boundary of the Murrumbidgee Electoral District, as set forth in the Schedule to this Bill, may be altered.
Petition received.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Captain Onslow moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Volunteer Force Regulation Acts Amendment Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
7. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2):—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 this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 114.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 3 AUGUST, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public School, Adamstown, near Newcastle:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was an application made some months ago, from residents of Adamstown, near Newcastle, for part of the Newcastle Commonage, as a site for a Public School?

(2.) Is it intended to comply with the request?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This cannot be decided until the question of the disposal of the commonage, now under consideration, has been disposed of.

- (2.) Mr. Krefft, late Curator of the Australian Museum:—Mr. Stuart, on behalf of Sir John Robertson, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Whether the Government are willing to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the bond entered into by Mr. Krefft on being paid the £1,000 voted by Parliament for him; and also the draft bond prepared by the last Government for Mr. Krefft to sign?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I see no objection whatever to the laying copies of these papers upon the Table.

2. ALBERT DANGAR'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 49.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend Albert Dangar's Leasing Act of 1873*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 2nd August, 1877.

3. GOULBURN GAOL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Documents, and other Papers having reference to the removal of the Goulburn Gaol.
Question put and passed.
4. THE LAND LAW (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd August, from Captain Sadleir, R.N., praying the House to introduce an amended Land Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day, on behalf of Mr. Leary, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Leary on 2nd August, from Thomas Hodson, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Electors of the Murrumbidgee District, held at Wagga Wagga, relative to boundary of Electorate of The Murrumbidgee, be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT ACT:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Garrett,—

“(1.) ‘That,’ in the opinion of this House, the Opinion given by the Attorney General as to the meaning of the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act 1875 (as set forth in the papers on this matter laid before this House on the 17th ultimo) is not in accordance with either the spirit or meaning of the law, and should not be acted upon in its administration.

“(2.) That this Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”—

Upon which Mr. Stephen Brown had moved, by way of amendment, the omission of all the words after the first word ‘That,’ with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “in view of the conflicting Opinions given by the late and the present Attorney General as to the construction of the 31st clause of the Amended Land Act, this House is of opinion that the Government should take steps to obtain a decision by the Supreme Court on the subject, and that until such decision be obtained no action should be taken on the said Opinions.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—That this Debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 4 AUGUST, 1877, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Turner,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Terry.

Noes, 20.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Leary.
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then proposed.

Mr. W. C. Browne moved the Previous Question.

Previous Question—That that Question be now put—put and passed.

Whereupon Original Question put,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Opinion given by the Attorney General as to the meaning of the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act 1875 (as set forth in the papers on this matter laid before this House on the 17th ultimo) is not in accordance with either the spirit or meaning of the law, and should not be acted upon in its administration.

(2.) That this Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Turner,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Lynch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Davies.

Noes, 20.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Day,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Stephen Brown.
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-four minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 115.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Sewer from Government Establishments, Parramatta:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Under whose Administration, and on what date, were plans and specifications prepared for the construction of the sewer from the Lunatic Asylum and Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta; and is the point of connection with the Parramatta River that which was originally intended?

(2.) What was the name of the Secretary for Public Works who initiated the project for constructing this sewer; and were plans prepared for the same during his tenure of office?

(3.) Was the Secretary for Works who initiated the plan for constructing the sewer referred to succeeded in office by Mr. James Byrnes, as a member of the Martin-Parkes Administration; and was a contract for the works in connection with this sewer carried out under Mr. James Byrnes, in accordance with the original plan, with only a slight diversion from its intended connection with the Parramatta River, and what was the nature of that diversion; and did the Colonial Architect estimate the probable cost of that diversion before it was sanctioned by the Minister?

(4.) Is there any record in the hands of the Government stating what the original object was in constructing this sewer; and if so, does it appear that it was only intended to carry off the water from the baths of both the institutions referred to in Question No. 1; and was other provision made by the Colonial Architect for the removal of night soil instead of allowing it and other impurities with the water used for ablutions by the lunatics and school children to run into and mix with the water used in these institutions and by nearly all the inhabitants of Parramatta?

(5.) Was complaint made some time after the construction of the sewer, by any of the inhabitants of Parramatta, that it had become a nuisance; and upon this, was the Colonial Architect instructed to proceed to Parramatta, in order to examine and report upon the subject; and if so, what was the nature of his report?

(6.) Was it upon that report, or any other, and whose, that a late Government expended a large sum of money (say, six or eight thousand pounds) in forming a channel in the bed of the Parramatta River, ostensibly for carrying off the impurities said to be brought down by the Government sewer?

(7.) In dealing with the nuisance alleged to be occasioned by the sewer referred to, was it at any time brought under the notice of the Government that if any nuisance existed near or under the Lennox Bridge it was occasioned by an old Government, but now Corporation, sewer, which empties itself into the river, by the side of the bridge, carrying down all the impurities from several business places, yards, and closets in Church-street?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

(1.) Instructions were given in 1864 to have the necessary plans prepared, when Mr. Holroyd was Minister for Works, and they were submitted in October, 1865, when Mr. Smart was Secretary for Public Works.

(2.) Mr. Holroyd. The plans were prepared either during his tenure of office, or that of Mr. Arnold, who succeeded him.

(3.) No. Mr. Holroyd, as I have stated, was succeeded by Mr. Arnold, but Mr. Byrnes, who came into office in 1866, was the Minister under whom the work was carried out, in 1867, in accordance with the original plan, with only a slight diversion from its intended connection with the Parramatta River; the diversion consisted of a prolongation of the sewer about 300 feet, with the object of bringing the outlet into deep water, near the bridge. The cost of the diversion was estimated by the Colonial Architect at £600 before it was sanctioned by the Minister.

(4.)

- (4.) The original object of the sewer was to carry off bath and other water, as provision of another character was made for the removal of night soil, instead of allowing it to run into the river.
- (5.) Yes; and the Colonial Architect, after inspection, reported that, although no trace of a nuisance existed at the time, yet it was desirable to carry the sewer further down the river bank, and cut a channel in the rocky-bed of the river, in order that the discharge from the sewer might be carried away by the tide.
- (6.) It was on the report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers that the sum of £6,000 was voted for this work.
- (7.) I have not been able to ascertain whether the existence of a Corporation sewer, as described by the Honorable Member, was ever brought under the notice of the Government.
- (2.) Alignment of Streets, Brewarrina:—Mr. Lord asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have or will any steps be taken by the Government towards the alignment of the streets of Brewarrina?
- (2.) Is he aware that the residents of the town are waiting to fence their property, but are afraid to do so, in consequence of the boundaries not being known?
- (3.) Will he give the necessary instructions to have the allotments surveyed and marked off?
- Mr. Driver answered,—
- (1.) No steps have been taken to align the streets of Brewarrina. The practice of this Department is not to align streets of towns not within a municipality, as there is no responsible body to take charge of the marking established by the surveyor.
- (2.) Not aware.
- (3.) The allotments were marked prior to their sale.
- (3.) Map of Gulgong:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) If the map now published at Gulgong, by a local stationer, showing the proposed subdivision of lands for sale at that place, is authentic, upon whose authority is it published?
- (2.) If not authentic, will the Government publish a perfect map, showing all of the surveyed allotments now under operation?
- Mr. Driver answered,—
- (1.) The map referred to has not been published with the authority of any public officer.
- (2.) Yes; a lithographic map, showing the lands to be thrown open for sale, will be published prior to the revocation of the Reserve.
- (4.) Overloading of Vessels:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. W. H. Suttor, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has the Marine Board furnished any communication to him having reference to the overloading of vessels?
- (2.) If so, will he lay such communication upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Piddington answered,—Communications have been received from the Marine Board, which will be laid upon the Table in a day or two.
- (5.) Foot-passenger Bridges at Railway Stations:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of Foot-passenger Bridges at the principal Railway Stations?
- Mr. Hoskins answered,—It is not intended to call for Tenders for this service. The Bridges will be erected by the Department as early as practicable.
- (6.) Burial-ground, Uarbry:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the money to fence the Burial-ground at Uarbry be available for the Trustees?
- Mr. Driver answered,—Immediately after the passing of the Appropriation Act.
- (7.) G. Devine's Selection, Muswellbrook:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What is the cause of the delay in issuing deeds for the 40-acre selection taken up by G. Devine at Muswellbrook, on September 20th, 1866, in county of Brisbane, parish of Ellis?
- (2.) Will he give immediate instructions to issue this deed, as part of the land is given for a Public School, and cannot be conveyed to the Council of Education until the deed is issued?
- Mr. Driver answered,—
- (1.) The deed of grant will now be prepared without delay, report of payment of balance having been received.
- (2.) Yes.
- (8.) Billabong Gold Reserve:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Gold Reserve, No. 510, of the Billabong Reserve, is being parcelled off?
- (2.) If so, why was the supervision placed in the hands of the Warden, instead of an officer of the Lands Department?
- (3.) Is he aware that the miners of the district are opposed to the parcelling of the said land?
- Mr. Driver answered,—
- (1.) No.
- (2.) The supervision has not been placed in the hands of the Warden.
- (3.) No.
- (9.) Deeds of Land, Borambil:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When will the deeds be issued to the persons who purchased land in the village of Borambil on 24th June, 1874, and which sale took place at Cassilis?
- (2.) What is the cause of the delay in issuing the deeds for this land?
- Mr. Driver answered,—
- The deeds for the lands purchased at this sale were sent to the Registrar General for delivery on 28th May, 1875.

(10.) Site for Roman Catholic Church, &c., Coolac:—Mr. Leary asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How long is it since an application was first made for a site for a Roman Catholic Church and Presbytery in the village of Coolac?
- (2.) How often has this application been renewed?
- (3.) When will this matter be finally determined?

Mr. Driver answered,—

- (1.) The original application was made on the 10th September, 1874.
- (2.) There were some half a dozen letters on the subject subsequent to the date of the original application, and having reference to it.
- (3.) The land was measured in January last, but the report of the District Surveyor is against the granting of the land, in consequence of the present site of the village of Coolac being deemed objectionable. This question must therefore be settled before a decision can be given as to the application.

(11.) Case of "St. Lawrence" and "Island City":—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What time in the day did the Marine Board of Newcastle give their verdict in the case of the "St. Lawrence" and "Island City"?
- (2.) What time did the "St. Lawrence" clear at the Customs and proceed to sea?
- (3.) Was the pilot on board the "St. Lawrence" all night while she was lying off and on Newcastle?
- (4.) Was the "St. Lawrence" allowed to lay at the wharf at Newcastle with her jib-boom run out and sprit-sail yard across, contrary to the port regulations?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) 3 p.m.
- (2.) Noon of the same day.
- (3.) No; he left at about 10.15 p.m., when the vessel was over the bar.
- (4.) Her flying-boom was rigged in, but as there were no other vessels in the way when she came alongside the wharf she was not ordered to rig in her jib-boom.

(12.) Railway Work-shops:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to ask this Parliament to vote the sum of £130,000 for the purpose of removing the Work-shops from the Redfern Station, and re-erecting them in some other locality?
- (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to make a final decision, and inform this House where they are to be removed to, before submitting the vote to Parliament?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—

- (1.) Yes; this amount is included in the Estimates laid upon the Table of the House on the 27th ultimo.
- (2.) Information on this point will be afforded when the item comes on for discussion.

(13.) North Gundagai Cemetery:—Mr. Leary, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to gazette the Trustees for the North Gundagai Cemetery?

Mr. Driver answered,—They will most probably be gazetted on Friday next.

(14.) Coal Cranes, Bullock Island:—*Mr. Dibbs*, on behalf of Mr. H. C. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Cranes, which have been so long in construction, at Bullock Island, Newcastle, be available for the shipment of Coal?

Mr. Hoskins answered,—In about six months. I may mention, that having regard to the large amount of work involved in connection with these cranes, every expedition has been observed in carrying it out.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-law of the Borough of Waverley.
- (2.) Statistical Register for 1876 (Parts 1 and 2).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoskins laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 13th July, 1877, in reference to the Land adjoining the General Post Office.

Ordered to be printed.

3. MUNICIPALITIES—ELECTORAL LAW—RAILWAYS, &c.:—Mr. Leary presented a Petition from Richard Sadleir, R.N., in favour of enlarging the powers and endowments of Municipalities—of an amendment of the present Electoral Law—of the encouragement of private enterprise in the construction of Railways—of an amendment of the Land Law—and of appointing future Members of the Legislative Council for a limited period.
Petition received.

4. THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Leary presented a Petition from Samuel Wilson, as Chairman of the Jerilderie Farmers and Tradesmen's Association, stating grievances in connection with the operation of the present Land Law; and praying the House to make such amendments in the law as will relieve Conditional Purchasers from the disabilities under which they at present labour.
Petition received.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes stated that, by the vote at which the House had arrived on Friday last, the Government had been placed in a position which would prevent their carrying on the business of the Country, and they had therefore resolved to ask the House to pass the Appropriation Act for the present year, and after that should have been passed, they would recommend His Excellency the Governor to dissolve the Assembly, in order to have the new Parliament brought together in sufficient time to make adequate provision for the Service of next year.

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 116.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) East Maitland Race-course Reserve:—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return, ordered by this House on the 15th of May, 1877, with reference to the East Maitland Race-course Reserve, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Driver answered,—The preparation of this Return still awaits the necessary information to be furnished by the Mayor of East Maitland, alluded to in my answer on this subject given on the 11th ultimo. He has again been reminded.

- (2.) Importation of Sheep:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—(1.) Is he aware that a lot of sheep from New Zealand are advertised for sale at Homebush, on Thursday?

(2.) Is he aware that scab in sheep is very prevalent in New Zealand, and that it is extremely dangerous to let these sheep go to Homebush?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the New Zealand Government refused to join the other Colonies in prohibiting English cattle from landing here, and does the same regulation or prohibition apply to importation of stock from New Zealand as applies to English stock?

Mr. Driver answered,—

(1.) Yes. The agents for the owner of these sheep advertised them for sale at Homebush without being aware that they could not be landed, of which they have since been apprised.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The New Zealand Government at one time refused to join the other Colonies, but they have lately done so, and no English stock can now be landed in New Zealand. The same regulation or prohibition applies to New Zealand as to English stock.

- (3.) Public School, Elderslie:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of delay in the erection of the proposed Public School at Elderslie?

Mr. F. B. Suttor answered,—Delay on the part of the architect to prepare the full plans and specifications of the proposed school buildings.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Correspondence, &c., respecting Reserves on the Yanko Creek.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Papers respecting the San Francisco Mail Service.

(2.) Return showing number of applications under 31st clause of Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2):—

- (1.) Mr. Montague presented a Petition from certain Electors of the Bombala Division of the Monaro Electorate, in favour of a division of the present Electoral District, and praying the House to make provision for the representation of the southern portion, known as the Bombala District.

Petition received.

(2.)

(2.) Mr. McElhone presented a Petition from certain Electors of the proposed Electorate of Redfern, praying the House to consider the expediency of granting two Members to represent the proposed Electorate.

Petition received.

4. SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolution:— That the Pacific Mail Steamship Company having intimated that they cannot carry out the Contract, commonly known as the "Forked Service," entered into between them and the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand, and that they will, if the conditions are insisted upon, be compelled to relinquish the Contract and forfeit the penalty of their bond; and the late Administration having, subject to the approval of Parliament, consented to the following modification of the Contract, namely, the route to be to and from Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu, the annual subsidy to be reduced from £89,950 to £72,500, of which amount £40,000 are to be contributed by New South Wales, and £32,500 by New Zealand—the coastal service of New Zealand being borne by that Colony—this House approves of the foregoing modification.

Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Words of Heat:—The Honorable Member for West Sydney (Sir John Robertson) having used certain words to which exception was taken,—

Mr. Taylor moved, That the words be taken down by the Clerk.

And several Honorable Members dissenting,—

Question put,—That the words be taken down by the Clerk.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Hurley (*Narellan*),
Mr. Driver,

Tellers.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Dibbs.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Terry,

Mr. Wright,
Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Montague,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Farnell,

Tellers.

Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Long.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1877, A.M.

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Long,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. J. S. Smith,

Mr. Teece,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Montague,

Tellers.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. J. Watson.

Noes, 24.

Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. R. Forster,

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hurley (*Narellan*),

Tellers.

Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Shepherd.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at five minutes after Two o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 117.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1877.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. Driver laid upon the Table,—Certain Applications for the purchase of Crown Lands, in virtue of intended Improvements, under 31st clause of Crown Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes said, that in consequence of the vote of last night he had waited upon His Excellency and tendered to him, with the concurrence of all his colleagues, the advice to dissolve this Parliament; that His Excellency expressed his willingness to accept that advice with the same qualification as he had proposed to their predecessors; that he (Sir Henry Parkes) replied that, with every respect for His Excellency, and the fullest desire to maintain the integrity of the functions pertaining to his office, Ministers considered that they had rights to preserve and duties to perform as between the Advisers of the Crown and the representatives of the people; and they could not consent to become parties to a qualified acceptance of their advice, and it was therefore his duty respectfully to tender to His Excellency, on behalf of the Ministry, the resignation of their offices. He and his colleagues therefore now only held office until the appointment of their successors.

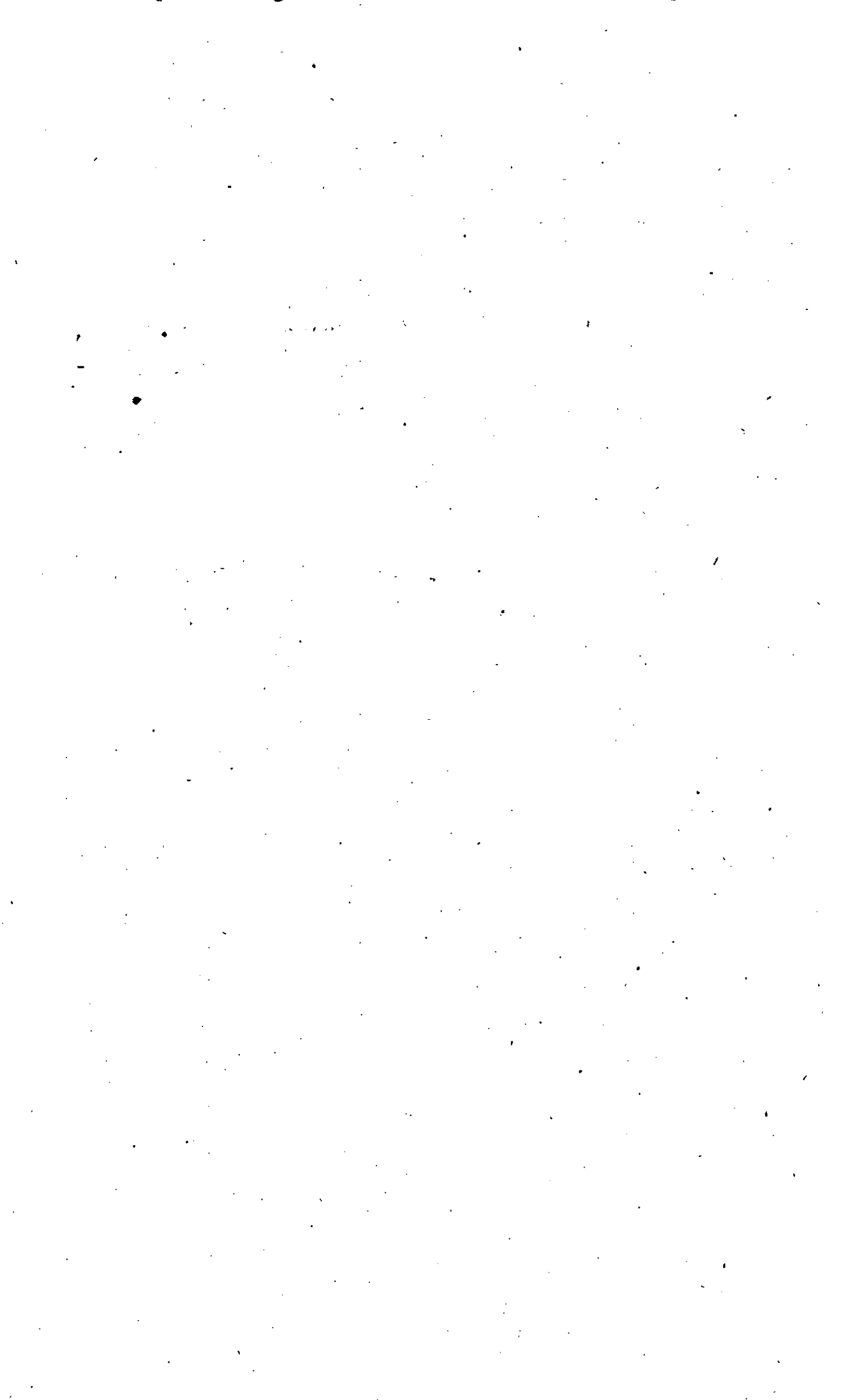
Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at four minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 118.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 10 AUGUST, 1877.

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

PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 16th May, 1877, in reference to the dismissal of the Assistant Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.

Ordered to be printed.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes read to the House a letter which he had received from His Excellency the Governor, informing him that Sir John Robertson, who had undertaken the task of forming a new Administration, would be glad if he (Sir Henry Parkes) would this afternoon move the adjournment of the House to Tuesday.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-nine minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 119.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1877.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Abstracts of the Public Accounts of the Colony, for the year 1876, together with the Auditor General's Report thereon,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly in accordance with the provisions of the 38th section of the Audit Act, 33 Vic. No. 18.
Ordered to be printed.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes read to the House a letter which he had, this afternoon, received from His Excellency the Governor, informing him that Sir John Robertson had formed a new Administration, and had begged His Excellency to ask him (Sir Henry Parkes), in accordance with usage, to obtain the necessary supplies, pending the re-election of Sir John Robertson and his colleagues. Sir Henry Parkes also read to the House the letter which Sir John Robertson had addressed to His Excellency on that subject; and then intimated that the present Ministers would be prepared to ask Parliament to grant the supplies which Sir John Robertson had expressed his desire to obtain in the interest of the Public Service, and that his Honorable colleague, the Colonial Treasurer, would give notice with the view of passing a Bill through all its stages in one day for that purpose.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
4. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-one minutes after Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

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New South Wales.

No. 120.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1877.

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

PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—By-law of the Municipal District of Ulmarra.
Ordered to be printed.

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

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 50.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of August, 1877, together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

Government House,
Sydney, 15th August, 1877.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

3. SUSPENSION OF THE STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Piddington 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 of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877," 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 said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, until to-morrow:—
(1.) Sydney Corporation Bill; second reading.
(2.) Electoral Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.
(3.) Criminal Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
(4.) Volunteer Force Regulation Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.
(5.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill; second reading.
5. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(11.) Resolved,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the Services of the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £378,500,—being £242,500 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of August, 1877, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1876, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1877; £24,000 for wages of Railway Employés for the month of September, 1877; £7,000 for wages of Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers for the month of September, 1877; £50,000 for claims under existing Contracts; £25,000 for claims in connection with the Survey and Charting of Lands; and £30,000 for Defences of the Colony.
- On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

6. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

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

(11.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1877, the sum of £378,500 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of August, 1877,—for wages of Railway Employés, and Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, for the month of September, 1877,—for claims under existing Contracts,—for claims in connection with the Survey and Charting of Lands,—and for the Defences of the Colony.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Resolution was read a second time; and agreed to.

7. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 9)**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 11), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877.

(2.) Mr. Piddington then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,”—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. Piddington, 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. Piddington, that report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Piddington, *passed*.

Mr. Piddington then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*.”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th August, 1877.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 121

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1877.

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

PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the uses and general purposes of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 9):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 16th August, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

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No. 122.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 AUGUST, 1877.

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

NEW ADMINISTRATION:—Mr. Stuart, at the request of Sir John Robertson, informed the House that a new Administration had been formed, consisting of,—

Sir John Robertson as Colonial Secretary;
 Mr. Docker as Vice-President of the Executive Council;
 Mr. Long as Colonial Treasurer;
 Mr. Garrett as Secretary for Lands;
 Mr. Combes as Secretary for Public Works;
 Mr. Lackey as Minister of Justice and Public Instruction;
 Mr. Baker as Secretary for Mines;
 Mr. Davies as Postmaster General;
 Mr. Dalley as Attorney General.

2. VACANT SEATS:—Mr. Stuart moved,—

(1.) That the Seat of Sir John Robertson hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney.

Question put and passed.

(2.) That the Seat of William Alexander Long, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

Question put and passed.

(3.) That the Seat of Thomas Garrett, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Camden.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the Question be amended by the addition at the end thereof of the following words:—

“That, in declaring such vacancy, this House feels it to be its duty at once to express its entire disapproval of Mr. Garrett’s appointment.

“That an Address embodying the last preceding Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor.”

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Shepherd,
 Mr. Abbott,

Tellers.

Mr. Moses,
 Mr. Day.

Noes, 32.

Sir Henry Parkes,
 Mr. Windeyer,
 Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
 Mr. Lucas,
 Mr. Stuart,
 Mr. Burns,
 Mr. Macintosh,
 Mr. Charles,
 Mr. Gray,
 Mr. W. C. Browne,
 Mr. Hill,
 Mr. Lord,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. T. G. Dangar,
 Mr. R. Forster,
 Mr. Cameron,
 Mr. Clarke,

Mr. Wisdom,
 Mr. Byrnes,
 Mr. Turner,
 Mr. Booth,
 Mr. Driver,
 Mr. Peece,
 Mr. Farnell,
 Mr. McKilhona,
 Mr. J. Watson,
 Mr. Cunneen,
 Mr. Montague,
 Mr. H. C. Dangar,
 Mr. Greville,

Tellers.

Mr. R. B. Smith,
 Mr. Fitzpatrick.

And so it passed in the negative.
 Original Question then put and passed.

(4.)

(4.) That the Seat of Edward Combes, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Orange.
Question put and passed.

(5.) That the Seat of John Lackey, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice and Public Instruction since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.
Question put and passed.

(6.) That the Seat of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Mines since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields South.
Question put and passed.

(7.) That the Seat of John Davies, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.
Question put and passed.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes, at the request of Sir John Robertson, and with the concurrence of the House, moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, the 18th day of September next.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at seven minutes after Six o'clock, until *Tuesday, 18th September next*, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 123.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1877.

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

WRITS OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker reported,—

(1.) That, pursuant to Resolutions of this House, he had issued Writs for supplying vacancies in the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

(1.) In the room of Sir John Robertson, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary.

(2.) In the room of William Alexander Long, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer.

(3.) In the room of Thomas Garrett, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Camden had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands.

(4.) In the room of Edward Combes, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Orange had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works.

(5.) In the room of John Lackey, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice and Public Instruction.

(6.) In the room of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields South had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Mines.

(7.) In the room of John Davies, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster General.

(2.) That the said Writs had been duly returned to him, with Certificates endorsed thereon, of the election of the whole of the said gentlemen as Members for the said Electoral Districts.

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

The Honorable Sir John Robertson,—for West Sydney.

The Honorable William Alexander Long, Esquire, and The Honorable John Lackey, Esquire,—for Central Cumberland.

The Honorable Thomas Garrett, Esquire,—for Camden.

The Honorable Edward Combes, Esquire,—for Orange.

The Honorable Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire,—for Gold Fields South.

The Honorable John Davies, Esquire,—for East Sydney.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Circular Quay:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House (as promised by the late Secretary for Public Works) the Plans and Specifications, and Tenders, for constructing, with timber, the proposed improvements at the Circular Quay?

Mr. Combes answered,—I purpose laying the documents relating to the improvements at Circular Quay, in iron, timber, stone, and concrete, on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday next.

(2.) San Francisco and Suez Mail Services:—Mr. Lucas asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to the San Francisco Mail Service, for the year ending 30th of June last,—

(1.) The cost of the Service to this Colony?

(2.) The number of newspapers and letters received and dispatched each voyage?

(3.) The several dates of the dispatch of the mails from England and their delivery in Sydney; also, the dates of dispatch from Sydney and their delivery in England?

(4.)

- (4.) The number of first-class and second-class passengers arrived each voyage in Sydney from and beyond San Francisco ?
 (5.) The amount received for postage from other Colonies, New Zealand excepted ?
 (6.) The amount received for postage from England ?
 (7.) The amount received for postage in this Colony ?
 (8.) The number of newspapers and letters received and dispatched each voyage by the P. and O. Company's service during the same period ; the date of dispatch and delivery of the mails, as asked for in question 3 ; the number of first-class and second-class passengers to Sydney each voyage from and beyond Point de Galle by this Service ?

Mr. Davics answered,—A Return is in course of preparation containing the information asked for by the Honorable Member, and will be laid upon the Table in the course of a few days.

4. ROAD FROM BUNGENDORE TO GOULBURN, *vid* CURRAWANG AND BANGALORE :—Mr. Butler presented two Petitions from certain Inhabitants of the Electorates of Argyle and Goulburn, praying the House to prevent the expenditure of public money in the making of a road to deviate from that which has been used for many years.
 Petitions received.
5. MR. WILLIAM PITT WILSHIRE :—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from William Pitt Wilshire, stating that he was charged with assaulting one Albert Packer, and that a warrant was improperly issued for his arrest ; and praying that he may be heard personally at the Bar of the House.
 Petition received.
6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir John Robertson made to the House a Ministerial Statement.
7. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Long, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
 HERCULES ROBINSON, *Message, No. 51.*
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of September, 1877, together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

Government House,
Sydney, 18th September, 1877.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

8. WITHDRAWAL OF ESTIMATES :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Long, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
 HERCULES ROBINSON, *Message, No. 52.*
Governor.

A change having taken place in the Administration since the transmission of the Estimates of Expenditure for the present year, and the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1876 and previous years, which accompanied His Excellency's Messages numbers 25, 45, and 48, the Governor requests that the Additional Estimates for 1877 (except in so far as the Committee of Supply may have voted any sums therein submitted), the Supplementary Estimates for 1876 and previous years, Further Additional Estimates for 1877, Further Supplementary Estimates for 1876 and previous years, and Further Additional Estimates for 1877 (No. 2), may be returned to him, with a view to the substitution of other Estimates, which have been prepared under the present Administration.

Government House,
Sydney, 18th September, 1877.

Mr. Long then moved, That His Excellency's Message No. 52 be now taken into consideration.
 Question put and passed.

And the Message having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Long moved, That the request contained in His Excellency's Message No. 52 be complied with, and that an Address be accordingly presented to His Excellency returning the Additional Estimates for 1877 (except in so far as the Committee of Supply may have voted any sums therein submitted) and the Supplementary Estimates for 1876 and previous years ;—and that the Message No. 52 be printed.

Question put and passed.

9. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877, SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1876 AND PREVIOUS YEARS, AND LOAN ESTIMATES FOR 1877 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Long, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
 HERCULES ROBINSON, *Message, No. 53.*
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Further Additional Estimates of Expenditure of this Government for the year 1877, together with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1876 and previous years, and Loan Estimates for 1877, in substitution partly for those submitted with the Governor's Message No. 25 of 2 May, 1877, and wholly for those submitted with His Excellency's Messages No. 45 of 27 July, and No. 48 of 31 July, 1877.

Government House,
Sydney, 18th September, 1877.

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

10. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 9):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 54.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th August, 1877.

11. PAPERS:—

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Further Return to an Order, made on 6th February, 1877, in reference to Appointments to the Civil Service since 8th February, 1876.
- (2.) By-laws, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875, for the Borough of Ashfield.
- (3.) Statistical Register for 1876—(Parts 3, 4, 5, and 6).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 26th June, 1877, in reference to the resignation of Mr. Evans, late Land Agent at Hay.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 6th June, 1877, in reference to Lectures for promoting Technical Education.
- (2.) Return to an Address, adopted on 18th May, 1877, in reference to the shooting of the Reverend William Healy and Charles Plummer, by the Police.

Ordered to be printed.

12. LANDS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill further to amend the Lands Acts of 1861 and the 'Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875'*,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th August, from certain Electors of the proposed Electorate of Redfern, praying that two Members may be allotted to the proposed Electoral District, be printed.

Question put and passed.

14. THE LAND LAW (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith, on behalf of Mr. Leary, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Leary on 7th August, from the Jerilderie Farmers and Tradesmen's Association, relative to the amendment of the Land Law, be printed.

Question put and passed.

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at Twenty-three minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 124.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. Lucas*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did *Mr. Clark* in his estimate of the cost of the Commissioners scheme for supplying Sydney with water take into consideration the expense of pumping the water to the higher levels; if so, at what sum did he estimate the cost of constructing and erecting the necessary buildings and machinery; Did he estimate the annual cost of such pumping wear and tear, &c.; if so, what was the annual cost; Did he capitalise the annual cost; and add the amount to the gross cost; if so, how much did he so add?

(2.) Were the calculations upon which *Mr. Clark* formed his estimate made, as is reported, in the Works Department, or by any person connected with such Department; if so, by whom were they made?

(3.) Will *Mr. Clark*, before he leaves the Colony, furnish the Government with the quantities of the several works required in carrying out the Commissioners scheme, and the prices at which he has estimated their cost?

Sir John Robertson answered,—I have received certain information from *Mr. Clark* which will enable me to answer to a considerable extent the inquiries of my honorable friend,—

(1.) Yes; and the particulars will be found on page 21 of his Report, where an estimate was given of pumping water to a higher level of the city, as follows:—Cost of engine-buildings, &c., £9,000; working expenses and upholding, £1,750 per annum. These amounts are added to the totals of cost and annual expenditure.

(2.) All the calculations on which his estimates were founded for the various items were made by himself, and checked by *Mr. Wall*, C.E., who accompanied him.

(3.) He has given the gross per centage of alteration, but it is not considered desirable to make it public. I will, however, ask him to give quantities, which he has not yet given.

- (2.) Tender for Clothing for the New South Wales Artillery:—*Mr. Piddington* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Tender Board recommended for acceptance any Tender for Clothing for the New South Wales Artillery?

(2.) Has the Treasurer approved of their recommendation; and if not, will he state the grounds of disapproval?

Mr. Long answered,—

(1.) Yes; the Tender Board recommended for acceptance the Tender of Messrs. Moore, Henderson, & Bowcher—being the only tender, and the prices being considered reasonable.

(2.) The recommendation has been approved of.

- (3.) Tender for Attendants Clothing:—*Mr. Piddington* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Tender Board recommended for acceptance any Tender for Attendants Clothing?

(2.) Has the Treasurer approved of their recommendation; and if not, will he state the grounds of disapproval?

Mr. Long answered,—In this case the Tenders (three in number) are still under the consideration of the Tender Board.

- (4.) Disposal of Cash Surplus:—*Mr. Piddington* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he distributed any portion of the Cash Surplus upon special deposit since he accepted office?

(2.) Will he inform the House of the date of each deposit; the name of the Bank in which deposited; and the amount of each deposit?

Mr.

Mr. Long answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The following special deposits were made on the 3rd instant, viz. :—

Oriental Bank	£25,000
English Scottish and Australian Chartered Bank	25,000
City Bank... ..	25,000
Union Bank	25,000
Bank of Australasia	25,000
London Chartered Bank	25,000
Mercantile Bank... ..	25,000
	£175,000

(5.) Debts on Public Schools:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice—When will the Return having reference to any debt or liability in connection with any Public School, and ordered on the 27th day of February last, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Return is ready, and I shall presently be prepared to lay it upon the Table of this House.

(6.) Post and Telegraph Office and Court House, Murrumburrah:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of the Post and Telegraph Office and Court House at Murrumburrah?

Mr. Combes answered,—Plans for a building were prepared and submitted in May last, but being considered too expensive, directions were given for fresh plans, which are now being prepared, and Tenders will be invited with the least practicable delay. With respect to the Court House, a delay has occurred through press of business in the office, but plans are now being prepared, and Tenders will be called for as soon as possible.

(7.) Site for Public School, Frogmore:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the land at Frogmore, applied for as a site for a Public School nearly three years since, be conveyed to the Council of Education?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The land was applied for in April, 1876. The application has been duly reported on, and the appropriation of the site approved. The conveyance to the Council of Education will be made as soon as the formal dedication, in the mode prescribed by law, has been completed.

(8.) Site for Public School, Murrumburrah:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the land at Murrumburrah, intended and surveyed as a site for a Public School in March, 1876, and for the erection of which Tenders were invited more than twelve months since, be conveyed to the Council of Education?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Immediately the formal dedication of the land, as required by law, has been completed.

(9.) Sites for Public Schools at Walgett and Baradine:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—The cause of delay in granting to the Council of Education the School Sites applied for at Walgett and Baradine; and when will such sites be dedicated for such purposes?

Mr. Garrett answered,—They are both being dealt with by the Survey Office. The application for the site at Walgett was, however, only made last month.

(10.) Railway Extension, Werris Creek to Gunnedah:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a Tender been accepted for the extension and construction of the North-western Railway, from Werris Creek to Gunnedah?

(2.) If so, the name of the successful tenderer, and price per mile, and time allowed for completion of the contract?

Mr. Combes answered,—

(1.) Yes, a Tender was accepted on the 10th instant.

(2.) Mr. William Watkins is the successful tenderer. The estimated cost of works embraced in his contract is £3,214 per mile, and the time allowed for completion of the contract is to the 30th June, 1879.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 27th February, 1877, in reference to Debts on Public Schools.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to the use and general purposes of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Davies laid upon the Table,—Returns affording information with reference to Ocean Mail Services *via* San Francisco and Suez.

Ordered to be printed.

3. THE ELECTORAL LAW:—Mr. Combes presented a Petition from Thomas Dalton, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Orange, praying that an Electoral Bill, which will amply provide for an equitable representation of the people on the population basis, may be passed during the present Session.

Petition received.

4. ROAD FROM BUNGENDORE TO GOULBURN; *vid* CURRAWANG AND BANGALORE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Stuart*, on behalf of *Mr. Butler*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by *Mr. Butler* on 18th September, from certain Inhabitants of Electorates of Argyle and Goulburn, relative to proposed deviation of road Goulburn to Bungendore, *vid* Currawang and Bangalore, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. MR. WILLIAM PITT WILSHIRE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Macintosh* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 18th September, from William Pitt Wilshire, relative to the issue of a Warrant against him, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Sir John Robertson* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1858, and to make better provision for the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
7. PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF THE STANDING ORDERS:—*Mr. Long* 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 of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877," 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 said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Buchanan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Greville.
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Moses,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate continued.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Combes,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Johnston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Byrnes.
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. J. Watson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned, on motion of *Sir John Robertson*, at twenty-eight minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Noes, 28.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Long,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Johnston,
Captain Onslow,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 27.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. R. B. Smith.
Mr. Terry,	

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 125.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1877.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson stated that in consequence of what had occurred last night he had submitted to His Excellency a Minute, which had been considered at a meeting of the Cabinet, respectfully advising the dissolution of this Parliament; which Minute he read to the House. To this His Excellency had replied that he was not prepared to dissolve without Supply, or until he had exhausted every effort to obtain it. He (Sir John Robertson) had then written to His Excellency, informing him that the Ministry were unable to accept a dissolution with any condition annexed as to obtaining Supply, and that they therefore tendered their resignations. To this communication he had not yet received a reply.

Sir John Robertson then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 126.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1877.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson read to the House a letter which he had, at a little after 4 o'clock this afternoon, received from His Excellency the Governor, in reply to his (Sir John Robertson's) note of yesterday evening, pointing out wherein his former note had, apparently, been misapprehended, and accepting the resignation of the present Government, subject to the formation of such a Ministry as would be likely to effect the passing of the Appropriation Act before a dissolution.

Sir John Robertson then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at three minutes after Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 127.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1877.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson read to the House a communication from His Excellency the Governor, stating that, on Saturday morning last, he had formally entrusted to Mr. Stuart the formation of a new Administration, that Mr. Stuart had accepted the task, and hoped to be able to give a definite answer to-morrow.

Sir John Robertson then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at nineteen minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 128.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1877.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson said that, within the last few minutes, he had received from His Excellency a note, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Stuart to the Governor. Sir John Robertson then read to the House Mr. Stuart's letter, returning to His Excellency the Commission to form an Administration. He then read His Excellency's note, stating that he had sent for Mr. Stephen Brown, who had undertaken the formation of a new Administration.

Sir John Robertson then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at seventeen minutes after Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 129.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1877.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson read to the House a letter from His Excellency, dated this day, stating that Mr. Stephen Brown had informed him that he hoped to be able to report to-morrow something definite with regard to the Commission with which he had been entrusted.

Sir John Robertson then moved; That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only fourteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Davies, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Greville, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Long, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Sir John Robertson, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-eight minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 130.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1877.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir John Robertson said he had a letter from His Excellency which, though dated Thursday night, he did not receive until twenty minutes to four o'clock this day. He then read to the House His Excellency's letter, stating that he was now prepared to act upon the advice tendered by Sir John Robertson in his Minute, namely, to dissolve the present Parliament forthwith, whether Supply be granted or not. Sir John Robertson then informed the House of the course which the Government proposed to pursue in the transaction of the public business. On motion of Sir John Robertson, the letter from His Excellency was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read by the Clerk.

2. THE ELECTORAL LAW:—Mr. Lord presented a Petition from certain Electors, Freeholders, and Householders of the District of Forbes, praying that an Electoral Bill, dividing certain of the larger Electorates, and giving to the increased population in other districts fair and equitable representation, may be considered and become law before the expiration of the present Parliament. Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to the use and general purposes of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

Ordered to be printed.

4. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 15 May, 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lloyd then moved, That the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Friday next.

Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at eleven minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 131.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Resignation of Surveyors :—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the gentlemen who were conducting the Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony have resigned ?
 - (2.) If so, will their resignations prevent the progress of the survey ?
 - (3.) What are the names of the gentlemen who were engaged on the survey ?
 - (4.) Are there any other gentlemen employed in the Survey Branch of the Lands Department who are competent and willing to undertake the conduct of the survey ?
 - (5.) Will there be any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Papers relative to the aforesaid resignations ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Messrs. Conder, Vessey, and Furber.
- (4.) Not at the salaries now available.
- (5.) No objection.

- (2.) Quarantine Ship "Faraway":—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did the Medical Adviser of the Government receive any complaints relative to the conduct of any of the officers, medical or others, employed in the ship "Faraway" during the recent outbreak of small-pox ?
- (2.) If so, what was the nature of the complaint, and against whom was it made ?

Mr. Long answered,—I am informed by the Medical Adviser of the Government that he is unable to call to recollection any complaints of the nature indicated.

- (3.) Public and Provisional Schools :—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Are the Council of Education supposed to defray the cost of all Public and Provisional Schools and supply them with furniture ?
- (2.) If so, are they justified in asking persons in the country to erect Provisional Schools and furnish them at their own cost ?
- (3.) Is he aware that the Council have called on the people of Gungal to erect and furnish a Provisional School ; and is it not a fact that the Council, by Resolution of this House, are to erect and furnish all Public and Provisional Schools out of the money voted by this House ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes, in the case of Public Schools ; no, as regards Provisional Schools.
- (3.) The Council has agreed to grant the usual aid to a Provisional School at Gungal when the necessary buildings and furniture have been provided. So far as the Council is aware, it is not a fact that the Council, by Resolution of the Assembly, is required to erect and furnish all Provisional Schools.

(4.)

- (4.) Volunteer Land Orders :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have the Law Officers of the Crown ever given any opinion as to whether any person holding a Volunteer Land Order, other than the person to whom it is issued, is legally entitled to take up and hold the land taken up in virtue of such Volunteer Land Order?
 - (2.) If no such opinion has been given by the Law Officers of the Crown, will he at once get the Attorney General's opinion on the case, and make such opinion known to the public forthwith?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No such opinion has been given.
- (2.) There will be no objection.

- (5.) Divorce Case, *Buchanan v. Buchanan*:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Judge who tried the divorce case *Buchanan v. Buchanan* excluded the public and members of the Press from the Court whilst this case was being tried?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Judges have the right or power to exclude the public or Press from the Courts when such cases as the above are being tried?
- (3.) Is Mr. Buchanan, the defendant in the above case, employed as a Postal Inspector, or in any other capacity, in the Civil Service; if so, has he been dismissed, or do the Government intend to dismiss him?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes. I am informed by Mr. Justice Hargrave that, at the request of counsel for the petitioner and respondent, His Honor heard this petition in Chambers, on the 22nd August last, which he states he had a legal right to do.

(3.) Mr. Buchanan, the defendant in this case, is a Postal Inspector. The matter has already engaged the attention of the Government, but no determination has yet been arrived at.

- (6.) Postage Fines on Letters to Parramatta :—Mr. Byrnes asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—What is the amount of Additional Postage received by the Government upon all letters posted in Sydney for Parramatta (insufficiently stamped), from the time of the extension of the one-penny postage to Rookwood up to the 31st August, 1877?

Mr. Davies answered,—It is not possible to furnish this information. An account is, of course, kept of the total amount of postage charged each day against the various country postmasters, but no record is preserved of the particular class of correspondence on which postage is chargeable. An estimate will, however, be prepared of the amount of postage received on the correspondence for Parramatta during the period named, and laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

- (7.) Loss of Stock during recent Drought :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Have any official or other reports been made to the Government relating to the number of Sheep, Cattle, and Horses that have died during the present year in each Pastoral District of the Colony from the effects of the recent Drought; if so, will he be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of this House conveying such information?

Mr. Garrett answered,—An estimated return has been asked by the Chief Inspector of Stock, from the several Inspectors throughout the Colony, of the increase and decrease of the Horses, Cattle, and Sheep in their respective districts, for the year ending 30th June last. This return is nearly complete, and when it is it will be laid upon the Table of the House.

2. PAPERS :—Mr. Long laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Board of Audit on the Public Accounts.
- (2.) Despatch respecting Sydney Branch Royal Mint.
- (3.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets, for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1877.
- (4.) Despatch respecting the Duties of Pilots concerning Belligerent Vessels.
- (5.) Despatch respecting Perils of Navigation between Great Britain and the Australian Colonies.

Ordered to be printed.

3. THE ELECTORAL LAW (*Formal Motions*):—

(1.) Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 28th September, 1877, from Electors, Freeholders, and Householdors of Forbes District, in the Electorate of The Bogan, praying for increased representation, be printed.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th September, from Thomas Dalton, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Orange, in favour of passing an Amending Electoral Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. SUPPLY OF PAPER FOR THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE :—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a tabular statement or copies of all orders given for the supply of Paper for the Government Service for the last seventeen years, whether made in the Colony or imported; if by tender, the prices named, and if imported, the cost of each quality, at per lb., showing separately cost of exchange, agencies, brokerage, and all other charges, until received in the Government Stores, Sydney, with the name of officer recommending, and Minister directing, in each case; also, a summary of weights and prices, for each year, of that imported, and made in the Colony.

Question put and passed.

6. EXPENDITURE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES :—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount of money expended on Roads and Bridges in each Electoral District of the Colony since passing the Electoral Act 22 Vic. No. 20, including the amount passed by the Legislature for the year 1877.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—Sir John Robertson moved, That the Orders of the Day of General Business Nos. 1 to 14, and the Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 6, be postponed until To-morrow.
Question put and passed.

8. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Long, 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 this day.

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

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

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

(12.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the Services of the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £330,500,—being £242,500 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of September, 1877, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1876, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1877; £24,000 for wages of Railway Employés for the month of October, 1877; £7,000 for wages of Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers for the month of October, 1877; £50,000 to meet claims under existing Contracts; and £7,000 to meet increased cost of Inland Mail Conveyance.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

9. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Long, 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 this day.

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

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

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

(12.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1877, the sum of £330,500 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of September, 1877,—for wages of Railway Employés and Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, for the month of October, 1877,—for claims under existing Contracts,—and for increased cost of Inland Mail Conveyance.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

10. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (NO. 10)** :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Long, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 12), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877.

(2.) Mr. Long then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Suspension of the Standing Orders :—Mr. Long (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of this Bill through its remaining stages this day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(4.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Long, read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Long, 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. Long, that report was adopted.

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

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 132.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Contracts—Rolling Stock:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Returns asked for by him on 17th July, with reference to Railway Contracts and Rolling Stock, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Combes answered,—The Return asked for with reference to Railway Contracts embraces copies of the tenders received for the rails for the extensions. These tenders were received by the Agent General, and copies were sent for directly the motion was passed. They cannot possibly be out here before December next. In the meantime the specifications, contracts, &c., have been copied, and, with the exception of the portion from England, the Return will be ready in a week. As regards the Return of Rolling Stock, it will be probably ready in a fortnight.

- (2.) Supply of Coal for Great Southern Railway:—Captain Onslow asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government received any offer from coal proprietors to deliver coal at Berrima for the use of the Great Southern Railway?

(2.) If more than one, what is the amount per ton of each offer?

(3.) Has the Berrima coal ever been tried on the Railway; and if so, what was the result?

(4.) What does the coal now used on the Great Southern Railway cost the Government per ton at Moss Vale?

(5.) What is the difference per ton between the prices at which the coal has been offered to the Government and that which it at present costs them?

(6.) What will be the whole amount of coal consumed per annum on Great Southern Railway on completion of extension to Wagga Wagga on present computation?

(7.) Have the Government received the report of the office of the Engineer-in-Chief with regard to probable cost of Branch Railway to Berrima?

(8.) Do the Government intend to put on the Supplementary Estimates a sum of money for the construction of the proposed Branch to Berrima?

(9.) Have the Government any objection to the Correspondence in question, and all Papers in connection with the matter, to date, being laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Combes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) One offer at 10s. per ton; two offers at 11s. per ton.

(3.) It was tried in 1874, and was reported to be satisfactory.

(4.) The cost of the coal averages 19s. 6d. per ton.

(5.) About 9s. 6d. per ton.

(6.) It is estimated that the consumption of coal on the Southern Line to Wagga Wagga will be about 14,000 tons per annum.

(7.) The report has not yet been received.

(8.) This question has not yet been considered by the Government.

(9.) There is no objection, and the Papers will be laid upon the Table, if moved for in the usual way.

- (3.) Immigration:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return, ordered to be laid upon the Table of this House on the 6th July, relating to the reports upon Immigrants to this Colony from the Agent General and the Immigration Agent, be complied with?

Sir John Robertson answered,—I have made inquiries about these Papers, but am unable to have them to day. I will do all I can to obtain them before the close of the Session, but am not at all certain that I shall be able to do so. (4.)

(4.) Dredge for Manning River:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Why a Dredge was not sent to the Manning River in the month of September last for the improvement of the navigation of the river, as promised by the late Secretary for Works, Mr. Hoskins?

(2.) When will the Dredge be sent to the Manning River?

Mr. Combes answered,—

I find a letter was sent to the Honorable Member on the 29th of May last, by direction of my predecessor in office, in which it was stated that a Dredge would probably be sent to the Manning in about four months from that date. Subsequently, however, the master of the Dredge in question has reported that the work on which it is engaged has been much retarded by reason of that portion of the channel, which is now being deepened, being entirely composed of mud brought down by the late floods, with trunks and limbs of trees embedded in it. It is now estimated that the work will be finished by the end of the month, after which the Dredge will be laid up for repairs, which will probably occupy about four weeks, when it will be sent to the Manning, as already intimated to the Honorable Member by letter from the Under Secretary for Public Works, dated the 15th ultimo.

(5.) Goulburn Gaol:—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Correspondence in reference to the removal of Goulburn Gaol, ordered by this House on the 3rd August, be laid upon the Table?

Sir John Robertson answered,—I made inquiry respecting these Papers in view of my hope that the Session would speedily close. I have not been able to get them to-day; perhaps I may be able to have them to-morrow.

(6.) Bridge over the Mulwarree:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of the Bridge over the Mulwarree, near Bradley's Mill?

Mr. Combes answered,—When Parliament has voted the amount for the work, now on the Further Additional Estimates.

(7.) Additional Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he issued a special circular to the Crown Lands Agents throughout the country that squatters can make additional conditional purchases of Crown Lands by agency in lieu of in person?

(2.) Is such practice in conformity with the 7th clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875?

(3.) Was the opinion of the Attorney General for the time being obtained by the Secretary for Lands before such circular was issued?

(4.) Has such new regulation been notified in the *Government Gazette* for general information; if so, when; if not, when will the Government publish such notice in the *Gazette* for general information?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) No—and if issued it would not refer to squatters, but to all conditional purchasers alike.

(2.) Yes; it is held with respect to additional conditional purchases that the provisions of section 7 of 39 Victoria No. 18 are not requisite. The object of the clause being to prevent minors under sixteen years of age from selecting—the practice of the department is this:—Every conditional purchaser must attend in person when making a conditional purchase under the 13th clause, in order that it may be ascertained that he is sixteen years of age or upwards; but having once attended in person it is not necessary to do so again, as if of age when making the first selection he must be so when making the additional, and there can then be no objection to his doing so by an agent. With respect to additional conditional purchases taken up by virtue of original conditional purchases under the Land Act of 1861, which allowed minors to select, the practice of the Department is to allow such additional purchases to be made through an agent, provided the Land Agent of the district certifies that he has positive and personal knowledge that the selector is sixteen years of age or upwards; otherwise, the selector when making such additional selection must attend in person.

(3.) The opinion of the Attorney General was obtained on the subject.

(4.) No; and as there is no regulation, there will be no notification of it in the *Gazette*.

(8.) Trial Survey for Railway from Sydney to Great Northern Railway:—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Trial Survey, ordered by this House, be completed from the Great Northern Railway to Sydney?

Mr. Combes answered,—I am not able to fix the exact time when this survey will be completed. A survey has been made of a portion of the distance, and a surveyor is now engaged in exploring, to ascertain whether a better line cannot be obtained. The work will be pushed on as much as possible.

(9.) Railway, Wallsend to Maitland:—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to lay down a second line of rails from the Wallsend Junction to Maitland or Greta, to prevent accidents on the Great Northern Railway?

Mr. Combes answered,—It has been decided to double the line between Wallsend Junction and Hexham, a distance of 6 miles, and a sum of £20,000 is on the Loan Estimates of 1877 for this service.

(10.) Admission of Sheep into Queensland:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Queensland Government yet consented to admit Sheep from this Colony on the same terms as Sheep from Queensland are introduced into New South Wales?

(2.) If not, have the Queensland Government given any reasons for their refusal?

(3.) Will the Government again urge upon that of Queensland to withdraw the restriction referred to?

Mr.

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The only reason given by the Queensland Government is, "that it is not thought desirable."
- (3.) Yes.

(11.) The Agent General :—*Mr. Lynch*, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the present Government to censure the Agent General for replying to some remarks made by a man named Pritchard?

Sir John Robertson answered,—The Government have no such intention.

(12.) Extension of Great Northern Railway to Queensland :—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Are the surveys for the Railway extension to the North completed; and if so, will the Government have any objection to lay copies of the said surveys upon the Table of the House?
- (2.) Have the Government determined the route the Northern Railway will take to the Borders of Queensland?

Mr. Combes answered,—

- (1.) The surveys have been completed, and the necessary plans, &c., to be laid upon the Table of the House for the approval of Parliament, in accordance with the provisions of the Railway Act, will be completed as soon as possible.
- (2.) This matter has not yet been determined.

2. THE ELECTORAL LAW :—Mr. F. B. Suttor presented a Petition from R. T. B. Gaden, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town and District of Wellington, praying that a new Electoral Bill, giving increased representation to the Electorate of Wellington and other Districts, be passed before the dissolution of this Parliament.
Petition received.

3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 10) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Long, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Long then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 3rd October, 1877.

4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 6, postponed to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.

5. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Long moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 10) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 3rd October, 1877.

JOHN HAY,
President.

The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes before Two o'clock, A.M., until Four o'clock, P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales:

No. 133

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1877.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 10):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 55.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1877*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 4th October, 1877.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Application of John Gallagher for a Publicans License:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Bench of Magistrates at Tamworth refused to grant a Publicans License for a new house to John Gallagher, upon an application signed by ninety-eight persons, to the effect that the same was required for accommodation?

(2.) Previous to the application being made, were the house and premises inspected and reported upon by the police as complete and in accordance with the provisions of the Publicans Licensing Act? If so, on what grounds was the license refused?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) I have ascertained that the Bench of Magistrates at Tamworth refused to grant a Publicans License for a new house to John Gallagher, or Callaghan, in August last; that Gallagher applied again in September, and a petition was put in, signed by ninety-eight persons, to the effect that the house was required. A similar paper, signed by 110 persons, to the effect that the house was not required, had also been sent to the Bench.

(2.) The police had, I am informed, inspected the house, and reported that it was completed in accordance with the provisions of the Publican's Licensing Act; and the grounds for the two refusals are represented to have been that there were too many houses on the road to Nundle, namely, six in 30 miles.

(2.) Issue of Government Stores on Loan:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were any Bedsteads returned to the Ordnance Storekeeper in the month of June?

(2.) If so, by whom were they returned; how long were they lent; and to whom were they lent?

(3.) Was any sum of money paid to the Government for their use?

Mr. Long answered,—

(1.) Yes, seven camp Bedsteads.

(2.) Lent to, and returned by—Captain Strong, one, in use 6 years; Honorable G. Bagar, two, in use two years and two months; Quarter-master Sergeant Little, two, in use five years; Major Baynes, for Volunteer Force, two, in use two months.

(3.) No.

(3.)

(3.) Mr. Alexander Greville, Secretary to the Attorney General :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. Greville, Secretary to the Attorney General, was ordered by the Chief Commissioner in Insolvency to pay his creditors by instalments?

(2.) Is he aware that, on the 16th August, it was stated in the *Sydney Morning Herald* that in consequence of Mr. A. Greville not having complied with the Commissioner's order the Chief Commissioner made an order for absolute imprisonment for non-compliance with the order of the Court?

(3.) Will he take steps to compel Mr. Greville to pay his creditors, or dismiss him from the Civil Service if he does not pay his creditors?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

(1.) A proposition of Mr. Greville to pay his creditors by monthly instalments was submitted to and accepted by them, and an order was thereupon made in accordance therewith.

(2.) I am not aware of what is stated in the journal in question, but I have ascertained that such an order as that referred to was made, owing to a delay in the payment of certain instalments, which were however paid immediately after.

(3.) Mr. Greville is, I am informed, at this time engaged in making arrangements for the speedy settlement of all claims against him.

(4.) The Circular Quay :—*Mr. Stuart*, on behalf of Mr. Macintosh, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Are the plans for the improvement of the Circular Quay Wharf completed; if so, when will they be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Combes answered,—Yes; but as there will not be time to consider them this Session, they will not be laid upon the Table till next.

3. THE ELECTORAL LAW :—Mr. Combes presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Town and District of Molong, stating that Molong has never been accorded fair or adequate representation, and praying that it may be constituted a separate Electorate.
Petition received.

4. RESCISSION OF ORDER FOR PRINTING :—Sir John Robertson (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Order made on 16th January last, for printing two Maps, showing the Boundaries as defined in Schedule A of the Electoral Bill of 1876, be rescinded.
Question put and passed.

5. THE ELECTORAL LAW (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. F. B. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd October, from R. T. B. Gaden, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town and District of Wellington, praying for an amendment of the Electoral Law and increased representation, be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Long moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "it is the opinion of this House that the cost of the extensions of Railways, proposed by the Government to be provided for by Loan, ought to be defrayed out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund."

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

Debate ensued.

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

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon 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 several Resolutions.

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

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE YEARS 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, AND 1876.

Services of 1872.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £309 16s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1872."

Services of 1873.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £151 15s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1873."

Services of 1874.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £314 2s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1874."

Services of 1875.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,097 15s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1875."

Services of 1876.

NO II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £147, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Legislative Assembly."
No.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Police."
 (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £545, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Artillery Force."
 (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,250, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Prisons—Gaols generally."
 (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,636 19s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute."
 (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £173 7s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Lunatic Asylums."
 (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £251, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Registrar General."
 (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."
 (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,680 8s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Department of Justice and Public Instruction."
 (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Supreme and Circuit Courts."
 (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £77 8s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "District Courts."
 (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £372 10s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Coroners Inquests."
 (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £674 3s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Petty Sessions."
 (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £205 16s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions."
 (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous."
 (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,679 15s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Attorney General."
 (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £106 11s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Quarter Sessions."

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,013 12s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Customs."
 (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,488 17s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Printing, Bookbinding, &c."
 (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,221 17s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Stores and Stationery."
 (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £383 9s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Ordnance Department."
 (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8 12s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Health and Emigration Officers."
 (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £636 4s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Marine Board."
 (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,538 14s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,720 18s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Department of Lands."
 (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Inquiries under the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875."
 (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,343 14s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Inspection of Conditional Purchases."
 (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Commission to Land Agents."
 (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,265, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Survey of Lands."
 (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £610, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Oyster Beds."
 (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £52 6s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Department of Public Works."
 (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,450, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation."
 (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Colonial Architect."
 (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,515, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Works and Buildings."
 (53.)

(53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,540 13s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."

(54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,575 to defray supplementary charge under the heads "Railways—Existing Lines—Working Expenses."

(55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £852 6s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Railways—Miscellaneous."

NO. IX.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,025, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Post Office."

(57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,445 19s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Electric Telegraphs."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1877.

NO. I.—SCHEDULES.

(58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £2,135, to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule (B) to Schedule (No. 1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54.

NO. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £928, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Executive Council Establishment, for the year 1877.

(60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,020, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Council Establishment, for the year 1877.

(61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,738, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1877.

(62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,750, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Joint Establishment of the Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1877.

(63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,470, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Parliamentary Library Establishment, for the year 1877.

NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,796, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Secretary's Establishment, for the year 1877.

(65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,197, for the maintenance of the Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, for the year 1877.

(66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,507, to defray the expenses of the Naval Brigade, for the year 1877.

(67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £174,561, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Police Service, for the year 1877.

(68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £63,500, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Prisons, for the year 1877.

(69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61,878, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Lunatic Asylums, for the year 1877.

(70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44, to defray the salary of the Clerk to the Medical Board, for the year 1877.

(71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,735, to defray the charge for payment to Medical Adviser, Surgeons to Public Institutions, Fees to Medical Officers, Country Districts, Fees to Vaccinators, and for attendance on Aborigines, for the year 1877.

(72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,495, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Auditor General's Establishment, for the year 1877.

(73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,145, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1877.

(74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,650, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Agent General for the Colony, for the year 1877.

(75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,325, to defray the charge for Industrial Schools for the year 1877.

(76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,879, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Biloela Reformatory for Girls, Parramatta River, for the year 1877.

(77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, to defray the expense of a Reformatory for Boys, for the year 1877.

(78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £650, to defray the charge for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1877.

(79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,590, to defray the charge for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1877.

(80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48,753, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1877.

(81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Immigration, for the year 1877.

(82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,700, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1877.

NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,275 1s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Justice and Public Instruction, for the year 1877.

(84.)

- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,898, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1877.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,662, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Sheriff, for the year 1877.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,420, to defray the salaries of the Establishment of the Insolvency Court, for the year 1877.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,089, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the District Courts Establishments, for the year 1877.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,093, to defray the salaries and contingencies connected with Coroners Inquests, for the year 1877.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45,196, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Petty Sessions, for the year 1877.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,630, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Observatory, for the year 1877.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,800, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Museum, for the year 1877.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £280,000, for the support of Public Instruction, under the Act 30 Vict. No. 22, for the year 1877.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,780, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Free Public Library, for the year 1877.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,102, as Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1877.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,082, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1877.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,910, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Attorney General for the year 1877.
- (97.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,839, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Crown Solicitor, for the year 1877.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,604, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarter Sessions Establishment, for the year 1877.

NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,970, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1877.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £717 10s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Stamp Duties Establishment, for the year 1877.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £43,754, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Customs Establishment, for the year 1877.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,252, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Distilleries and Refineries Establishment, for the year 1877.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £295, to defray the charge for Gold Receivers, for the year 1877.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray the charge for Freight and Conveyance of Gold and Escorts, for the year 1877.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,912, to defray the salaries, wages, and contingencies of the Printing, Bookbinding, Stamps and Railway Tickets Department, for the year 1877.
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £76,854, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Stores and Stationery Establishment, for the year 1877.
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,187, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1877.
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £905, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Health and Emigration Officers, for the year 1877.
- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £866, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarantine Establishment, for the year 1877.
- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,300, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Shipping Master's Establishments for the year 1877.
- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,370, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Glebe Island Abattoir Establishment, for the year 1877.
- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36,195, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1877.
- (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, to defray Gratuities to Coxswains and Crews of Lifeboats, for the year 1877.
- (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £47,505, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1877.
- (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £60,000, to enable the Treasurer to make Advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation. The whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 31st December, 1878.

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,577, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Lands, for the year 1877.
- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,150, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department for "Conditional Land Sales Branch" for the year 1877.
- (118.)

- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,450, to defray Salaries and Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1877.
- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £582, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Inspection of Oyster Beds, for the year 1877.
- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, to defray the charge for Minor Roads, for the year 1877.
- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £209,214, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Survey of Lands, for the year 1877.
- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,229, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony, for the year 1877.
- (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,060, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Occupation of Lands Establishment, for the year 1877.
- (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,636, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Establishment for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1877.
- (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £110, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Imported Stock Establishment, for the year 1877.
- (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,175, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Registration of Brands, for the year 1877.
- (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,317, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Botanic Gardens Establishment, for the year 1877.
- (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,531, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Government Domains and Hyde Park, for the year 1877.
- (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,444, to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1877.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,269, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Mines, for the year 1877.

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,156, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Public Works, for the year 1877.
- (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £142,334, to defray the charge for Harbours and Rivers Navigation, for the year 1877.
- (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,835, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Colonial Architect, for the year 1877.
- (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £189,569, to defray the expense of Public Works and Buildings, for the year 1877.
- (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,500, to defray the charge for Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1877.
- (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,505, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Roads and Bridges, General Establishment, for the year 1877.
- (137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,924, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Roads and Bridges, Superintendents in Field, for the year 1877.
- (138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £416,274, to defray the expense for construction and maintenance of Roads and Bridges, for the year 1877.
- (139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £130, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1877.

No. VIII.—RAILWAYS.

- (140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,925, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Railway Branch of the Department of Public Works, "General Establishment," for the year 1877.
- (141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,121, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the "Engineering Establishment," Works in Progress, for the year 1877.
- (142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £381,247, to defray salaries and contingencies of Establishment, "Existing Lines—Working Expenses," for the year 1877.
- (143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,100, for "Miscellaneous," for the year 1877.

No. IX.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

- (144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £226,588, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Post Office Department, for the year 1877.
- (145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,645, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Money Order Department, for the year 1877.
- (146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £81,755, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Electric Telegraph Department, for the year 1877.
- (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for New Zealand Cable Subsidy, for the year 1877.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1877.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,488 18s. 4d., to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces."
- (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £410, to defray additional charge under the head "Police."
- (150.)

- (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray additional charge under the head "Prisons."
 (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £78, to defray additional charge under the head "Lunatic Asylums."
 (152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."
 (153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,173 11s. 6d., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £201 6s. 8d., to defray additional charge under the head "Customs."
 (155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12, to defray additional charge under the head "Distilleries."
 (156.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge under the head "Board of Pharmacy."
 (157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray additional charge under the head "Shipping Master."
 (158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,173, to defray additional charge under the head "Glebe Island Abattoirs."
 (159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24, to defray additional charge under the head "Marine Board."
 (160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,986 1s., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £155 5s., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,291, to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation."
 (163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £137,156 18s. 2d., to defray additional charge under the head "Public Works and Buildings."

FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1877.

NO. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80, to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Council."
 (165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £217, to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Assembly."
 (166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £160, to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Council and Assembly."

NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £265 19s. 8d., to defray additional charge under the head "Lunatic Asylums."
 (168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray additional charge under the head "Audit Department."
 (169.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80 19s. 2d., to defray additional charge under the head "Reformatory, South Head."
 (170.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,490 2s. 6d., to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."
 (171.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,862 1s. 8d., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."
 (172.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £107,519 11s. 10d., to defray additional charge under the head "Municipalities."

NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (173.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Justice and Public Instruction."
 (174.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30, to defray additional charge under the head "District Court."
 (175.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30, to defray additional charge under the head "Insolvency Court."
 (176.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,262, to defray additional charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions."
 (177.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £239 13s. 4d., to defray additional charge under the head "Free Public Library, Sydney."
 (178.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £87 10s., to defray additional charge under the head "Attorney General."
 (179.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £117, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (180.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,976 12s., to defray additional charge under the head "Customs."
 (181.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,125, to defray additional charge under the head "Government Printer."
 (182.)

- (182.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £625, to defray additional charge under the head "Stores and Stationery."
 (183.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,900, to defray additional charge under the head "Ordnance Department."
 (184.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £180,396 1s., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (185.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,980, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Lands."
 (186.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Land Agents, Appraisers and others."
 (187.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £77,060 8s., to defray additional charge under the head "Survey of Lands."
 (188.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,901 5s., to defray additional charge under the head "Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony."
 (189.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,375, to defray additional charge under the head "Occupation of Lands."
 (190.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,160, to defray additional charge under the head "Prevention of Scab in Sheep."
 (191.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £157, to defray additional charge under the head "Botanic Gardens."
 (192.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,652 12s. 8d. to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (193.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £125, to defray charge under the head "Department of Public Works."
 (194.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,125, to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Department."
 (195.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £91,918 10s. to defray additional charge under the head "Public Works and Buildings."
 (196.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £42,250, to defray additional charge under the head "Railways."
 (197.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45,316, to defray additional charge under the head "Electric Telegraphs."
 (198.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,041, to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."
 (199.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £177,632, to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges generally."
 (200.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

NO. IX.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

- (201.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,062, to defray additional charge under the head "Post Office."
 (202.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,395, to defray additional charge under the head "Electric Telegraph Department."

RE-VOTES FOR 1873, 1874, 1875, AND 1876.

- (203.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £420,424 16s. 8d., being for Appropriations and Balances of Appropriations which lapsed under the 17th clause of the "Audit Act of 1870," to be re-voted.

LOAN ESTIMATES, 1877.

RAILWAYS.

- (204.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1877, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £960,000, for Railways, being £680,000 for the extension of the Great Southern Railway, from the end of No. 3 Contract, near Wagga Wagga, to Albury, including the Viaduct over the river Murrumbidgee, 82 miles; £20,000, for Railway Trial Surveys; £20,000, to double the Line from Wallsend Junction to Hexham; and £240,000, for Rolling Stock, including Engines.

FORTIFICATIONS.

- (205.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1877, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £160,000, for Defence Works at Port Jackson, Botany Bay, and Newcastle, as per Resolution of the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

7. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Long, 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 several Resolutions.

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

The

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(13.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1876 and previous years, the sum of £106,260 17s. 11d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(14.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1877, the sum of £4,746,248 15s. 2d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(15.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £1,120,000, be raised by the sale of Debentures, or otherwise, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of carrying on certain Public Works of the Colony.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

8. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Long, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. 13 and 14, 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 1877, and for the year 1876 and previous years.
- (2.) Mr. Long 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 1877 and for the year 1876 and previous years*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Suspension of the Standing Orders:—Mr. Long (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of this Bill through its remaining stages this day.
Question put and passed.
- (4.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Long, read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Long, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

On motion of Mr. Long, that report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time

- (5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Long, *passed*.
Mr. Long then moved, That the Title of this 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 1877 and for the year 1876 and previous years*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1877 and for the year 1876 and previous years*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th October, 1877, A.M.

9. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Long, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 15, to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works.
- (2.) Mr. Long then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Suspension of the Standing Orders:—Mr. Long (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of this Bill through its remaining stages this day.
Question put and passed.
- (4.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Long, read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Long, 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. Long, that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson (*by consent*) moved, That this House do now adjourn until Wednesday next.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Combes,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. J. S. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Piddington,	

Nocs, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Beimet,
 Mr. McElhone.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at three minutes before Three o'clock A.M., until *Wednesday next*, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 134.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1877.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Court House, Bingera :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the contractor for the new Court House at Bingera has failed?
 (2.) If so, what steps have or will be adopted to complete this building?
 (3.) Are the plans of this building made suitable for the requirements of District Court and Quarter Sessions purposes hereafter?

Mr. Combes answered,—

- (1.) The Contractor for this building has become insolvent.
 (2.) The sureties have expressed their willingness to complete the building, but desire a fresh contract to be entered into with one of them. This will not be allowed, as they are required to carry out the work in terms of the bond, and if they refuse to do so fresh tenders will be invited.
 (3.) The building will not be suitable for holding Quarter Sessions and District Courts without additions being made to it.

- (2.) Inspection of Conditional Purchases :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to withdraw all cases from the hands of the Conditional Purchase Inspectors on which the declaration of residence and improvements was made prior to the passing of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875, as promised by Mr. Driver, on 25th June last, in answer to Mr. McElhone's questions on this subject?
 (2.) On how many selections have the Inspectors to report, on which declarations of residence and improvements were made prior to passing of new Land Act?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) 1,712.

- (3.) Platform for Apple-Tree Flat, Great Northern Railway :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to Petition sent to him, praying that a Railway Platform be erected at Apple-tree Flat, Great Northern Railway,—is it his intention to have a Platform erected at the above place?

Mr. Combes answered,—A Platform will not be erected at Apple-Tree Flat, but one will be put up at Liddell, within 3 miles of that place.

- (4.) Railway Line, Quirindi to Werris Creek :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The distance per Railway Line from Quirindi to Werris Creek, at the point from which it is intended to start the Gunnedah line?
 (2.) When is it likely the Great Northern Railway Line will be completed to Werris Creek; and is it intended, when so completed, to open a Station there for the benefit of the North-western people?

Mr. Combes answered,—

- (1.) The distance from Quirindi Station to the proposed junction of the North-Western Branch to Gunnedah is 11 miles.
 (2.) A Station will be established at Werris Creek when the Gunnedah Extension has been completed.

(5.)

(5.) Road, Walgett to Nugil:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the requisite notices been given, and the time expired, for objections to be lodged against proclamation of surveyed road from Walgett to Nugil, on the Castlereagh?
- (2.) If so, when; and have any objections been so lodged, and by whom?
- (3.) The nature of such objections; and are they considered sufficient to prevent the opening of this road to the public use?
- (4.) To what surveyor have such objections been referred for report, and the date of reference; has such report been received, and its nature; if not, cause of delay, or when likely to be received; and will the surveyor be requested to expedite such?
- (5.) Are the Government aware of the great inconvenience the public are sustaining by the delay in proclaiming this road; and when will it be thrown open for public use?
- (6.) When this road is sanctioned by the Governor and Executive Council, considering that it passes through Crown Lands only, will the public be permitted to travel it directly gazetted?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The road from Walgett to Nugil was preliminarily notified in the *Government Gazette*, 12th June, 1877; objections from Mr. Wolseley, the lessee of the run, received and referred to the District Surveyor for report, and notwithstanding the objections raised it is determined to confirm the road. To avoid the necessary legal delay in carrying out the confirmation of the road, the area embraced by it has been withdrawn from lease by notice in a Supplement to *Government Gazette* issued to-day; the public are therefore now entitled to the unobstructed use of the road as preliminarily notified.

(6.) Wharfage Rates:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to revise the Wharfage Rates now levied at the public wharfs of the Harbour?

Mr. Long answered,—The Government have no present intention of revising the Wharfage Rates now levied at public wharfs.

(7.) Special Train:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government sent a Special Train, on the 19th September, to bring Captain Ouslow down to vote for them?
- (2.) If so, was it paid for, and by whom?

Mr. Combes answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) A Special Train was run on the occasion referred to, and was paid for in accordance with the authorized rates.

2. STATISTICAL REGISTER FOR 1876:—Sir John Robertson (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Parts 1 to 6 of the Statistical Register for 1876 having been laid upon the Table, and ordered to be printed, the Clerk be authorized to include the remaining Parts with the printed Parliamentary Papers of the present Session.
Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report from Manager, relative to expenditure for 1876, on Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute.
- (2.) Report from the Hydraulic Engineer upon proposal to mitigate Floods in the Hunter River.
- (3.) Report from Hydraulic Engineer respecting Water Supply to Parramatta.
- (4.) Report from Hydraulic Engineer upon a supply of water for the Towns of Maitland, Morpeth, Newcastle, and the Mining Townships.
- (5.) Report from Hydraulic Engineer upon a supply of water to the Town of Bathurst.
- (6.) Report from Hydraulic Engineer upon a supply of water for the Town of Orange.
- (7.) Statistical Register for 1876 (Part 7.)

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Combes laid upon the Table,—

Return to an Order made on 3rd July, 1877, in reference to contracts for the repairs to Gundagai Gaol.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-law of the University of Sydney.
- (2.) Return to an Address adopted on 31st July, 1877, in reference to charge against Mr. Solomon Cohen.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Davies laid upon the Table,—

Return showing the estimated amount received from postage fines on letters posted at Sydney (insufficiently stamped) for Parramatta.
Ordered to be printed.

4. THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Terry presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Walcha District, praying that the present Land Law may be amended.
Petition received.

5. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Long, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Long then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th October, 1877.*
6. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the present Electoral Law.
Question put and passed.
7. THE ELECTORAL LAW (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition, presented by him on 4th October, from Residents of the Town and District of Molong, praying for an amendment of the Electoral Law, and that Molong may be constituted a separate Electorate, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. SUSPENSION OF MR. PRETIUS, OCCUPATION OF LANDS DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Letters, Papers, Correspondence, Minutes, &c., in reference to the case of the suspension of Mr. Pretius, Chief Clerk in Charge, Crown Lands Occupation Branch.
Question put and passed.
9. THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Terry (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition presented by him this day from certain Inhabitants of the Walcha District, praying that the present Land Law may be amended, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Bennett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Electoral Law,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
12. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) Public Works Loan Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th October, 1877.* JOHN HAY,
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 1877 and for the Year 1876 and previous Years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.
*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th October, 1877.* JOHN HAY,
President.
- Mr. Speaker drew the attention of the House to the ordinary practice here, and in the House of Commons, in reference to obtaining the Royal Assent to the Appropriation Bill, on the prorogation of Parliament,—
Whereupon, Sir John Robertson moved, That Mr. Speaker be authorized to present the Appropriation and Loan Bills to the Governor, at Government House, for the Royal Assent, without delay.
Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE
 to wit. } ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most
 Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
 (L.S.) Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New
 HERCULES ROBINSON, South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the
 Governor. same.

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled "*An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*" and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said Reign, intituled "*An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*" it was amongst other things enacted, that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now, therefore, I, SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, 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 thirtieth day of October instant, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this eleventh day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the forty-first year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,
 JOHN ROBERTSON.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE
 to wit. } ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and
 (L.S.)
 HERCULES ROBINSON, Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and
 Governor. its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled "*An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*" and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said Reign, intituled "*An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*" it was amongst other things enacted, that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to dissolve the Legislative Assembly whenever he should deem it expedient: And whereas it is expedient that the said Assembly should be now dissolved: Now, therefore, I, Sir HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby dissolve the said Legislative Assembly, and the same stands dissolved accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the forty-first year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

JOHN ROBERTSON.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED BY PROCLAMATION, THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1877.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Lands Acts Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Sydney Corporation Bill; second reading.
5. Electoral Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.
6. Criminal Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Volunteer Force Regulation Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the mal-administration of the affairs of this Country by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Hercules Robinson, has created serious embarrassment and confusion.
 - (2.) That, in view of the danger resulting from this state of things, this House is of opinion that an Address be at once transmitted to Her Majesty the Queen, praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to recall Sir Hercules Robinson from the Government of New South Wales.
 - (3.) That the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee to prepare the Address to Her Majesty the Queen, namely:—Sir John Robertson, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Greville, and the Mover.
2. MR. SCHOLEY to move,—
 - (1.) That, after the 31st December, 1877, the allowance for Stationery to Clerks of Petty Sessions be discontinued, and thereafter the Government supply all Stationery required by Benches of Magistrates throughout the country.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. SCHOLEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of houses erected upon the Government Reserve, Allan's Hill, and the adjoining land, down to the life-boat shed, Newcastle.
 - (2.) The owner or builder, with the names of those that have erected house or houses upon the Government land, in each case.
 - (3.) The number of leases or permissions granted by the Government, and amount paid yearly or otherwise for each; and the number, if any, not under lease or permission, nor paying any amount to the Government.
 - (4.) The number of houses occupied by Government employés, with their names and employment.
 - (5.) The number of houses occupied by persons not in the employ of the Government, with their names and amount of rent, yearly or otherwise, and to whom paid.
4. MR. TAYLOR to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the deepening of the Parramatta River, from Redbank to the mouth of the sewer built by the Government for the purpose of conveying the nuisances from the Government establishment, and which now empties itself under Lennox Bridge, in the centre of the town of Parramatta.
5. MR. TAYLOR to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the management of the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta, brought up on the 9th May last, be adopted.

6. MR. GRAY to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the districts of Illawarra, Kiama, and Shoalhaven, in point of mineral wealth and population, demands the construction of a Railway from Sydney to Jervis Bay without delay.
 (2.) That the Government should proceed at once, with all reasonable energy, to the construction of such work.
 (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. SCHOLEY to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £400, for the erection of house accommodation near the Life-boat Shed, Newcastle, for the Life-boat crew.
8. MR. JACOB to move, That, in the opinion of this House, immediate steps ought to be taken by the Government, with a view to the suppressing of the nuisance caused by the fumes of the Smelting Works at Waratah, whereby the light at the Light-house at Nobbys, Newcastle, is frequently obscured, to the great endangerment of life and property, and therefore necessitating decisive and prompt action.
9. MR. JACOB to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the serving of Summonses under the "Masters and Servants Act of 1857" is a legitimate function of the Police, there being nothing under the said or any other Act to prohibit it.
 (2.) That, therefore, the Circular of 6th July, 1870, from the Colonial Secretary's Office, issued at the instance of the Police authorities, intimating that the Police are no longer to be expected to serve Summonses under the Act aforesaid, ought to be recalled.
10. MR. LYNCH to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the rates or fares charged to passengers travelling on the Railways of the Colony are excessive, and ought to be reduced one-half, so as to make such fares equal, or nearly so, to the charges on the Victorian lines of Railway.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Animals Protection Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Lands Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Contractors Debts Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. W. H. Suttor*, "That this Bill be now read a third time."
5. Married Women's Property Bill; second reading.
6. Railway Extension towards the Circular Quay; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Railway ought to be extended from the present terminus at Redfern to the northern part of the City without unnecessary delay.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. Police Magistrate for Molong; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of providing a Salary for a Police Magistrate for the Town and District of Molong.
8. Coroners Inquests Bill; second reading.
9. Bankers Books and Cheques Bill; second reading.
10. Travelling Stock Regulation Bill; second reading.
11. Railway Station, Lithgow; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1876, a sum not exceeding £1,500 for the erection of a Station, Platform, and Siding, in as central a position to the Town of Lithgow as possible.
12. Adulteration of Food Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
13. Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
14. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
15. Mining Bill (No. 1); second reading.
16. Newcastle Glebe Leasing Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1876-7.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, Robert Palmer, Esq.	52	48	1	101
Allen, The Hon. George Wigram, Esq. (<i>Speaker</i>) ...	.....	4	.....	4
Baker, The Hon. Ezekiel Alexander, Esq. (<i>to 6 February, 1877, and from 23 February, 1877, to 17 August, 1877, and from 18 September, 1877</i>) ...	54	32	8	94
Bawden, Thomas, Esq.	2	3	1	6
Bennett, Hanley, Esq.	68	59	8	135
Booth, John, Esq.	11	7	.....	18
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	43	24	3	70
Brown, Stephen Campbell, Esq.	39	27	.....	66
Browne, William Charles, Esq.	75	56	9	140
Buchanan, David, Esq.	37	9	6	52
Burns, John Fitzgerald, Esq.	88	57	12	157
Butler, Edward, Esq., Q.C.	5	1	.....	6
Byrnes, Charles Joseph, Esq.	36	9	5	50
Cameron, Angus, Esq.	85	78	8	171
Charles, Samuel, Esq.	49	40	6	95
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	45	9	2	56
Cohen, Henry Emanuel, Esq.	57	42	9	108
Combes, The Hon. Edward, Esq. (<i>from 22 February, 1877, to 17 August, 1877, and from 18 September, 1877</i>) ...	40	25	4	69
Cunneen, James Augustine, Esq.	27	8	.....	35
Dangar, Henry Cary, Esq.	56	50	8	114
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons, Esq.	42	10	1	53
Davies, The Hon. John, Esq. (<i>to 17 August, 1877, and from 18 Sep- tember, 1877</i>) ...	85	72	17	174
Day, George, Esq.	57	52	14	123
Dibbs, George Richard, Esq.	73	51	4	128
Driver, Richard, Esq. (<i>to 22 March, 1877, and from 24 April, 1877</i>) ...	85	77	10	172
Farnell, James Squire, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) ...	93	.....	20	113
Fitzpatrick, Michael, Esq.	77	61	9	147
Forster, Robert Henry Mariner, Esq.	36	5	3	44
Garrett, The Hon. Thomas, Esq. (<i>to 17 August, 1877, and from 18 September, 1877</i>) ...	46	41	2	89
Gray, Samuel William, Esq.	18	4	.....	22
Greville, Edward, Esq.	45	25	5	75
Hay, William, Esq.	9	1	.....	10
Hill, Richard, Esq.	70	58	1	129
Hoskins, James, Esq. (<i>to 22 March, 1877, and from 24 April, 1877</i>) ...	67	47	11	125
Hurley, John, Esq. (<i>Hartley</i>) ...	71	66	3	140
Hurley, John, Esq. (<i>Narellan</i>) ...	19	5	.....	24
Jacob, Archibald Hamilton, Esq.	61	20	6	87
Johnston, William, Esq. (<i>from 20 February, 1877</i>) ...	37	14	2	53
Lackey, The Hon. John, Esq. (<i>to 17 August, 1877, and from 18 September, 1877</i>) ...	67	36	9	112
Leary, Joseph, Esq.	45	13	.....	58
Lloyd, George Alfred, Esq. (<i>to 22 March, 1877, and from 24 April, 1877</i>) ...	71	54	9	134
Long, The Hon. William Alexander, Esq. (<i>to 17 August, 1877, and from 18 September, 1877</i>) ...	37	48	2	87
Lord, George William, Esq.	23	4	.....	27
Lucas, John, Esq.	56	23	7	86
Lynch, Andrew, Esq.	60	43	3	106
Macintosh, John, Esq.	82	66	8	156
McElhone, John, Esq.	84	60	11	155
Montague, Alexander, Esq.	33	14	3	50
Moses, Henry, Esq.	24	16	1	41
Nelson, Harris Levi, Esq. (<i>to 30 January, 1877</i>) ...	10	.....	.....	10
Onslow, Arthur, Captain, R.N.	22	8	.....	30
Parkes, Sir Henry, K.C.M.G. (<i>to 22 March, 1877, and from 24 April, 1877</i>) ...	68	59	9	136
Phelps, Joseph James, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piddington, William Richman, Esq. (<i>to 22 March, 1877, and from 24 April, 1877</i>) ...	79	62	12	153
Pilcher, Charles Edward, Esq.	14	2	2	18
Robertson, The Hon. Sir John, K.C.M.G. (<i>to 17 August, 1877, and from 18 September, 1877</i>) ...	80	54	12	146
Rouse, Richard, Esq.	30	42	2	74
Scholey, Stephen, Esq.	55	42	4	101

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Shepherd, Patrick Lindesay Crawford, Esq.	31	32	2	65
Smith, John Samuel, Esq.	47	38	2	87
Smith, Robert Burdett, Esq.	57	35	5	97
Stevens, Charles James, Esq. (<i>to 6 July, 1877</i>) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stuart, Alexander, Esq.	75	56	6	137
Sutherland, John, Esq.	54	29	5	88
Suttor, Francis Bathurst, Esq. (<i>to 22 March, 1877, and from 24 April, 1877</i>)	76	52	14	142
Suttor, William Henry, junr., Esq.	62	51	11	124
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	41	30	2	73
Tece, William, junr., Esq.	51	17	3	71
Terry, Samuel Henry, Esq.	77	49	9	135
Turner, William, Esq. (<i>from 24 July, 1877</i>)	10	10	1	21
Warden, James, Esq.	30	2	.....	32
Watson, James, Esq.	33	12	2	47
Watson, William, Esq. (<i>to 16 January, 1877</i>) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Windeyer, William Charles, Esq. (<i>to 22 March, 1877, and from 24 April, 1877</i>)	72	58	8	138
Wisdom, Robert, Esq.	60	47	16	123
Wright, John James, Esq.	14	3	17

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1876-7.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
2. Select Committees :—										
On Public Matters	...	...	...	9						
On Private Bills	...	...	...	9						
				—						18
3. Standing Committees :—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
4. Public Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	12						
Assent not reported	...	...	...	2						
Reserved for Royal Assent	...	...	...	1						
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	44						
				—	59					
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	0						
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	4						
				—	4					63
5. Private Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	7						
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	3						
				—	10					
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	0						
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	0						
				—	0					10
6. Petitions received :—										
Printed	...	...	...	71						
Not printed	...	...	...	17						88
7. Divisions :—										
In the House	...	...	...	96						
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	82						
				—						178
8. Sittings :—										
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...						134
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...						835 h. 28 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...						41 h. 45 m.
Daily average	...	...	...	...						6 h. 14 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	2						
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	14						
				—						16
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...						134
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done	...	...	...	1,249						
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	4,061						
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	3,786						
Of Questions	...	...	...	2,797						
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	71						
				—						11,964
Daily average	...	...	...	...						89
10. Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...						23
Entries in Contingent Notice Paper	...	...	...	...						168
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...						98
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...						12
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...						28
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—										
By Message	...	...	...	36						
By Command	...	...	...	252						
By Speaker	...	...	...	2						
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	80						
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	20						
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	...	...	...	12						
				—						402
Ordered to be printed	...	...	...	393						
Not ordered to be printed	...	...	...	9						
				—						402

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1876.

No. 1.

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Clause 1. On and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for any wife to present a petition to the Court praying that her marriage may be dissolved on the ground that since the celebration thereof her husband has been guilty of "adultery" "any act or law to the contrary notwithstanding" And every such petition shall state as distinctly as the nature of the case permits the facts on which the claim to have such marriage dissolved is founded. Marriage may be dissolved at suit of wife for husband's adultery.

(Read.)

Motion made (*Mr. H. C. Dangar*), and Question put,—That after the word "adultery," line 3, there be inserted the words "desertion or cruelty."

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Long,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,

Tellers.

Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Macintosh.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Driver,

Mr. Charles,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,

Tellers.

Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Cohen.

No. 2.

(Same Clause.)

Motion made (*Mr. Baker*), and Question put,—That after the word "adultery," line 3, there be inserted the words "accompanied by cruelty or desertion"

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,

Tellers.

Mr. Charles,
Mr. W. C. Browne.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Driver,

Mr. Nelson,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,

Tellers.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*).

No. 3.

No. 3.

(Same Clause.)

Motion made (*Mr. Charles*),—To omit the words "any Act or law to the contrary notwithstanding," lines 3 and 4.

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Pilcher,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Hill.
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Parkes,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Charles,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Baker.

No. 4.

(Same Clause.)

Question put,—That the clause, as read, stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. W. H. Suttor.
Mr. Cameron,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Macintosh,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Davies.

Clause, as read, agreed to.

No. 5.

(Same Bill.)

Clause 2. In case the Court shall be satisfied on the evidence that the case of the petitioner has been proved the Court "shall" then pronounce a decree declaring such marriage to be dissolved. Provided that the Court shall not be bound to pronounce such decree if it shall find that the petitioner has during the marriage been guilty of adultery or if the petitioner shall in the opinion of the Court have been guilty of "unreasonable" delay in presenting or prosecuting such petition or of having deserted or wilfully separated herself from her husband before the adultery complained of or of such wilful neglect collusion or misconduct as has conduced to the adultery. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Charles*), and Question put,—That after the word "shall," line 2, there be inserted the words "six months after such proof"

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Davies,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Charles.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Cameron.

And the Division Lists showing that there was not a Quorum present, the Chairman left the Chair to report accordingly.

No. 6.

(Same Amendment.)

The Committee having resumed,—

Question again put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Charles,
Mr. Davies,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Baker.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Cameron.

No. 7.

No. 7.

(*Same Clause.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Baker*),—To omit the word “unreasonable,” line 5, and substitute the words “exceeding three months.”

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).
Mr. Pilcher,	
Mr. Driver,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers.
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Baker.

And the Division Lists showing that there was not a Quorum present, the Chairman left the Chair to report accordingly.

The Committee having resumed,—

Question *again* put, and resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again on Friday, 19th January, 1877.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 2.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY, 1877.

No. 1.

CUSTOMS REGULATION BILL.

Clause 23. The Governor shall appoint three persons to constitute a Board to be called "The Commissioners of 'Customs'" (any two of whom shall form a quorum) who shall with open doors hear and determine disputes between any officer of Customs and any other person respecting any matters whatever relating to the Customs which may be submitted to their judgment by the Collector on behalf of any such officer Or by the person preferring any complaint against such officer Or by any person who shall be dissatisfied with the determination of the Collector Or by the Colonial Treasurer in respect of any matter relating to the Customs. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Piddington*), and Question put,—That after the word "Customs," line 2, there be inserted the words "of whom the Collector of Customs may be one."

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Piddington.

Noes, 23.

<p>Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Burns, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Hill, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Booth, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Long, Mr. Driver,</p>	<p>Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Jacob, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Gray, Mr. Davies, Mr. Terry, Tellers. Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cohen.</p>
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Clause, as read, agreed to.

No. 2.

(Same Bill.)

Clause 46. The importer of goods shall make entry thereof before the expiration of the time hereinafter respectively prescribed after the date of the report of the ship importing the same, viz. :—

- (1.) For goods imported in any "sailing" vessel from any port in Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, Western Australia, New Zealand, or the South Sea Islands—~~twenty-four~~ twelve hours.
- (2.) For goods imported in any steamer from any of the said ports—twelve hours.

(3.)

Times allowed for
entry of goods.
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- (3.) For goods imported in any sailing vessel from any port other than the said ports—~~forty-eight~~ twenty-four hours.
- (4.) For goods imported in any steamer from any port other than the said ports—twenty-four hours.

Exclusive of
Quarantine, &c.
Entry of goods
not liable to
duty.

And the above computation of time shall be exclusive of Sundays and holidays and of any days during which the ship and goods may have been subject to Quarantine. And the bill of entry of any goods when signed by the Collector or proper officer shall be transmitted to the proper officer and be his Warrant for the delivery of the goods therein mentioned.

(Read.)

Motion made (*Mr. Dibbs*),—To omit the word "sailing," line 4.

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Rouse,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. W. H. Suttor.
Mr. Wisdom,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. McElhone.
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. Stephen Brown,	

No. 3.

(Same Clause.)

Motion made (*Mr. Dibbs*),—To omit the words "twenty-four" line 6, and substitute the word "twelve."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Burns,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Hill,	

Word inserted.

And the Clause having been further amended, as indicated,—

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 3.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY, 1877.

No. 1.

MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Clause 4. The Council of each Municipality shall ~~within twelve months after the passing of this Act and during each third year thereafter~~ ^{Estimate and assessment.} annually within three months after the election of the Mayor thereof make or cause to be made an estimate of the probable amount which will be annually required for the then current and two succeeding years in addition to any tolls rates or dues levied or authorized to be levied within the Municipality and to any probable income from fines voluntary contributions endowments or any other source of revenue to carry on the fencing making and repairing of any roads bridges punts wharves piers or other public works in the said Municipality and any other expenses necessary in carrying into effect the provisions of this or the Principal Act and shall raise the amount so estimated by an assessment and rate upon all rateable land ~~and property~~ ^{property} within such Municipality assessed as hereinafter mentioned ~~assessing valuing~~ the same at nine-tenths of the fair average annual rental of all buildings and cultivated land or land which is or has been let for pastoral mining or other purposes whether such buildings or land shall be then occupied or not and at the rate of *five* pounds per centum upon the capital value of the fee simple of all unimproved land such average rental and capital value of all such rateable land to be estimated by valuers as herein provided And notice of such assessment and rate and also notice of the assessment which shall from time to time be made as hereinafter mentioned shall be served if the land be occupied upon the occupier by a notice addressed to such occupier and left at or sent to him through the post to the premises and if unoccupied by a notice addressed to the lessee or owner of such land ~~and property~~ ^{property} and left at or sent through the post to his last known residence or place of "business" in the Colony And as to any rateable land which is unoccupied and the owner of which is not known to the Council the notice of such assessment and rate upon such last mentioned property shall be advertised once at least during each of two successive weeks in some newspaper circulating in the "Municipality" Provided that no such rate shall exceed ~~two~~ ^{one} shilling in the pound on the annual value of all such rateable property as assessed And the rate so imposed as aforesaid shall be payable by the occupier of the land ~~and property~~ ^{property} for which such rate is payable if occupied and if unoccupied then by the lessee or owner Provided also that nothing herein contained shall prevent or interfere with any private agreement between landlords and tenants with respect to the ultimate liability of either to pay any specified rate Provided further that in any notice whether by advertisement or otherwise as herein required of the assessment ~~and or~~ ^{and} rate upon any land ~~and property~~ ^{property} it shall not be necessary to describe the same by metes and bounds but it shall be sufficient to state in intelligible terms its situation and estimated area and in the case of notice by advertisement of assessment ~~and or~~ ^{and} rate as herein provided the name if known of the original owner or grantee And provided also that nothing herein or in the Principal Act contained shall prevent the Council from collecting their rates by half-yearly instalments. (Read.) Motion

Motion made (*Mr. R. Forster*) and Question put,—That after the word “business,” line 21, there be inserted the words “in the Colony.”

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Shepherd,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Lackey,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Burns.

Words inserted.

No. 2.

(*Same Clause.*)

Motion made (*Mr. R. Forster*) and Question put,—That after the word “Municipality,” line 25, there be inserted the words “Provided that all Schools Public or otherwise and the land attached thereto respectively, shall not be rateable property within the meaning of this Act.”

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. R. Forster.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Byrnes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. J. S. Smith,	

And the Clause having been further amended, as indicated,—

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 4.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY, 1877.

No. 1.

MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Clause 6. It shall be lawful for The Council of each Municipality and they are hereby authorized and required from time to time to ~~shall within nine months after the passing of this Act and during each third year thereafter~~ cause a valuation or assessment to be made of all rateable land property within such Municipality by two competent persons " (the Council Clerk not being one of them) " to be styled valuers ^{Valuation of rateable property.} ~~Provided however that as to land which has been already assessed and rated the last preceding valuation may be used with such alterations as may appear necessary to the valuers and which shall be taken to be the valuation for the then current and two succeeding years~~ And every valuer before acting as such shall before a Commissioner of the Supreme Court or a Justice make and subscribe a solemn declaration that he will make such valuation impartially and truly according to the best of his judgment and he shall deliver such declaration to the Mayor to be placed among the records of the Municipality. (Read.)

Motion made (Mr. Byrnes),—That the words " (the Council Clerk not being one of them) ," lines 4 and 5, be omitted.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Clause.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Cameron,	Tellers.
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Piddington,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Leary,
Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Macintosh,

Tellers.

Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Jacob.

And the Clause having been amended, as indicated,—
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 2.

(Same Bill.)

Clause 8. If any person shall think himself aggrieved by the value at which his land property has been assessed ~~for any year~~ he may on some day to be fixed by the Council after each assessment for the purpose of hearing such appeals and notified by advertisement signed by the Council Clerk in some newspaper circulating within the Municipality appeal against such assessment to two or more Justices in Petty Sessions (not one being the Mayor or Alderman ^{Appeal from assessment.} of

of any Municipality) held within or nearest to the Municipality in which the land property is situated such day not being earlier than fourteen nor later than ~~twenty-one~~ **thirty** days after the service of notice of the assessment as aforesaid and such Justices shall have power to hear and determine the same and to award such relief in the premises as the justice of the case may require and such decision shall be final as regards the value of such land property and the rate-book mentioned in the Principal Act shall if necessary be amended in accordance with such decision. Provided that no person shall have the right to appeal unless he shall have given notice in writing to the Council of his intention to appeal against the assessment seven days at least before the holding of such Petty Sessions. Provided also that in the case of any amendment by the Council of the rate aforesaid any person aggrieved or affected by such amendment shall have a right of appeal to such Petty Sessions in manner aforesaid at any time after the day so fixed as aforesaid on giving notice of such intended appeal as aforesaid within fourteen days after he shall have received notice of such amendment. Provided also that no Justice who has any personal interest in any such appeal nor any Mayor or Alderman of any Municipality "shall" act in the hearing or decision thereof or he shall be liable to a penalty **not exceeding** ~~of one hundred~~ **fifty** pounds. But no such notice of appeal shall prevent the receiving of any rate until such appeal shall have been decided. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. F. B. Suttor*) and Question put,—That before the word "shall" in line 15 above, there be inserted the words, "from which the appeals have arisen."

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Montague,

Tellers.

Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. W. H. Suttor.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Rouse,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Terry.
Mr. Cohen,	

And the Clause having been amended as indicated,—

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 3.

(*Same Bill.*)

The Council may let unoccupied lands for a term of years if rates unpaid.

After publishing a notice in Gazette &c.

An affidavit &c. to be conclusive evidence.

Clause 9. In any case in which a rate has been or shall hereafter be made in respect of any unoccupied land situated within any Municipality and such rate or any part thereof shall be due unpaid and in arrear for the space of *four* years and if at **after** the time of making such rate due notice thereof **has been given** and ~~subsequently during the said period of four years if all the provisions of this Act and the Principal Act in respect to notice of assessment and rate have been complied with~~ it shall be lawful for the Council of such Municipality to cause to be published at least three times in the *Gazette* and ~~three times weekly~~ **once a week for three successive weeks** in some newspaper circulating within the Municipality a notice signed by the Mayor in the form A in the Schedule to this Act annexed stating the name of the owner or reputed owner of such unoccupied land when known or if unknown then addressed "to all whom it may concern" and if after *one year* from the last publication of such notice the rates **so unpaid as aforesaid and all rates which may have become due for such land up to** ~~due at the time of the first publication thereof of such notice~~ "together with interest thereon" from the expiration of the municipal year in which such ~~unpaid rates was~~ **were respectively** made at the rate of *eight five* pounds per centum per annum and together also with the expenses of such publications ~~are~~ **shall be** still unpaid the said Municipal Council may demise and let the said land for any term not exceeding **three** years then following and at the expiration of such term from year to year at the best rent that can be obtained and may receive the rents and profits thereof and apply the same in or towards payment of the rates as well those in arrear as those becoming due in each year and of the said interest until the date of the payment thereof and also in or towards payment of the expenses of such publications and shall pay the surplus if any to the Colonial Treasurer to be held by him for the benefit of the person entitled thereto. And an affidavit or statutory declaration made by the Council Clerk that the provisions of the *fourth* section of this Act relative to notice of assessment and rate have been fully complied with as respects the said land annexed to any lease thereof made under the provisions of this Act together with the production of a copy of the said *Gazette* shall be ~~conclusive~~ **prima facie** evidence that the provisions of this Act and the Principal Act with respect to notices of assessment and of rates and all other proceedings necessary have been fully complied with. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Piddington*),—That the words "together with interest," lines 13 and 14 be omitted.

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

Committee

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. W. C. Browney
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Cunneen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Day,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Byrnes.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Piddington,
Tellers.
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Driver.

And the Clause having been amended, as indicated,—

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again to-morrow.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 5.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1877.

No. 1.

AD EUNDEM (AND HONORARY DEGREES) BILL:

Clause 1. Any degree which the Senate of the University of Sydney is now or may hereafter be empowered to confer after examination may at the discretion of the said Senate be conferred without examination in the said University upon any person who shall have obtained a corresponding or equivalent degree in any other University recognized by the By-laws of the University of Sydney in force for the time "being" the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland and to such other Universities as permit a reciprocal privilege Degrees may be granted in certain cases to graduates of other Universities. or who having passed the statutory examination or otherwise duly qualified himself for such corresponding or equivalent degree in any such other University shall not have proceeded to take such degree therein and the persons so admitted to such degrees shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as appertain to those who have taken the same degrees in the ordinary course in the University of Sydney. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Dibbs*) and Question put,—That after the word "being," in line 5, there be inserted the words, "and which other Universities permit to the graduates or students of the University of Sydney a like privilege."

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Day,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Terry,

Tellers.

Mr. Charles,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Montague,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. W. C. Browne,

Mr. Rouse,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Macintosh,

Tellers.

Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Greville.

No. 2.

(Same Clause.)

Motion made (*Mr. Dibbs*) and Question put,—That after the word "being" in line 5, there be inserted the words, "the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland and to such other Universities as permit a reciprocal privilege."

Committee.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Day,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Abbott,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Windeyer.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Luckey,	Mr. Greville.
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. Montague,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Rouse,	

Words inserted.

And the Clause having been further amended as indicated,—

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 3.

(*Same Bill.*)

Clause 3. The said Senate shall have power to confer without examination the degree of Master of Arts upon such person as shall previously have taken the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the University of Sydney in the ordinary course. (*Read.*)

Question put,—That the Clause as read stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Day.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Burns,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greville,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Charles.
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	

Clause, as read, agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Windeyer, the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill with amendments.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 6.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1877.

No. 1.

EMPLOYMENT OF FEMALES BILL.

Clause 3. No person ~~or persons~~ shall employ any female under the age of fourteen years ^{Working hours} ~~in preparing or manufacturing articles for trade or sale in any factory or work-room for more~~ ^{for females:} than eight hours in one day. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Cameron*) and Question put,—That after the word "female," in line 1, there be inserted the words "under the age of sixteen years."

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Baker,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Jacob,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. F. B. Suttor.
Mr. Montague,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	

And the Clause having been amended as indicated,—

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 2.

(Same Bill.)

Clause 4. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act as hereinafter set forth it shall be lawful for the ~~Inspector General of Police or any officer~~ ^{Police to inspect} ~~Colonial Secretary~~ ^{workrooms} ~~to enter and inspect any factory or workroom at any time during~~ ^{during working} working hours. (*Read.*)

The Clause having been amended as indicated,—

Question put,—That the Clause as read stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Abbott,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. Driver,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

And

And the Division Lists showing that there was not a Quorum present, the Chairman left the Chair, to report accordingly to the House.

No. 3.

(*Same Question.*)

The Committee having resumed,—
Question again put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Macintosh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Johnston.
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Allen,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Driver,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Dibbs.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again this day fortnight.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 7.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

THURSDAY, 3 MAY, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

*(Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—General Staff)*Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £6,965, to defray salaries and contingencies of the General Staff for the year 1877. (*Mr. Piddington.*)Motion made (*Mr. Greville*) and Question put,—That the Estimate be postponed.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. McElhone.

Tellers.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Greville.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hill,	Tellers.
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Johnston.
Mr. Moscs,	
Mr. Stephen Brown,	

No. 2.

*(Same Estimate.)*Motion made (*Mr. McElhone*) and Question put,—That the Estimate be reduced by £73.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Macintosh,	Tellers.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Johnston,	

No. 3.

No. 3.

(Same Estimate.)

Motion made (*Mr. Cameron*) and Question put,—That the Estimate be reduced by £72 19s. 11d.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. McElhane.
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Hill,	

Estimate agreed to.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Rouse,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Byrnes.
Mr. W. C. Browne,	

FRIDAY, 4 MAY, 1877.

No. 4.

EMPLOYMENT OF FEMALES BILL.

Warmth of
rooms.

Clause 6. Every workroom shall be provided with means and appliances for efficiently warming the same where the nature of the work requires such provision to be made such efficient warming to be a temperature of at least sixty-five degrees Fahrenheit.

(Read.)

Mr. Windeyer moved that the following words be added to the end of the Clause,—“where the nature of the work requires such provision to be made.”

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. McElhane,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Stuart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Clarke,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers.
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Dibbs.

The Clause having been further amended, as shown, was then put and agreed to.
The Chairman left the Chair, to report the Bill with Amendments.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 8.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(Police.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £174,561, to defray salaries and contingencies of the Police for the year 1877. (*Mr. Piddington.*)

Motion made (*Mr. McElhone*) and Question put,—That the item £18,000 for Forage be reduced by the sum of £2,000.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. McElhone,

Tellers.

Mr. Long,

Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Driver,

Mr. Piddington,

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,

Mr. Hoskins,

Mr. Baker,

Mr. Windeyer,

Mr. F. B. Suttor,

Mr. Charles,

Mr. Burns,

Mr. Byrnes,

Mr. Stuart,

Mr. Combes,

Mr. Abbott,

Mr. J. Watson,

Mr. Hill,

Mr. J. S. Smith,

Mr. Lynch,

Mr. Wisdom,

Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),

Mr. Cohen,

Mr. W. C. Browne,

Mr. R. Forster,

Mr. Fitzpatrick,

Mr. Leary,

Mr. Moses,

Mr. Lackey,

Mr. Davies,

Mr. W. H. Suttor,

Mr. Day,

Mr. Scholey,

Mr. Bennett,

Mr. Garrett,

Tellers.

Mr. Terry,

Mr. Jacob.

Estimate agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 9.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

THURSDAY, 17 MAY, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £16,590, to defray salaries and contingencies for the Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute for the year 1877. (*Mr. Parkes.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Cameron*) and Question put,—That the item £500, salary of Manager, be reduced by the sum of £100.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Bennett,

Tellers.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Long.

Noes, 20.

Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Burns,

Mr. Greville,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Day,

Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Charles.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 18 MAY, 1877.

No. 2.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES BILL.

Terms on which
license may be
granted.

Clause 6. Upon application in writing to the Inspector General of Police for a license under this Act ~~accompanied by a certificate of the good character of the applicant signed as hereinbefore specified and directed~~ the said Inspector General may refer such application to the officer of health for the City of Sydney or in case of the absence or illness of the said officer of health to any other legally qualified medical practitioner who shall thereupon inspect the premises and report to such inspector his opinion as to their fitness as a common lodging-house—the number and dimensions of the several rooms by square superficial feet and by cubic feet—the arrangements proposed for the due and proper separation of the sexes ~~the mode in which the sexes ought to be classified~~ and the alterations if any which require to be made for better drainage ventilation or supply of water And if and when the said Inspector General is satisfied with such report and that such alterations if requisite have been properly made he may having regard to the entire number of inmates grant a license for such premises as a common lodging-house for six or twelve months for so many lodgers as he may think fit And such applicant shall pay for such license the sum of ten shillings if for six months and twice that amount if for twelve months—to be paid to the Inspector General of Police and by him to be paid into the Colonial Treasury to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. H. C. Dangar*) and Question put,—That the Clause be amended, by inserting in line 8, after the word "feet," the words "the arrangements proposed for the due and proper separation of the sexes."

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Terry,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Wisdom,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Combes.

The Clause having been further amended as shown, was put and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again on Friday, 1st June.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 10.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

MONDAY, 21 MAY, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £16,590, to defray salaries and contingencies for the Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute for the year 1877. *(Mr. Parkes.)*

Motion made *(Mr. McElhone)* and Question put,—That the item £500, salary of Manager, be reduced by the sum of £99.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Baker,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wisdom,

Tellers.

Mr. Long,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Hurley <i>(Hartley)</i> .
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Davics,	

On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 11.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

MONDAY, 28 MAY, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(Immigration.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Immigration for the year 1877. (*Mr. Parkes.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Cameron*) and Question put,—That the estimate be reduced by the sum of £50,000.

And the Committee continuing to sit after midnight,—

TUESDAY, 29 MAY, 1877. A.M.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. McElhone,

Tellers.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. H. H. Brown.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Windoyer,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Rouse,

Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Driver,
Tellers.
Mr. Moscs,
Mr. Dibbs.

Estimate agreed to.

No. 2.

(Miscellaneous Services.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £21,700 for Miscellaneous Services, Colonial Secretary's Department, for the year 1877. (*Mr. Parkes.*)
A— Motion

Motion made (*Mr. McElhone*) and Question put,—That the item £5,000 in aid of Agricultural Societies be omitted.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Bennett,
Tellers.
Mr. Long,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Taylor, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Hill, Mr. Driver,	Mr. Abbott, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Rouse, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Day, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>), <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Moses.
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No. 3.

(*Same item.*)

Motion made (*Mr. McElhone*) and Question put,—That the item £5,000 be reduced by £1,000.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Long,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Cohen,
Tellers.
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Lynch.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Parkes, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Day, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Moses, Mr. Driver, Mr. Hill, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Taylor.
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Estimate agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(*Department of Justice and Public Instruction.*)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £5,435, to defray salaries and contingencies of the Department of Justice and Public Instruction for the year, 1877. (*Mr. F. B. Suttor.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Cameron*) and Question put,—That the item £400, salary of the Chief Clerk, be reduced by the sum of £25.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Long, Mr. Burns, Mr. Baker, Mr. Leary, Mr. Pilcher, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Booth, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Warden, Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Clarke, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Day, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Garrett, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Scholey, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cohen.
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Noes, 17.

Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Driver, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Terry, Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Abbott, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>), <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Hill, Mr. W. C. Browne.
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No. 2.

(*Same Estimate.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Cameron*) and Question put,—That the item £350, salary of the Second Clerk (in charge of records), be reduced by the sum of £50.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Long,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Bennett,
Tellers.
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Lynch.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hill, Mr. Stuart, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>), Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Burns, Mr. Leary, Mr. Davies,	Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>), Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Baker, Mr. Driver, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Taylor.
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No. 3.

No. 3.

(Same item.)

Motion made (*Mr. Cameron*) and Question put,—That the item £350 be reduced by the sum of £49 19s.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Long,	
Mr. Warden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Day,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Moscs.
Mr. Terry,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Davies.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	

The numbers being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote with the ayes.

No. 4.

(Same Estimate.)

Motion made (*Mr. Wisdom*) and Question put,—That the item £300, salary of Third Clerk, be reduced by the sum of £50.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Rouse,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Lynch.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	

Reduced estimate (£5,275 1s.) agreed to.

On motion of Mr. F. B. Suttor, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

THURSDAY, 31 MAY, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(Coroners Inquests.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,093, to defray salaries and contingencies for Coroners Inquests for the year 1877. (*Mr. F. B. Suttor*.)

Mr. Long moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Long.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Rouse,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Day,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Taylor.

Estimate agreed to.

No. 2.

(Petty Sessions.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45,196, to defray salaries and contingencies of Petty Sessions for the year 1877. (*Mr. F. B. Suttor*.)

And the Committee continuing to sit after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE, 1877, A.M.

Motion made (*Mr. F. B. Suttor*) and Question put,—That the item £225, salary Clerk of Petty Sessions, Carcoar (a Magistrate), be postponed.
Mr.

Mr. McElhone moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair.
Question put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Davies,
Tellers.
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Long.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).
Mr. Buras,	
Mr. Bennett,	

Question for the postponement of the item again put.

No. 3.

(*Same item.*)

Mr. Long moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Davies,
Tellers.
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Long.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	

Question for the postponement of the item again put.

No. 4.

(*Same item.*)

Mr. Long moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair.

Question put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Long,
Mr. Davies,
Tellers.
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Shepherd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).
Mr. Rouse,	

Question for the postponement of the item again put.

No. 5.

(*Same item.*)

Mr. Long moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Davies,
Tellers.
Mr. Long,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. J. S. Smith.
Mr. Bennett,	

Question

Question for the postponement of the item again put.

No. 6.

(*Same item.*)

Mr. McElhone moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Long.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Shepherd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. Abbott,	

Question for the postponement of the item £225 again put, and agreed to.
Reduced Estimate (£44,971) put.

No. 7.

(*Same Estimate.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Scholey*) and Question put,—That the item £800 for Incidental Expenses be reduced by the sum of £50.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. McElhone,
Tellers.
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Bennett.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Long,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. Hill,	

Reduced Estimate again put.

No. 8.

(*Same item.*)

Mr. McElhone moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Lynch,
Tellers.
Mr. Long,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Davies,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Day,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hill,	

Reduced Estimate again put.

No. 9.

(*Same item.*)

Motion made (*Mr. McElhone*) and Question put,—That the item £800 be reduced by the sum of £25.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Long,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Scholey,
Tellers.
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Taylor.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Shepherd.
Mr. Piddington,	

Reduced Estimate again put.

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No. 10.

No. 10.

(Same item.)

Motion made (*Mr. McElhone*) and Question put,—That the item £800 be reduced by the sum of £15.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Scholey,

Tellers.

Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Taylor.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Long,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Piddington,

Mr. Hill,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Day,
Tellers.
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Reduced Estimate (£44,971) agreed to.

On motion of Mr. F. B. Suttor, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE, 1877.

No. 1.

POLICE MAGISTRATE FOR CARCOAR.

(Resolution.)

Mr. Lynch moved,—That the Committee agree to the following Resolution,—

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1877, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of providing a salary for a Police Magistrate for the Town and District of Carcoar.

Question put,—That the Resolution, as read, be agreed to.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Tecce,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Sutherland,

Mr. Warden,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Garrett,
Tellers.
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Greville.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Scholey,

Tellers.

Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. W. C. Browne.

On motion of Mr. Lynch, the Chairman left the Chair to report the Resolution to the House.

No. 2.

MAIN AND MINOR ROADS OF THE COLONY.

(Resolution.)

Mr. Garrett moved,—That the Committee agree to the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on a Further Additional Estimate for 1877, to add to the grants set apart for the repair and maintenance of the Main and Minor Roads of the Colony for the present year, at the following rate, viz.:—Main and 1st and 2nd class Minor Roads, 25 per cent.; 3rd and 4th class Minor Roads, 50 per cent.; 5th and 6th class Minor Roads, 100 per cent.; and an additional sum of £6,000 for unclassified Minor Roads.

Motion made (*Mr. Bennett*) and Question put,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair, report progress and ask leave to sit again this day fortnight.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. W. C. Browne,

Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Driver,
Tellers.
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Greville.

Noes, 14.

Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Sutherland,

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Davies,
Tellers.
Mr. Warden,
Mr. Lynch.

Chairman left the Chair to report accordingly.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 12.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

MONDAY, 4 JUNE, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(The Attorney General.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £3,910, to defray salaries and contingencies of the Attorney General's Department, for the year 1877.

(Mr. Windeyer.)

Motion made *(Mr. Wisdom)* and Question put,—That the item £250, to meet Incidental Expenses of Prosecutions, be postponed.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Lackoy,
Mr. McElhono,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Baker,

Tellers.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Long.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Parke,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Day,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Davies,

Mr. Moses,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Driver,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. R. B. Smith,

Tellers.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Dibbs.

No. 2.

(Same Estimate.)

Question again proposed.

Mr. Cameron moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Long,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Bennett,

Tellers.

Mr. McElhono,
Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Piddington,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,

Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Dibbs,

Tellers.

Mr. Moses,
Mr. Cohen.

And

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE, 1877, A.M.

The Estimate was put and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,190, to defray salaries and contingencies of the Stamp Duties Department for the year 1877. (*Mr. Piddington.*)

Motion made (*Mr. McElhone*) and Question put,—That the Estimate be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. W. C. Browne,

Tellers.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Long.

Noes, 28.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. J. S. Smith,	

No. 2.

(*Same Estimate.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Charles*) and Question put,—That the item £500, salary of Commissioner, be reduced by the sum of £250.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Taylor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Terry.
Mr. Abbott,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Dibbs,
Tellers.
Mr. Davies,
Mr. J. S. Smith.

Reduced Estimate put.

No. 3.

(*Same Estimate.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Cameron*) and Question put,—That the item £250, salary of Accountant, be reduced by the sum of £125.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Wisdom,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Long,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Day,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Shepherd.
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. McElhone,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Tellers.
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Dibbs.

Reduced Estimate again put.

No. 4.

No. 4.

(Same Estimate.)

Motion made (*Mr. Charles*) and Question put,—That the item £150, salary of Stamper and Messenger, be reduced by the sum of £75.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. McElhoun,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Abbott,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Long.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Davies,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. H. C. Dangar.

Reduced Estimate again put.

No. 5.

(Same Estimate.)

Motion made (*Mr. Charles*) and Question put,—That the item £45, salary of Office-keeper, be reduced by the sum of £22 10s.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Day.
Mr. Moses,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Macintosh,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Reduced Estimate of £717 10s. put and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

FRIDAY, 8 JUNE, 1877.

No. 1.

MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Clause 28. Subject to the provisions and limitations contained in sections one hundred and ninety and one hundred and ninety-one of the Principal Act and hereinafter contained the Governor on the recommendation of the Minister may authorize the Colonial Treasurer to advance on loan out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to any Municipality a sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the estimated revenues thereof **exclusive of Government endowment** for *five* years for the purpose of enabling the Council thereof to carry out any works connected with the supply or regulation of water **drainage** or sewerage or any other permanent work of public utility or sanitary improvement and an account of all such loans and of the repayment thereof shall be kept amongst the Trust accounts at the Treasury and shall be published in the quarterly abstracts of such accounts. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Sir John Robertson*) and Question put,—That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Hill,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Warden,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Wisdom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Cohen.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Piddington,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

No. 2.

(Same Bill.)

Clause 29. The Governor ~~may~~ shall appoint one or more Commissioners for the purpose of considering and inquiring into the expediency of granting any loan applied for by any ~~Municipal~~ the Council of any Municipality And for reporting upon the value of the security for such loan proposed and offered by such Council And such Commissioners shall

The Governor shall appoint Commissioners to report on applications for loans.

Commissioners
may examine
witnesses &c.

The expenses of
inquiry to be
borne by Muni-
cipal Council.

shall be empowered to examine witnesses on oath or otherwise upon any subject of their inquiry and to call for and examine all books and accounts kept by such Municipal Council And all reasonable expenses incurred by the Commissioners in the legitimate discharge of their duties shall be defrayed by the Council and if not otherwise paid such expenses may be deducted out of any loan which may be granted to such Municipality and be paid accordingly by the Colonial Treasurer upon his being satisfied that such expenses are reasonable and proper but should no loan be granted then such expenses shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony.
(*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Stephen Brown*) and Question put,—That the word “shall” be inserted in line 1, in place of the word “may,” omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Combes,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Charles,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. J. S. Smith,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers.
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

No. 3.

(*Same Clause.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Stephen Brown*) and Question put,—That the word “the” be inserted before the word “Council,” in line 3.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Garrett,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Combes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,	
Mr. Long,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Macintosh,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Windeyer,
Tellers.
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

The Clause having been further amended, as shown,—
The Chairman left the Chair, to report the Bill with Amendments.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 13.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

MONDAY, 11 JUNE, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.
(Colonial Distilleries and Refineries.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £4,582, to defray salaries and contingencies for Colonial Distilleries and Refineries, for the year 1877. (Mr. Piddington.)

Motion made (Mr. Cameron) and Question put,—That the item £175, salary of Chief Inspector of Refineries, be omitted.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.
Mr. Bennett,
Tellers.
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 26.
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Day,
Tellers.
Mr. Hurley (Hartley),
Mr. Long.

Reduced estimate of £4,252 put and agreed to.

No. 2.

(Printing, Bookbinding, Stamps, and Railway Tickets.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £29,962, to defray salaries, contingencies, &c., for Printing, Bookbinding, Stamps, and Railway Tickets, for the year 1877. (Mr. Piddington.)

Motion made (Mr. Piddington) and Question put,—That the item £760 for Sub-overseers be reduced by the sum of £50.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Hurley (Hartley),
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Johnston,
Tellers.
Mr. Day,
Mr. Shepherd.

Noes, 13.
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Long,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Macintosh,
Tellers.
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Reduced estimate of £29,912 put and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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No. 14.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

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 IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

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MONDAY, 18 JUNE, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(*Conditional Land Sales Branch.*)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £21,150, to defray salaries and contingencies of the Conditional Land Sales Branch, for the year 1877.
 (Mr. Driver.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That the item £4,900, salaries of Inspectors of Conditional Purchases, be reduced by the sum of £1,400.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Long,
 Mr. W. C. Browne,
 Mr. Day,
 Mr. Cameron,
 Mr. Bennett,
 Mr. Schioley,

Tellers.

Mr. McElhone,
 Mr. Jacob.

Noes, 19.

Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Davies, Mr. Burns, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Driver, Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Hill, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. H. Suttor, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Cohen, Mr. Lynch.
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On motion of Mr. Driver, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

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THURSDAY, 21 JUNE, 1877, A.M.

No. 2.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(*Registration of Brands.*)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,175, to defray salaries and contingencies of the Department of Registration of Brands, for the year 1877. (Mr. Driver.)

Motion made (Mr. Hill) and Question put,—That the item £50, salary of Registrar of Brands, be omitted.

Committee

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Long,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Hill,

Tellers.

Mr. Moses,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 23.

Sir Henry Parkes, Sir John Robertson, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Driver, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Day, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>), Mr. Bennett, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Davies, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Burns, Tellers. Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Lynch.
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On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

THURSDAY, 21 JUNE, 1877.

No. 3.

DEFENCES OF THE COLONY.

(Resolutions.)

Resolved,—

- (1.) That the Permanent Artillery Force be increased to three batteries of 100 men gunners each.
- (2.) That immediate steps be taken to order for the Defence Service an ironclad ship-of-war, of the tonnage, capacity, and armament of the vessel described in the Report of His Excellency Sir William Jervois.
- (3.) That the alterations in the Defence works of Port Jackson, and new fortified works at Botany Bay and Newcastle, as recommended in the Report of His Excellency Sir William Jervois, be undertaken and carried out without delay.
- (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Sir Henry Parkes moved,—That Resolution No. 2 be agreed to.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>), Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Johnston, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Charles, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Day, Tellers. Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Cohen.
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Noes, 13.

Mr. Bennett, Mr. Long, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Cameron, Captain Onslow, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Combes, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Davies, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Warden, Mr. Leary, Tellers. Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Terry.
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On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Chairman left the Chair, to report the Resolutions to the House.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 15.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

MONDAY, 25 JUNE, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(Department of Mines.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £21,269, to defray salaries and contingencies of the Department of Mines, for the year 1877. (*Mr. G. A. Lloyd.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Cameron*) and Question put,—That the item £1,500, salary of Secretary for Mines, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 25.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Day,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 16.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

FRIDAY, 13 JULY, 1877.

No. 1.

MAIN AND MINOR ROADS OF THE COLONY.

(Resolution.)

Mr. Garrett moved,—That the Committee agree to the following Resolution,—

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on a Further Additional Estimate for 1877, to add to the Grants set apart for the repair and maintenance of the Main and Minor Roads of the Colony for the present year, at the following rate, viz.,—Main and 1st and 2nd class Minor Roads, 25 per cent. ; 3rd and 4th class Minor Roads, 50 per cent. ; 5th and 6th class Minor Roads, 100 per cent. ; and an additional sum of £6,000 for Unclassified Minor Roads.

Question put,—That the Resolution, as amended, be agreed to.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. McElhone,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. J. Watson.
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	

Noes, 15.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Johnston.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Hill,	

On motion of Mr. Garrett, the Chairman left the Chair, to report the Resolution to the House.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 17.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(Charitable Allowances—Foundling Hospital.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,055 10s., to defray charge under the head "Charitable Allowances," for the year 1877. (*Mr. Piddington.*)Motion made (*Mr. Cameron*) and Question put,—That the item £1,805 10s., for Foundling Hospital, Sydney, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Rouse,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Day,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. McElhone.
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	

Noes, 18.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Burns,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).
Mr. Montague,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Bennett,	

Reduced Estimate of £250 agreed to.

THURSDAY, 19 JULY, 1877, A.M.

No. 2.

(Harbours and Rivers Navigation—Moama Wharf.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £52,291, to defray charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation," for the year 1877. (*Mr. Hoskins.*)Motion made (*Mr. Day*) and Question put,—That the item £5,000, Wharf and Shipping Appliances, Moama, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Rouse,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Day,
Mr. Dibbs.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Cameron,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Long,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Cohen,	

On motion of Mr. Hoskins, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 18.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

TUESDAY, 31 JULY, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(Public Works and Buildings—Lock-up, Redfern.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £141,556 18s. 2d., to defray charge under the head "Public Works and Buildings," for the year 1877. (*Mr. Hoskins.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Davies*) and Question put,—That the item £1,100, Lock-up at Redfern, further sum, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Burns,

Tellers.

Mr. Gray,
Mr. Jacob.

Noes, 20.

Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Charles, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>), Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Teece, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Scholey, Tellers. Mr. Day, Mr. Terry.
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No. 2.

(Same Item.)

Motion made (*Mr. Davies*) and Question put,—That the item be reduced by the sum of £1,099.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. McElhone,

Tellers.

Mr. Davies,
Mr. Gray.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Teece, Mr. Burns, Mr. Day, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Terry, Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Sutherland, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Bennett, Tellers. Mr. Charles, Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).
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Several items having been withdrawn, the reduced estimate of £137,156 18s. 2d. was put and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hoskins, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1877.

No. 3.

ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2).

Interpretation.

Clause 1. In this Act the following words in inverted commas shall have the meanings set against them respectively unless inconsistent with or repugnant to the context—

“Assembly”—The Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

“Speaker”—The Speaker of the Assembly for the time being.

“Member”—Member of the “Assembly.”

“Election”—The Election of any Member of the Assembly.

“Roll”—The revised Electoral Roll of Electors entitled to vote at the election of any Member of the Assembly.

“List”—Any unrevised Electoral List of Electors.

“Collector”—Any Collector or Assistant Collector of Electoral Lists duly appointed.

“Natural-born subject”—Every person born in Her Majesty's Dominions or either of whose parents was so born.

“Naturalized subject”—“Every person who in England is or shall be naturalized and every person made a denizen or having received a certificate of naturalization under the Acts eleven Victoria number thirty-nine or the Act thirty-ninth Victoria number nineteen. (Read.)

Motion made (*Mr. Jacob*) and Question put,—That after the word “Assembly” in line 5, there be inserted the words “Elector”—Any person whose name is entered on any Roll and who is not disqualified or incapacitated to vote by this Act.”

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Stuart,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. McElhone,

Tellers.

Mr. Terry,
Mr. Clarke.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Leary,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Lynch,	Tellers.
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hill.
Mr. Turner,	

The Clause having been further amended, was agreed to.

No. 4.

(Same Bill.)

Provision for
additional
Member for
Districts
returning two
Members.

Clause 6. Subject to the conditions and provisions hereinafter contained every Electoral District entitled under the provisions of the next preceding section to return two Members to serve in the Assembly shall so soon as the number of electors on the Electoral Roll for the time being of such Electoral District shall have reached five thousand be and continue to be entitled as hereinafter mentioned to return one additional Member to serve in the Assembly. (Read.)

Motion made (*Sir John Robertson*) and Question put,—That there be added at the end of the Clause, the following words:—“If at any subsequent issue of writs for a General Election it shall appear to the Governor with the advice aforesaid that the number of electors on the Electoral Roll for the time being of any such Electoral District has fallen by not less than names below the number hereinbefore specified as constituting the title of an Electoral District to such additional representation as aforesaid then the writ shall be issued by the Governor for the return of that number of Members only to which such District is entitled under the last preceding section hereof.”

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Charles,

Tellers.

Captain Onslow,
Mr. Greville.

Noes, 29.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Day,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Combes,	Tellers.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Teccc,	Mr. Shepherd.
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	

Question

Question put,—That the Clause as read stand part of the Bill. (*Sir Henry Parkes.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Wright.

Noes, 14.

Sir John Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stuart,	
Captain Onslow,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Tecco.
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Turner,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. Rouse,	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again on Thursday next.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 19.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1877.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1876 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

(Australian Riflemen in America—Expenses incurred by Mr. H. C. Dangar.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1876, a sum not exceeding £4,680 Ss. 4d., to defray charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

Motion made (*Sir John Robertson*) and Question put,—That the item £1,000, to make good the sum advanced to the New South Wales Rifle Association by Mr. H. C. Dangar, to meet the expense of sending Riflemen to Philadelphia, be withdrawn.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Greville.
Mr. Piddington,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Teoce,
Mr. Charles,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Dibbs.

Reduced Estimate of £3,680 Ss. 4d. then put and agreed to.

No. 2.

LOAN ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(Railways.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1877, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,982,500, to defray charge under the head "Railways."

Mr. Long moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Question put.

Committee

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Long,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. McElhone.
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	

Noes, 16.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Charles.

And the Motion that the Chairman do now leave the Chair having been put and negatived,—

No. 3.

Question again proposed.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1877, A.M.

Mr. Long moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Long,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Teece.

Noes, 10.

Sir Henry Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. R. B. Smith.
Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Turner,	
Mr. Charles,	

THURSDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1877.

No. 4.

SUPPLY—LOAN ESTIMATES FOR 1877.

(*Mudgee Railway.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Long*) and Question put,—That the item £392,500, for the extension from Wallerawang to Mudgee, 85 miles, be withdrawn.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. McElhone.
Mr. Macintosh,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Rouse.
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Bennett,	

No. 5.

(*Fortifications.*)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1877, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £160,000, to defray charge under the head "Fortifications."

Motion made (*Mr. Greville*) and Question put,—That the item be reduced by the sum of £159,000.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Bennett,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Teece.

Noes, 29.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Driver,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Rouse,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. J. Watson.
Mr. Combes,	

No. 6.

No. 6.

Question again proposed.

Motion made (*Mr. Turner*) and Question put,—That the item be reduced by the sum of £158,000.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Greville,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Bennett,
Tellers.
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Teece.

Noes, 30.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Macintosh,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Rouse.

No. 7.

Question again proposed.

Motion made (*Mr. McElhone*) and Question put,—That the item be reduced by the sum of £157,000.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Bennett,
Tellers.
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Turner.

Noes, 30.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Rouse,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Terry.

No. 8.

Question again proposed.

Motion made (*Mr. Bennett*) and Question put,—That the item be reduced by the sum of £156,000.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 29.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Combes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rouse,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Hill,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Baker,	

No. 9.

Question again proposed.

Motion made (*Mr. McElhone*) and Question put,—That the item be reduced by the sum of £155,000.

Mr. Bennett moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes,

Ayes, 2.

*Tellers.*Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 27.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. J. Watson,	
Mr. Terry,	

Question then put for the reduction of the item by £155,000.

And there being no Tellers for the Ayes,—

The Estimate of £160,000 was put and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again, and also to report certain Resolutions to the House.

No. 10.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

Clause III. Colonial Secretary. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Cameron*) and Question put,—That the item £100,000, for Immigration, be reduced by the sum of £50,000.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1877, A.M.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Tecece,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Baker,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Bennett,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Rouse,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Piddington,	

On motion of Mr. Long, the Chairman left the Chair, to report the Bill with an Amendment.