

# Sessional Papers

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

## WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

*(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)*

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY, 1911.

No. 1.

*(Resolution).*

## INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL :—

Mr. Beeby moved, That the Committee agree to the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the regulation of the conditions of industries in certain particulars by means of industrial conciliation and arbitration and for the repression of lockouts and strikes ; to establish and define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of an Industrial Court and certain subsidiary tribunals ; to preserve certain awards and industrial agreements ; to repeal the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909, the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1910 ; and the Clerical Workers Act, 1910 ; to amend the Acts dealing with early closing of shops, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put,—That the Resolution be agreed to.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Nielson,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Cusack.
Mr. Cochran,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald.
Mr. Kelly,	

Noes, 22.

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

*Agreed to.*

On motion of Mr. Beeby, the Chairman left the Chair to report that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

S. G. BOYDELL,  
Acting Clerk Assistant.

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 2.

## WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

TUESDAY, 27 JUNE, 1911.

No. 1.

## WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL:—

Clauses 1 to 42 having been agreed to,—

44. 43. All penalties imposed under this Act, or under any by-laws made in pursuance thereof, shall be recoverable in a summary way before "any two justices of the peace." [Read.] Recovery of penalties.

Motion made (Mr. McGarry) to leave out from line 3, the words "any two justices of the peace," and insert the words "a Stipendiary or a Police Magistrate,"—instead thereof.

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Carmichael,
Colonel Ouslow,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Mercer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Latimer,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Peters.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Dunn,	
Mr. Hoyle,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Morrish,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Black.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. John Miller.

Words stand.

Clause, as read, agreed to.

And the remaining clauses, the Schedule, and the Preamble having been agreed to,—on motion of Mr. Downes, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, left the Chair to report the Bill, without amendment, to the House.

WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE, 1911.

No. 2.

## TRUSTEES AUDIT BILL.

Clauses 1 to 7 and Schedule One having been agreed to,—

## SCHEDULE TWO.

*Accounts subject to inspection, examination, and audit under this Act.*

The accounts of persons working shale or coal mines in respect of which royalty is payable to the Crown, so far as is necessary to ascertain the amount and description of shale and coal obtained from the mines.

The accounts of persons obtaining from any land gold or other minerals, as defined in the Mines Act, 1906, in respect of which royalty is payable to the Crown, so far as the Auditor-General deems necessary to ascertain the value of the gold and minerals so obtained.

The accounts of Pastures Protection Boards.

The accounts of trusts established under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, or any Act amending the same.

The accounts of trustees (not being councils of municipalities or shires) of public parks, recreation grounds, racecourses, cricket grounds, cemeteries, or lands set apart, dedicated, or reserved, temporarily or otherwise, for public purposes, receiving grants from the public funds.

The accounts of trustees of mechanics' institutes or schools of art, receiving grants from the public funds.

The accounts of hospitals in receipt of subsidy or assistance from the public funds.

The accounts of such other persons or institutions in receipt of subsidy or "assistance" from the public funds as the Governor by proclamation in the Gazette may declare to be within this Schedule. [*Read.*]

Motion made (*Mr. Thrower*) to insert in line 18 after the word "assistance" the words "or guaranteed"—

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

*Point of Order*:—Colonel Onslow submitted that the amendment was outside the order of leave and would extend the scope of the Bill.

The Temporary-Chairman, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, ruled the amendment out of order on the grounds that it was outside the order of leave, and would require an amendment of the Government Savings Bank Act.

Whereupon Mr. Thrower moved, That the Chairman leave the Chair to report a Point of Order, and ask leave to sit again, so soon as the Point of Order has been decided by the House:—

*The Point of Order is*,—That the Honorable Member for The Macquarie desired to move that in line 18, after the word "assistance," the words "or guaranteed," be inserted, which the Chairman ruled out of order, on the grounds that it was outside the Order of Leave and required an amendment of the Savings Bank Act.

Question put.

Committee divided:

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Meagher,  
Mr. McNeill,  
Mr. Nielsen,  
Mr. Treflé,  
Mr. Carmichael,  
Mr. Black,  
Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. G. A. Jones,  
Mr. Gus. Miller,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. Estell,

*Tellers,*

Mr. Thrower,  
Mr. Scobie.

Noes, 44.

Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Cohen,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Leyy,  
Mr. Brown,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Waddell,  
Colonel Onslow,  
Mr. Bruntnell,  
Mr. Nobbs,  
Mr. Downes,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Henley,  
Mr. Robson,  
Mr. Brinsley Hall,  
Mr. McFarlane,

Mr. Parkes,  
Dr. Arthur,  
Mr. Cocks,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Kearsley,  
Mr. Mercer,  
Mr. McLaurin,  
Mr. David Storey,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. Arthur Griffith,  
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,  
Mr. Minahan,  
Mr. Morrish,  
Mr. Page,  
Mr. Cusack,

Mr. Grahame,  
Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Heary Willis,  
Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Briner,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. W. Millard.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Dunn,  
Mr. Harry Morton.

*Negatived.*

*Schedule Two, as read, agreed to.*

On motion of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick (Temporary Chairman) left the Chair to report the Bill, with an amendment, to the House.

S. G. BOYDELL,  
Acting Clerk Assistant.

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 3.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

WEDNESDAY, 5 JULY, 1911, A.M.

No. 1.

SUPREME COURT AND CIRCUIT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL. (Committed pro forma.)

Mr. Holman brought up printed amendments, in accordance with Standing Order 256A, and moved,—“That the amendments, as printed, be inserted in the Bill.”

Question proposed—That the amendments, as printed, proposed by Mr. Holman, be inserted in the Bill.

Point of Order:—Mr. Cohen submitted that the printed list of amendments should not have included any amendment of the Title. Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, upheld the Point of Order, and ruled the amendments out of order.

Whereupon Mr. Holman moved,—That the Chairman leave the Chair to report a Point of Order, and ask leave to sit again so soon as the Point of Order has been decided by the House.

The Point of Order is,—That Mr. Holman having moved the House into Committee of the Whole to consider the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts (Amendment) Bill, pro forma, and having brought up a printed list of amendments, which included an amendment in the Title, the Member for Petersham (Mr. Cohen) took a Point of Order that the printed list of amendments should not have included any amendment of the Title. The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Scobie) upheld the Point of Order.

Question put. Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Noes, 14.

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| Mr. Estell,            | Mr. Meehan,          |
| Mr. Dooley,            | Mr. Gus. Miller,     |
| Mr. Mercer,            | Mr. Kearsley,        |
| Mr. Minahan,           | Mr. Horne,           |
| Mr. Treflé,            | Mr. Dunn,            |
| Mr. Holman,            | Mr. Hoyle,           |
| Mr. Beeby,             | Mr. Cusack,          |
| Mr. Nielsen,           | Mr. Arthur Griffith, |
| Mr. Edden,             | Mr. Dacey,           |
| Mr. Keegan,            | Mr. Grahame,         |
| Mr. Hollis,            | Mr. Carmichael.      |
| Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, | <i>Tellers,</i>      |
| Mr. G. A. Jones,       |                      |
| Mr. Burgess,           | Mr. Osborne,         |
| Mr. T. S. Crawford,    | Mr. Cochran.         |
| Mr. Morrish,           |                      |

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| Mr. Latimer,       |
| Mr. Levy,          |
| Mr. Cohen,         |
| Mr. James,         |
| Mr. Lonsdale,      |
| Mr. Nobbs,         |
| Mr. Brinsley Hall, |
| Mr. Bruntnell,     |
| Mr. Brown,         |
| Mr. Fallick,       |
| Colonel Onslow,    |
| Mr. W. Millard.    |
| <i>Tellers,</i>    |
| Mr. John Miller,   |
| Mr. Downes.        |

Agreed to. The Temporary Chairman left the Chair to report accordingly,—

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The Committee resumed,—Mr. Speaker having upheld the ruling of the Temporary Chairman.—Mr. Holman brought up printed amendments in accordance with Standing Order 256A, and moved, "That the amendments, as printed, be inserted in the Bill."

Question proposed—That the amendments, as printed, proposed by Mr. Holman, be inserted in the Bill,—

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Cohen submitted that the amendments had to be printed and submitted in one lot—a portion could not be submitted, also that the Committee could not consider these amendments, as they had been already ruled out of order. Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, said that he had no knowledge of these amendments having been previously before the Committee, and ruled that the amendments were properly before the Committee.

Question—That the amendments, as printed, proposed by Mr. Holman, be inserted in the Bill,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, left the Chair to report the Bill, with amendments, to the House.

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THURSDAY, 6 JULY, 1911.

No. 2.

STATE COAL MINES BILL.

(Resolution.)

Mr. Edden moved, That the Committee agree to the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of State Coal Mines, and the acquisition of land for that purpose; to amend the Acts relating to the Government Railways, the Mining Act, 1906, and the Crown Lands Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put,—That the Resolution be agreed to.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Harry Morton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Peters.
Mr. Cusack,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Henley,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cocks,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hunt,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. W. Millard.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Price,
Mr. James.

*Agreed to.*

On motion of Mr. Edden, Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, left the Chair, to report that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

S. G. BOYDELL,  
Acting Clerk Assistant.

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 4.

## WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

*(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)*

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY, 1911, A.M.

No. 1.

## SAVINGS BANKS AMALGAMATION BILL.

*(Resolution.)*

Mr. Carmichael moved,—That the Committee agree to the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Savings Bank of New South Wales, and to vest the property, rights, and liabilities of the said Bank in the Government Savings Bank ; to repeal the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act, 1902, and the Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Act, 1902 ; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906 ; to amend certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question proposed,—That the Resolution be agreed to.

Colonel Onslow moved, That the Chairman leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again To-morrow.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Lonsdale,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Taylor,  
Colonel Onslow,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Dr. Arthur,  
Mr. Brown,  
Mr. Nobbs,  
Mr. Robson,  
Mr. John Miller,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. Fallick,  
Mr. McCourt,  
Mr. Bruntnell,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. W. Millard.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Hunt,  
Mr. Downes.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Carmichael.
Mr. Hoyle,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Arthur, Griffith,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Peters.
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Morrish,	
Mr. Thrower,	
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	
Mr. Meehan,	

*Negatived.*

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

Question—"That the Question be now put,"—put and passed.

Question,—That the Resolution be agreed to,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Carmichael, the Chairman left the Chair to report that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY, 1911.

No. 2.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL (*Further considered*).

Clauses 1, 2, and 3, having been agreed to,—

Repeal and savings.

Clause 4. (1) "The Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908," "the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909," **except section 4, paragraphs 42. b and 42. c**, the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1910, and the Clerical Workers Act, 1910, are repealed.

Awards.

(2) All awards, orders, and industrial agreements made under authority of the Acts hereby repealed and in force at the commencement of this Act shall until rescinded under this Act continue in force for the respective periods fixed by such awards, orders, or industrial agreements, and shall be deemed to have been made under this Act. In construing any such award, order, or industrial agreement references to the registrar shall be read as references to the registrar appointed under this Act, and for the purpose of any appeal from the registrar references to the Industrial Court shall be read as references to the Court of Industrial Arbitration constituted by this Act.

Summonses issued.

(3) All summonses issued at such commencement under sections forty-one, forty-three, or fifty-five of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, and returnable before the Industrial Court shall continue in force, but shall be returnable before, and shall be heard and determined by the Court of Industrial Arbitration constituted by this Act, or by the registrar or an industrial magistrate on being referred to him by the court. For the purpose of carrying out the above provisions, the enactments of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, shall continue in force and shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to the hearing and determination of any such matter by the Court of Industrial Arbitration constituted by this Act, and to the enforcement of any order of such Court.

All documents relating to any such matters or proceedings, and filed or deposited with the Industrial Court shall be handed over to the Court of Industrial Arbitration, and filed with such court.

The registrar.

(34) The registrar appointed under any Act hereby repealed, and holding office at the commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to have been appointed hereunder.

Regulations.

(45) All regulations made under the Acts hereby repealed, and in force at the commencement of this Act, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply as if made under this Act. [*Read.*]

Motion made (*Mr. John Miller*) to leave out from lines 1 and 2 the words "The Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Trellé,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Bochy,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Horne.
Mr. Kearsley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. G. A. Jones.
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Minahan,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. James,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Cohen,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Donaldson.
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. John Miller.
Mr. Fallick,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Parkes,	

*Words stand.*

No. 3.

## SAME BILL.

*Same clause.*

Motion made, (*Mr. Wade*) to leave out from line 2 the words "the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909"—

Question proposed (*to test the Committee*),—That the word "the" proposed to be left out stand part of the clause.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY,



THURSDAY, 13 JULY, 1911, A.M.

Mr. Beeby moved,—That the question be now put.

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Black.
Mr. Minahan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Estell,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. James,	Mr. Henley.
Mr. Wood,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. John Miller.
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. W. Millard,	

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

*Agreed to.*

No. 4.

SAME BILL.

*Same clause.*

Question put,—That the word “the” proposed to be left out stand part of the clause.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. T. S. Crawford.
Mr. Thrower,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Black,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Morrish,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. James,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	
Mr. Henley,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Hunt,	

*Word stands.*

And the clause having been amended as indicated,

No. 5.

SAME BILL.

*Same clause.*

Motion made (Mr. Wade) to insert in line 3 after the words last inserted the words “and 42 B.”

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. James,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Latimer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Henley,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Hunt,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Page,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Meehan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Peters.
Mr. Keegan,	

*Insertion of proposed words negatived.*

No. 6.

No. 6.

SAME BILL.

*Same clause.*

Motion made (*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*), to insert in line 3, after the words last inserted, the words "and 42 A."

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

Mr. Beeby moved,—That the Question be now put.

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Page,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. G. A. Jones.
Mr. Minahan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Cochran.
Mr. Peters,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. James,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Wood,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Taylor.
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Gillies,	

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

*Agreed to.*

No. 7.

SAME BILL.

*Same clause.*

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Lee,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Brown,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Briner,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Gus Miller,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. G. A. Jones.
Mr. Osborne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Cusack.
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Morrish,	

*Insertion of proposed words negatived.*

And the clause having been further amended as indicated,—

*Clause, as amended, agreed to.*

On motion of Mr. Beeby, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress, and ask leave to sit again To-morrow.

THURSDAY, 13 JULY, 1911.

No. 8.

SAME BILL.

Definitions.

Clause 5. In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates,—

“Apprentice” means an employee under twenty-one years of age who is “serving” a period of training under an indenture or other written contract for the purpose of rendering him fit to be a qualified worker in an industry.

“Award” means award under this “Act,” and includes a variation of such award.

“Board” means industrial board constituted under this Act.

“Calling” means craft or other occupation.

“Court” means Court of Industrial Arbitration established by this Act.

“Employee” means person employed in any industry, whether on wages or piece-work rates or as a member of a “butty-gang,” but shall not include a member of a family in the employment of a parent, and the fact that a person is working under a contract for labour only, or substantially for labour only, or as lessee of any tools or other implements of production, or any vehicle used in the delivery of goods, shall not in itself prevent such person being held to be an employee.

“Employer”

"Employer" means person, firm, company, or corporation employing persons working in any industry, whether on behalf of himself or itself or any other person or on behalf of the Government of the State, and includes the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, and any council of a municipality or shire, and includes for the purpose of constituting a board, a director, manager, or superintendent of an employer as defined as aforesaid.

"Improver" means an employee under twenty-one years of age who is serving for the purpose of rendering him fit to be a qualified worker in an industry or special section of an industry.

"Industrial agreement" means industrial agreement made and filed under any Act hereby repealed, or under this Act.

"Industrial Court" means Industrial Court constituted by the repealed Acts.

"Industrial magistrate" means industrial magistrate appointed under this Act.

"Industrial union" means industrial union registered as an industrial union under this Act.

"Industrial matters" means matters or things affecting or relating to work done or to be done, or the privileges, rights, or duties of employers or employees or of persons who intend or propose to be employers or employees in any industry, not involving questions which are or may be the subject of proceedings for an indictable offence; and, without limiting the ordinary meaning of the above definition, includes all or any matters relating to—

(a) the wages, allowances, or remuneration of any persons employed or to be employed in any industry, or the piecework, contract or other prices paid or to be paid therein in respect of such employment, including the question whether piece-work shall be allowed in an industry;

(b) the hours of employment, sex, age, qualification, or status of employees, and the mode, terms, and conditions of employment, including the question whether persons of either sex shall be disqualified for employment in an industry or section of an industry;

(c) the employment of children or young persons, or of any persons or class of persons in any industry, or the right to dismiss or to refuse to employ or reinstate in employment any particular persons or class of persons therein;

(d) any claim that preference of employment shall be given to members of industrial unions of employees;

(e) any established custom or usage of any industry, either general or in any particular locality;

(f) the interpretation of an industrial agreement or award.

"Industry" means occupation or calling in which persons of either sex are employed for hire or reward.

"Judge" or "The Judge" means the judge of the Court of Industrial Arbitration, and includes an additional judge of the court.

"Justice" means justice of the peace, and includes a magistrate.

"Lock-out" (without limiting its ordinary meaning) includes a closing of a place of employment, or a suspension of work, or a refusal by an employer to continue to employ any number of his employees with a view to compel his employees, or to aid another employer in compelling his employees, to accept terms of employment.

"Magistrate" means stipendiary or police magistrate.

"Members of a board" and "members of a conciliation committee" include the chairman of the board and of the committee respectively.

"Metropolitan district court" means district court of the metropolitan district court, holden at Sydney.

"Minister" means Minister of the Crown administering this Act.

"Prescribed" means prescribed by this Act, or by regulations made thereunder.

"Registrar" means industrial registrar appointed under this Act.

"Repealed Acts" means the Acts repealed by this Act.

"Schedule" means Schedule to this Act, and any amendment of or addition to such Schedule made in pursuance of this Act.

"Strike" (without limiting its ordinary meaning) includes the cessation of work by any number of employees acting in combination, or a concerted refusal or a refusal under a common understanding by any number of employees to continue to work for an employer with a view to compel their employer, or to aid other employees in compelling their employer, to accept terms of employment, or with a view to enforce compliance with demands made by them or other employees on employers.

"Trade union" means trade union registered under the Trade Union Act, 1881, and includes a branch so registered.

"Under Secretary" means Under Secretary of the Public Department administered by the Minister. [Read.]

And the clause having been amended as indicated,—

Motion made (*Mr. Waite*) to insert in line 10 (in the definition of "Employee"), after the word "butty-gang," the words "but does not include a person employed in agriculture, or dairying, or orchard, or domestic service."

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 14 JULY, 1911, A.M.

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. James,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Cocks.
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Robson,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Henry Willis,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Gus. Miller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Cochran.
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Lynch,	

*Insertion of proposed words negatived.*

And the clause having been further amended, as indicated.

No. 9.

SAME BILL.

*Same Clause.*

Mr. Wade moved,—That the Chairman leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Mr. Estell moved,—That the Question be now put.

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Niclson,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Grahame.
Mr. Cochran,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Keegan.
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. James,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Cocks,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Parkea,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Hunt.
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Henry Willis,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Nobbs,	

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

*Agreed to.*

No. 10.

SAME BILL.

*Same clause.*

Question put,—That the Chairman leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Lee,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. James,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Robson,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Latimer,	

Noes, 32.

Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Dacey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	

*Negatived.*

No. 11.

No. 11.

SAME BILL.

Same clause.

Question proposed,—That the clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Beeby moved,—That the question be now put.

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Noes, 26.

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| Mr. Carmichael,  | Mr. Kelly,          |
| Mr. Dacey,       | Mr. Peters,         |
| Mr. Nielsen,     | Mr. Dunn,           |
| Mr. Beeby,       | Mr. Lynch,          |
| Mr. Holman,      | Mr. Cochran,        |
| Mr. Treflé,      | Mr. Cusack,         |
| Mr. Edden,       | Mr. Kearsley,       |
| Mr. Keegan,      | Mr. McGarry,        |
| Mr. McNeill,     | Mr. Page,           |
| Mr. Hollis,      | Mr. Grahame,        |
| Mr. Morrish,     | Mr. Mercer,         |
| Mr. Minahan,     | Mr. Thrower,        |
| Mr. Dooley,      | Mr. G. A. Jones.    |
| Mr. Estell,      |                     |
| Mr. Meehan,      | <i>Tellers,</i>     |
| Mr. Black,       | Mr. T. S. Crawford, |
| Mr. Gus. Miller, | Mr. Osborne.        |

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| Mr. Cohen,         | Mr. Henry Willis,         |
| Mr. James,         | Mr. David Storey,         |
| Mr. Latimer,       | Mr. Parkes,               |
| Mr. Fallick,       | Mr. W. Millard,           |
| Mr. Lonsdale,      | Mr. Gillies,              |
| Mr. Cocks,         | Mr. Harry Morton,         |
| Mr. Wood,          | Mr. Lee.                  |
| Mr. Perry,         | <i>Tellers,</i>           |
| Mr. Taylor,        | Mr. Levy,                 |
| Mr. Nobbs,         | Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick. |
| Mr. Robson,        |                           |
| Mr. Henley,        |                           |
| Mr. Brown,         |                           |
| Mr. Brinsley Hall, |                           |
| Mr. Hunt,          |                           |
| Mr. McFarlane,     |                           |
| Colonel Onslow,    |                           |

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

Agreed to.

No. 12.

SAME BILL.

Same clause.

Question put—That the clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Noes, 26.

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| Mr. Carmichael,  | Mr. T. S. Crawford, |
| Mr. Dacey,       | Mr. Peters,         |
| Mr. Nielsen,     | Mr. Dunn,           |
| Mr. Beeby,       | Mr. Lynch,          |
| Mr. Holman,      | Mr. Cochran,        |
| Mr. Treflé,      | Mr. Cusack,         |
| Mr. Edden,       | Mr. Kearsley,       |
| Mr. Keegan,      | Mr. McGarry,        |
| Mr. McNeill,     | Mr. Page,           |
| Mr. Morrish,     | Mr. Grahame,        |
| Mr. Dooley,      | Mr. Mercer,         |
| Mr. Estell,      | Mr. G. A. Jones,    |
| Mr. Meehan,      | Mr. Thrower.        |
| Mr. Black,       |                     |
| Mr. Gus. Miller, | <i>Tellers,</i>     |
| Mr. Kelly,       | Mr. Minahan,        |
| Mr. Osborne,     | Mr. Hollis.         |

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| Mr. Cohen,                | Mr. McFarlane,    |
| Mr. James,                | Colonel Onslow,   |
| Mr. Levy,                 | Mr. Henry Willis, |
| Mr. Latimer,              | Mr. David Storey, |
| Mr. Fallick,              | Mr. Harry Morton, |
| Mr. Lonsdale,             | Mr. Parkes,       |
| Mr. Cocks,                | Mr. W. Millard.   |
| Mr. Wood,                 | <i>Tellers,</i>   |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Gillies,      |
| Mr. Perry,                | Mr. Taylor.       |
| Mr. Nobbs,                |                   |
| Mr. Robson,               |                   |
| Mr. Lee,                  |                   |
| Mr. Henley,               |                   |
| Mr. Brown,                |                   |
| Mr. Brinsley Hall,        |                   |
| Mr. Hunt,                 |                   |

Agreed to.

No. 13.

SAME BILL.

Clause 6. The registrar may, on application made as hereinafter provided, register under this Act as an industrial union of employers any trade union of employers or any person or association of persons, or any incorporated company, or association of incorporated companies, who or which has in the aggregate throughout the six months next preceding the date of the application for registration employed on an average, taken per month, not less than fifty employees. Registration of industrial union of employers.

Such application shall be made as prescribed, and, if made by an association or company, shall be signed by a majority in number of the governing body thereof. [Read.]

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved,—“That the Honorable Member for Blayney, Mr. Beeby, be not further heard.”

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Noes, 38.

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| Mr. Lee,                  | Mr. Dacey,       |
| Mr. Nobbs,                | Mr. Nielsen,     |
| Mr. Perry,                | Mr. Cochran,     |
| Mr. Henley,               | Mr. Edden,       |
| Mr. Brown,                | Mr. Beeby,       |
| Mr. Brinsley Hall,        | Mr. Fallick,     |
| Mr. Hunt,                 | Mr. Cocks,       |
| Colonel Onslow,           | Mr. Wood,        |
| Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, | Mr. Treflé,      |
| Mr. Latimer,              | Mr. Carmichael,  |
| Mr. Taylor,               | Mr. G. A. Jones, |
| Mr. W. Millard,           | Mr. Hollis,      |
| <i>Tellers,</i>           | Mr. Osborne,     |
| Mr. Robson,               | Mr. Gus. Miller, |
| Mr. Levy,                 | Mr. Minahan,     |
|                           | Mr. Peters,      |

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| Mr. Kelly,          | Mr. Black,      |
| Mr. Lynch,          | Mr. Mercer,     |
| Mr. Dunn,           | Mr. McGarry,    |
| Mr. Thrower,        | Mr. Holman.     |
| Mr. Gillies,        | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Harry Morton,   | Mr. Keegan,     |
| Mr. Morrish,        | Mr. Grahame.    |
| Mr. Meehan,         |                 |
| Mr. T. S. Crawford, |                 |
| Mr. McNeill,        |                 |
| Mr. Parkes,         |                 |
| Mr. Cusack,         |                 |
| Mr. Page,           |                 |
| Mr. Kearsley,       |                 |
| Mr. Estell,         |                 |
| Mr. Dooley,         |                 |

Negatived.

No. 14.

No. 14.

SAME BILL.

*Same clause.*

Mr. Hollis moved,—That the Question be now put.

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Cohen,  
Mr. Levy,  
Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Nobbs,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. Henley,  
Mr. Robson,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Colonel Onslow,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Taylor,  
Mr. Hunt.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Fallick,  
Mr. Brinsley Hall.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. James,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Holman.
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Dunn,	

*Negatived.*

And the clause having been amended as indicated,—

*Clause, as amended, agreed to.*

And Clauses 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 having been dealt with,—

On motion of Mr. Beeby, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress, and ask leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

S. G. BOYDELL,  
Acting Clerk Assistant.

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 5.

## WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY, 1911.

No. 1.

## CRIMINAL APPEAL BILL.

Postponed clause 3. (1) There shall be a Court of Criminal Appeal, and the Chief Justice of the State and such of the judges of the Supreme Court "and of the District Court" as may be appointed by the Chief Justice, for such period as he thinks desirable in each case, shall be judges of that "court." Constitution of court.

(2) The court shall be a superior court of record, and shall have a separate seal which shall be judicially noticed.

(3) For the purpose of hearing and determining appeals under this Act, and for the purpose of any other proceedings thereunder, the court shall be composed of any uneven number of members, not less than three, and shall be summoned in accordance with directions given by the Chief Justice.

(4) If the Chief Justice so directs, the court may sit in two or more divisions.

(5) The court shall sit in Sydney unless the Chief Justice otherwise directs.

(6) The Chief Justice, and in his absence the senior member of the court, shall be president of the court.

(7) The determination of any question before the court shall be according to the opinion of the majority of the court hearing the case.

(8) Unless the court direct to the contrary in cases where, in the opinion of the court, the question to be determined is a question of law on which it would be convenient that separate judgments should be pronounced by the members of the court, the judgment of the court shall be pronounced by the president of the court or such other member of the court hearing the case as the president directs; and no judgment with respect to the determination of any question shall be pronounced by any other member of the court.

(9) The court shall, for the purposes of, and subject to the provisions of this Act, have full power to determine, in accordance with this Act, any questions necessary to be determined for the purpose of doing justice in the case before the court.

(10) Any direction which may be given by the Chief Justice under this Act may, in the event of any vacancy of that office, or in the event of the absence from the State or incapacity of the Chief Justice to act from any reason, be given by the senior member of the court. [Read.]

Motion made (*Mr. Wade*) to leave out from line 2 the words "and of the District Court."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Morrish,	
Mr. Dacey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Gus. Miller.
Mr. Cusack,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Colonel Qanslow.
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Price,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Thomas,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Falliok,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. John Miller,	

Words stand.

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No. 2.

No. 2.

## SAME BILL.

## Same clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Cohen*) to insert in line 4 after the word "court" the words "Provided that the court shall, in every instance, consist of a majority of Supreme Court Judges."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Hanley,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nobbs.
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cohen,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Price,	Mr. John Miller.
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	

Noes, 39.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Peters,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Hoyle.
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Osborne,	

*Insertion of proposed words negatived.*

*Clause, as read, agreed to.*

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 20 JULY, 1911, A.M.

And postponed clauses 5, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 having been dealt with,—

No. 3.

## SAME BILL.

Not to affect  
pardoning  
power.

Postponed clause 30. Nothing in this Act shall affect the pardoning power of the Governor, but the Minister of Justice, on the consideration of any petition for the exercise of the pardoning power having reference to the conviction of any person or to any sentence other than the sentence of death passed on a convicted person, may—

(a) refer the petition to the court, and the petition shall then be considered by the court as in the case of an appeal by a person convicted;

(b) "refer the petition to one of the judges of the court to consider and report upon, whereupon such judge shall consider and report upon the petition in such manner as he thinks fit to the Minister of Justice": Provided that such judge, if he desires the assistance of the court in any point arising in the case, may refer that point to the court for its opinion thereon, whereupon the court shall consider such point and state its opinion thereon accordingly. [*Read.*]

Motion made (*Mr. Wade*) to leave out from paragraph (b), lines 7-9, the words "refer the petition to one of the judges of the court to consider and report upon, whereupon such judge shall consider and report upon the petition in such manner as he thinks fit to the Minister of Justice."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Black.
Mr. Thrower,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Kelly,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. J. C. J. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Bruntnell.
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Fallick,	

*Words stand.*

And



And the clause having been amended as indicated,

Clause as amended agreed to.

And clauses 31 and 32 having been agreed to,—

No. 4.

SAME BILL.

Postponed Clause 33. (1) ~~The provisions of this Part of the Act shall not extend to any case in which an offender has been sentenced to death; but where any~~ **Where** sentence of death has been passed or recorded against any offender, the evidence taken at the trial of such offender, together with a report from the presiding judge, and the recommendations of the jury, if any, shall be forwarded with all practicable expedition to the Chief Justice, who shall forthwith summon the judges of the court, or any three of them, to consider such sentence and report to the Minister of Justice whether in their opinion such sentence of death should be carried into effect, or whether any, and if so, what, lesser sentence should be substituted therefor.

Part not to affect death sentence.

(2) The judges so summoned shall also consider and report upon any petition from or on behalf of the offender sentenced to death which the Minister of Justice may refer to them. [*Read.*]

And the clause having been amended as indicated,

Question put,—That the clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Beeby,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Grahaane,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Page.
Mr. Kearnsley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Estell,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Hunt
Mr. Wood,	Colonel Unslow,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. W. Millard
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Price,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Lalimer,	
Mr. Brown,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Nobbs,	

Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, with amendments, to the House.

THURSDAY, 20 JULY, 1911, A.M.

No. 5.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments referred to in Message of 13 July, 1911*).

The Committee requiring that the amendments be put seriatim,—

*Qualifications of voters.*

Clause 3. (1) Section twenty-one of the Principal Act is amended as follows:—

- In subsection one after the expression "natural born subject," and after the expression "naturalised subject," insert the words "who has resided or had his principal place of abode within the Commonwealth of Australia for a continuous period of six months, and"
- In the same subsection omit "one year" wherever occurring, insert "three months"; omit "three months" insert "one month." In the same subsection after "New South Wales" where secondly occurring insert "both such periods being"
- Repeal subsection three.
- In subsection four, omit paragraph (b).

Amendment of s. 21 of Principal Act

(2) Paragraph (a) of section nineteen of the Act of 1910 is repealed. [*Considered.*]

Amendment of s. 19 of the Act of 1910.

Motion made (*Mr. Holman*) that the Committee disagree to the Legislative Council's amendment in clause 3.

Mr.

Mr. Holman moved—That the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, be not further heard.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Peters,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gus Miller,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Cusack.
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	
Mr. Burgess,	

Noes, 27.

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

*Agreed to.*

No. 6.

SAME BILL.

*Same clause.*

Mr. Hoyle moved,—That the Honorable Member for Orange, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, be not further heard.

Question put and passed.

Colonel Onslow moved,—That the Honorable Member for Orange, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, be further heard."

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

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

Noes, 34.

Mr. Dooley,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Gus Miller,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Peters.
Mr. Horne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Cusack.
Mr. Page,	

*Negatived.*

No. 7.

SAME BILL.

*Same clause.*

Mr. Edden moved,—That the Question be now put.

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Gus Miller,	Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Beeby,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. Thrower,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Taylor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Price,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. G. A. Jones.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Lee,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Colonel Onslow,	

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

*Agreed to.*

No 8.

No. 8.

SAME BILL.

Same clause.

Question put,—That the Committee disagree to the Legislative Council's amendment in clause 3.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 36.

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Meagher,           | Mr. Osborne,        |
| Mr. Edden,             | Mr. Morrish,        |
| Mr. Holman,            | Mr. Hollis,         |
| Mr. Nielsen,           | Mr. G. A. Jones,    |
| Mr. Carmichael,        | Mr. Kelly,          |
| Mr. Arthur Griffith,   | Mr. Meehan,         |
| Mr. John Storey,       | Mr. Grahame,        |
| Mr. Keegan,            | Mr. Burgess,        |
| Mr. Kearsley,          | Mr. Page,           |
| Mr. Minahan,           | Mr. Cusack,         |
| Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, | Mr. Horne,          |
| Mr. Hoyle,             | Mr. Black,          |
| Mr. Estell,            | Mr. McGarry,        |
| Mr. Dacey,             | Mr. T. S. Crawford, |
| Mr. Gus. Miller,       | Mr. Dunn.           |
| Mr. Lynch,             | <i>Tellers,</i>     |
| Mr. Cochran,           | Mr. Mercer,         |
| Mr. Dooley,            | Mr. Peters.         |
| Mr. Thrower,           |                     |

Noes, 27.

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

Legislative Council's amendment disagreed to.

And the remaining amendments made by the Legislative Council having been dealt with,—  
On motion of Mr. Holman, the Chairman left the Chair to report that the Committee had disagreed to one, amended other, and agreed to the remainder of the Legislative Council's amendments, and made a consequential amendment.

S. G. BOYDELL,  
Acting Clerk Assistant.

[6d.]

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 6.

## WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

*(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)*

WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY, 1911.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AND PUBLIC WORKS FUND BILL.

*(Resolution.)*

Mr. Carmichael moved,—That the Committee agree to the following Resolution:—

(1.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £3,259,000; being £1,158,500 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of July, August, and September, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1912, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1911, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1911-12; and

“£1,600,000” payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services, viz.:—£1,500 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Adjustment of Salaries of Officers under Public Service Act Regulations;

£1,300,000 for Railways and Tramways—Working Expenses;

£298,500 for Minister for Public Works—Public Works and Services—Maintenance, viz.,—Punts, Ferries, and Launches, £8,500; Harbours and Rivers, £6,500; Dredge Service, £39,000; Public Buildings, £22,000; Dock Establishment, £5,000; Miscellaneous, £5,000; Equipment, Travelling, Transfer, Removal, and other Allowances and Pay for Temporary Service, £12,000; State Brickworks, Homebush Bay—Working Expenses, £4,000; State Brickworks, Botany—Working Expenses, £3,500; State Brickworks, Homebush—Delivery of Bricks, £500; State Brickworks, Botany—Delivery of Bricks, £500; State Metal Quarry—Working Expenses, £1,000; State Lime Works—Working Expenses, £500; Royal Commission Inquiry, Public Works Department, £500; Local Government—Local Government (Endowments of Shires), £190,000;

“£331,950” payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in anticipation of Loan Votes; being for Minister for Public Works, viz., Railways—Moree to Mungindi (towards), £15,000; Land Resumption for Authorised Railways, £5,000; Tramways—Tramways generally, £40,000; Water Supply—Compensation Weirs, Nepean River—further sum, £150; Water Conservation—Resumption of Lands for Settlement under Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme—further sum, £230,000; Miscellaneous—State Brickworks, Homebush Bay—to provide means of delivery, £12,000; State Brickworks, Botany—to provide means of delivery, £10,000; State Metal Quarry and Steamer—Establishment, £15,000; State Lime Works—Establishment, £2,000; Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—Water Supply—Extension of Reticulation, £2,000; Improvements, £300; Sewerage—Extension of Reticulation, £500; and £168,550 payable out of the Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes for the following Services, viz.:—

£10,000 for Colonial Secretary—Police Buildings—Erections, Additions, and Cost of Land; £7,000 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Sydney Harbour Trust—Replacement of Wharfs, Jetties, and Buildings under Reconstruction Schemes;

£66,000 for Secretary for Lands—Towards Purchase, Acquisition, or Resumption of Harbour Forcshores and Sites for Public Parks, and for other public purposes and expenses in connection therewith;

£65,250 for Minister for Public Works, viz.,—Water Supplies, £2,000; Public Buildings, £15,000; Dock Establishment, £16,000; Sewerage of Government Institutions generally, £250; Railways and Tramways, £7,000; Grant under section 5 of Public Works Fund Act to Shires and Municipalities, £15,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Renewal of Water Mains, Sewers, Plant, Buildings, &c., for Renewal Works Generally, Lining and Strengthening Upper Canal, also to recoup to Lean Votes for Machinery and Plant worn out or dismantled, £10,000;

£20,300 for Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry, viz.,—School Buildings, Teachers' Residences, Sites, &c., £20,000; Miscellaneous Services—Equipment and Minor Works, £300.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 27 JULY, 1911, A.M.

Motion made (*Mr. Henley*), That the Item £1,600,000, be reduced by £10,000.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Wood,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. James,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Waddell,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Nobbs.
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. McFarlane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Bruntnell.
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. W. Millard,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Osborne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Hoyle.
Mr. Hollis,	

*Negatived.*

No. 2.

*Same Resolution.*

Motion made (*Mr. Henley*), That the Item £331,950 be reduced by £39,000.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Wood,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. James,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Perry,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Fallick.
Mr. John Miller,	
Mr. Waddell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. W. Millard,	

Noes, 39.

Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Black,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Peters,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Holman,	

*Negatived.*

*Resolution agreed to.*

On motion of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, left the Chair to report progress, and ask leave to sit again, also that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

S. G. BOYDELL,  
Acting Clerk Assistant.

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1911.

Short Titles.	By whom initiated.	Message from Governor, recommending provision for.	Originated in Committee of the Whole.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Read 2 <sup>d</sup> and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 <sup>d</sup> , passed, and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Assent.	No. of Act.	Remarks.
Agricultural and Dairying Leases .....	Mr. Nielsen .....	26 May a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bill not brought in.
Careless Use of Fire .....	Mr. Beeby .....	.....	.....	7 June a.m.	7 June a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by Prorogation.
Claims against the Government and Crown Suits.	Mr. Beeby .....	.....	.....	7 June a.m.	7 June a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do do
Coal and Shale Mines Hours Regulation .....	Mr. Edden .....	18 June	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bill not brought in.
Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) .....	Mr. Edden .....	6 June	7 June	7 June	7 June	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by Prorogation.
Consolidated Revenue Fund and Public Works Fund.	Mr. Carmichael .....	18 July	.....	27 July a.m.	27 July a.m.	.....	27 July a.m.	.....	27 July a.m.	27 July a.m.	27 July a.m.	27 July	.....	.....	.....	7	Standing Orders suspended 26 July, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means.
Criminal Appeal .....	Mr. Holman .....	31 May	8 June a.m.	8 June a.m.	8 June	.....	6 July	.....	20 July a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by Prorogation.
Crown Lands (Control of Land Agents) .....	Mr. Nielsen .....	13 June	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bill not brought in.
Crown Lands Consolidation .....	Mr. Nielsen .....	30 May	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do do
Crown Lands (Declaratory) .....	Mr. Nielsen .....	28 May a.m.	13 June	13 June	13 June	.....	19 July	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by Prorogation.
Crown Lands Purchases and Leases Validation	Mr. Nielsen .....	12 July	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bill not brought in.
Defamation .....	Mr. Beeby .....	.....	.....	7 June a.m.	7 June a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by Prorogation.
Dentists .....	Mr. Beeby .....	.....	.....	7 June a.m.	7 June a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do do
District Courts .....	Mr. Beeby .....	.....	.....	7 June a.m.	7 June a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do do
Gaming and Betting .....	Mr. Beeby .....	.....	.....	7 June a.m.	7 June a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do do
Gold Buyers .....	Mr. Edden .....	6 June	8 June	8 June	8 June	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do do
Government Railways .....	Mr. Beeby .....	.....	.....	7 June a.m.	7 June a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do do
Greater Newcastle Convention .....	Mr. Arthur Griffith .....	14 June	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bill not brought in.
Greater Sydney Convention .....	Mr. Arthur Griffith .....	14 June	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do do
Helensburgh Leases .....	Mr. Nielsen .....	6 June	.....	.....	.....	.....	† 31 May	6 June	6 June	6 June	7 June	29 June	.....	.....	12 July	6	.....

\* Assent not reported during Session.

† For stage at which Bill had reached in former Session, see Appendix.

No. 1.—REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS (1911)—continued.

Short Titles.	By whom initiated.	Message from Governor recommending provision for.	Originated in Committee of the Whole.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Read 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 <sup>rd</sup> , passed, and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Assent.	Number of Act.	Remarks.
Industrial Arbitration	Mr. Beeby	30 May	31 May	31 May	31 May	...	30 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Amendment to refer to Select Committee withdrawn 30 June. Stopped by Prorogation.
Inebriates	Mr. Beeby	...	...	7 June	7 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stopped by Prorogation.
Jury	Mr. Beeby	...	...	7 June	7 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	do do
Labour Department	Mr. Beeby	30 May	8 June	8 June	8 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	do do
Land Surveyors	Mr. Nielsen	1 June	8 June	8 June	8 June	...	4 July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	do do
Land Values	Mr. Arthur Griffith	23 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bill not brought in.
Law of Evidence	Mr. Holman	...	...	...	16 May	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Pro forma</i> Bill.
Leases Resumption	Mr. Nielsen	26 May	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bill not brought in.
Local Government (Amending)	Mr. Arthur Griffith	14 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	do do
Medical Practitioners	Mr. Beeby	...	...	7 June	7 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stopped by Prorogation.
Miners' Accident Relief (Sewer Miners)	Mr. Edden	6 June	8 June	8 June	8 June	...	13 June	...	13 June	13 June	14 June	...	...	...	...	...	Not returned by Council.
Mines Inspection (Amendment)	Mr. Edden	13 June	15 June	15 June	15 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stopped by Prorogation.
Necropolis (Amendment)	Mr. Nielsen	6 July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bill not brought in.
New Lambton, Hartley Vale Colliery, and Australasia Coal Company Railways Resumption.	Mr. Nielsen	18 July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	do do
Old-age Pensions and Invalidity and Accidents Pensions (Repeat)	Mr. Carmichael	...	...	8 June	8 June	...	18 June	...	13 June	13 June	14 June	5 July	...	...	12 July	2	...
Parliamentary Elections (Amendment)	Mr. Holman	...	...	...	...	...	31 May (a)	...	...	...	...	...	13 July (b)	...	...	...	(a) Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 31 May, 1911.
Pharmacy (Amendment)	Mr. Carmichael	...	...	8 June	8 June	...	18 June	...	14 June a.m.	14 June a.m.	14 June	5 July	...	...	12 July	3	(b) Council's amendments, disagreed to. Amended and agreed to, 20 July, 1911, a.m. Motion made for Message to Council and debate adjourned 28 July, 1911, a.m. Stopped by Prorogation.
Public Service (Amendment)	Mr. Nielsen	18 July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bill not brought in.
Public Trustee	Mr. Holman	31 May	5 June	8 June	8 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stopped by Prorogation.
Public Works (Leasing)	Mr. Carmichael	1 June	...	...	...	...	31 May	1 June	1 June	6 June	7 June	29 June	...	...	12 July	4	...
Randwick Asylum	Mr. Beeby	6 July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bill not brought in.
Royal Agricultural Society	Mr. Nielsen	...	...	1 June	1 June	...	1 June	1 June	1 June	1 June	6 June	...	28 June (c)	...	12 July	1	(c) Agreed to <i>en c.</i> and amended the other of the Council's amendments. Message to Council, 4 July. Council agrees to Assembly's amendments upon its amendment, 5 July.
Savings Bank	Mr. Carmichael	23 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bill not brought in.
Savings Banks Amalgamation	Mr. Carmichael	4 July	12 July	12 July	12 July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stopped by Prorogation.
Servants' Registry Offices	Mr. Beeby	7 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bill not brought in.
Shearers and Agricultural Labourers Accommodation.	Mr. Beeby	7 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	do do
Sinking Fund (Renewals)	Mr. Carmichael	13 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	do do
Small Debts Recovery	Mr. Beeby	...	...	7 June	7 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stopped by Prorogation.
Special Deposits Accounts	Mr. Carmichael	23 May	14 June	14 June	14 June	...	15 June	...	15 June	15 June	27 June	5 July	...	...	12 July	5	...
State Coal Mines	Mr. Edden	13 June	6 July	6 July	6 July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stopped by Prorogation.
State Debt and Sinking Fund (Amendment)	Mr. Carmichael	14 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bill not brought in.
Steam Boiler's	Mr. Beeby	30 May	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	do do
Supreme Court and Circuit Courts (Amendment).	Mr. Holman	31 May	7 June	7 June	8 June	...	6 July a.m. (d)	...	5 July a.m.	5 July a.m.	...	...	...	...	...	...	(d) Committed <i>pro forma</i> , 5 July, a.m. Stopped by Prorogation.
Testators' Family Maintenance	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick	...	...	27 June	27 June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stopped by Prorogation.
Trustees Audit	Mr. Carmichael	17 May	8 June	8 June	13 June	...	23 June	...	23 June	23 June	4 July	...	26 July	...	...	...	...
Wentworth Park Validation	Mr. Nielsen	14 June	5 July	5 July	6 July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stopped by Prorogation.
Worker's Dwellings	Mr. Carmichael	1 June	12 July	12 July	12 July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	do do

\* Assent not reported during Session.

† For stage which Bill had reached in former Session, see Appendix.

No. 2.—REGISTER OF PRIVATE BILLS INTRODUCED UPON PETITION TO THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1911.

Short Titles.	By whom and when Petition presented.		Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Presented and read 1 <sup>o</sup> .	Referred to Select Committee.	Reported by Select Committee.	Read 2 <sup>o</sup> and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 2 <sup>o</sup> , passed, and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Council's Amendments disagreed to.	Assent.	Remarks.
Canterbury Park Racecourse Company Limited, Enabling ..	Mr. Parkes .....	16 May .....	16 May .....	.....	.....	.....	13 June .....	.....	13 June .....	13 June .....	15 June .....	13 July .....	.....	.....	.....	25 July .....	Bill not brought in.
Dalgety Siding .....	Mr. McLaurin .....	20 July .....	† .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Warwick Farm Railway Act Extension .....	Mr. Downes .....	23 May .....	.....	24 May .....	31 May .....	14 June .....	27 June .....	.....	27 June .....	27 June .....	28 June .....	.....	18 July a.m. ....	.....	.....	.....	

\* Assent not reported during Session.

† For stage which Bill had reached in former Session, see Appendix.

No. 3.—REGISTER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE COUNCIL DURING THE SESSION OF 1911.

Short Titles of—		Brought up and read 1 <sup>o</sup> .	Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Read 2 <sup>o</sup> and Committed.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 2 <sup>o</sup> , passed, and returned to Council.	Assent reported.	Number of Act.	Remarks.
Public Bills.	Private Bills.									
Nurses Registration .....	.....	.....	23 June .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	Stopped by Prorogation.
.....	Methodist Church .....	13 July .....	† .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	do do

† For stage which Bill had reached in former Session, see Appendix.



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## RECAPITULATION.

Number of Public Bills originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY shown on Register No. 1 .....	57			
Number of Private Bills do do shown on Register No. 2 .....	3			
Number of Public Bills brought from the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL shown on Register No. 3 .....	1			
Number of Private Bills do do do .....	1			62
		Public.	Private.	Total.
Passed and assented to .....	6	1		7
<i>Pro forma</i> Bill .....	1	..		1
Not returned by Legislative Council .....	1	..		1
Stopped by Prorogation .....	..	..		29
Otherwise disposed of .....	1	..		24
				62

## APPENDIX.

SHOWING stage which Bills, reintroduced under Standing Orders, had reached in former Session.

1.—PUBLIC BILLS—ASSEMBLY	
Helensburgh Leases ; ordered for second reading.	
Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) ; sent to Legislative Council.	
Public Works (Leasing) ; ordered for second reading.	
2.—PRIVATE BILL—ASSEMBLY.	
Canterbury Park Racecourse Company Limited Enabling ; reported by Select Committee.	
3.—PUBLIC BILL—COUNCIL.	
Nurses' Registration ; ordered for second reading.	

Legislative Assembly Office,  
Sydney, 1st August, 1911.

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

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REGISTER OF ADDRESSES AND ORDERS FOR PAPERS DURING THE SESSION OF 1911.

No. of ADDRESS OR ORDER.	WHEN PASSED.			ON WHOSE MOTION.	PAPERS APPLIED FOR.		RETURN TO ADDRESS OR ORDER.	REGISTER NUMBER.	IF TO BE PRINTED.
	VOTES.				By Address.	By Order.			Date of Order.
	No.	Date.	Entry.						
1	9	1911. 1 June.....	3	Mr. Cohen .....	.....	Annual Procession of University Undergraduates .....	1911. 13 June.....	249	1911. 15 June.
2	22	11 July .....	4	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick .....	.....	Claims in relation to Train Accidents .....	.....	.....	.....

REGISTER OF ADDRESSES AND ORDERS FOR PAPERS DURING FORMER SESSIONS.

No. of ADDRESS OR ORDER.	WHEN PASSED.			ON WHOSE MOTION.	PAPERS APPLIED FOR.		RETURN TO ADDRESS OR ORDER.	REGISTER NUMBER.	IF TO BE PRINTED.
	VOTES.				By Address.	By Order.			Date of Order.
	No.	Date.	Entry.						
104	103	1892. 17 March .....	5	Mr. Garrard .....	.....	Convictions under the Liquor Acts .....	1911. 17 May .....	148	1911. 1 June .....

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REGISTER OF SEPARATE AND JOINT ADDRESSES (*NOT BEING FOR PAPERS*) TO THE GOVERNOR, DURING THE SESSION OF 1911.

SUBJECT OF ADDRESS.	ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY.				WHEN PASSED OR AGREED TO.			WHEN AND HOW PRESENTED.				WHEN AND HOW ANSWERED.				REMARKS.
	VOTES.				VOTES.			VOTES.				VOTES.				
	No.	Date.	Entry.	On whose Motion.	No.	Date.	Entry.	No.	Date.	Entry.	By whom.	No.	Date.	Entry.	By whom and how.	
The Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech .....	1	1911. 16 May ...	11	Mr. Thrower .....	6	1911. 26 May ... a.m.	5	7	1911. 30 May ...	1	Mr. Speaker, accompanied by the House.	7	1911. 30 May ...	1	His Excel- lency the Lieutenant- Governor.	Copysent to Private Secretary with letter, 15 June, 1911. Original forwarded with letter from Legislative Coun- cil, 28 July, 1911.
Congratulatory Address to His Majesty the King on the occasion of the Coronation of the King and Queen.	14	14 June...	4	Mr. Holman .....	14	14 June...	4	...	23 July...	...	Through His Excellency the Lieutenant- Governor.	17	23 June...	1	His Excel- lency the Lieutenant- Governor.	

Legislative Assembly Office,  
Sydney, 1st August, 1911

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

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1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION OF 1911.

No. of COMMITTEE.	DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE.	WHEN AND HOW APPOINTED.	MEMBERS.	CHAIRMAN.	No. of MEETINGS.		No. of WITNESSES EXAMINED.	WHEN REPORTED.	
					Called.	Held.			
1	The Governor's Opening Speech .....	16 May, 1911. Votes No. 1, Entry 11..... (On motion of Mr. Thrower.)	{ Mr. Cusack, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Estell,	{ Mr. Grahame; Mr. Page, Mr. Thrower.	Mr. Thrower .....	.....	1	None	1911. 16 May.
2	Elections and Qualifications .....	16 May, 1911. Votes No. 1, Entry 9 .....	{ Mr. Ball, Mr. Black, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Downce,	{ Mr. James, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Grahame.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Standing Orders * .....	30 May, 1911. Votes No. 7, Entry 10..... (On motion of Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Holman.)	{ Mr. Speaker, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Briner, Mr. J. C. J. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Wood,	{ Mr. Dacey, Mr. Holman, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Beeby.	Mr. Speaker .....	5	3	.....	.....
4	Library † .....	30 May, 1911. Votes No. 7, Entry 11..... (On motion of Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Holman.)	{ Mr. Speaker, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Horne, † Mr. Downes,	{ Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. Levy, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Harry Morton, Mr. Holman.	The President .....	.....	.....	None	.....
5	Refreshment* .....	30 May, 1911. Votes No. 7, Entry 12..... (On motion of Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Holman.)	{ Mr. Speaker, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Page, Mr. Brinsley Hall,	{ Mr. Levien, Mr. Lynch, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Hindmarsh, Mr. Holman.	Mr. Levien .....	1	1	None	.....

\* Confers on subjects of mutual concernment with a similar Committee of the Legislative Council.

† Acts in conjunction with a similar Committee of the Legislative Council.

‡ Resigned, 25th July, 1911.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION OF 1911—continued.

No. of COMMITTEE.	DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE.	WHEN AND HOW APPOINTED.	MEMBERS.	CHAIRMAN.	No. of MEETINGS.		No. of WITNESSES EXAMINED.	WHEN REPORTED.
					Called.	Held.		
6	Printing .....	30 May, 1911. Votes No. 7, Entry 13..... (On motion of Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Holman.)	Mr. Robson, Mr. Estell, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Henley, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Holman.	Mr. Kelly .....	6	6	None	1911. 1 June, 8 June, 15 June, 29 June, 6 July, 13 July.
7	Warwick Farm Railway Act Extension Bill.	31 May, 1911. Votes No. 8, Entry 4 .....	Mr. Downes, Mr. Levien, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Parkes, Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Mr. Perry, Mr. McCourt, Mr. David Storey, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Waddell.	Mr. Downes .....	3	3	4	14 June.
8	Operations of the Australian Jockey Club.	18 June, 1911. Votes No. 13, Entry 6 .....	Mr. Grahame, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Holman, Mr. McCourt, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Peters, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Thrower, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Harry Morton.	Mr. Thrower .....	2	2	1	.....
9	Retirement of Mr. James M'Kay from the Railway Department.	15 June, 1911. Votes No. 15, Entry 15 .....	Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Harry Morton, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Meagher, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Thomas.	Mr. Bruntnell .....	2	2	2	.....
10	Claims of Madame Bell against the Education Department.	27 June, 1911. Votes No. 16, Entry 5 .....	Mr. Beeby, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Lutimer, Mr. Downes, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Hoyle, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Lynch.	Mr. Hoyle.....	1	1	None.	.....
11	Daylight Saving Principle .....	28 June, 1911. Votes No. 17, Entry 12 .....	Mr. Bruntnell, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Page, Mr. Henley, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Thomas.	Dr. Arthur .....	4	3	4	.....
12	Case of Henry Harding, W. S. Stead, and others—Certificate of Title.	4 July, 1911. Votes No. 19, Entry 3 .....	Mr. Briner, Mr. Fallick, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Minahan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Holman, Mr. Wade.	Mr. Hollis.....	4	3	2	.....

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION OF 1911—*continued.*

NO. OF COMMITTEE.	DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE.	WHEN AND HOW APPOINTED.	MEMBERS.	CHAIRMAN.	NO. OF MEMBERS.		NO. OF WITNESSES EXAMINED.	WHEN REPORTED.
					Called.	Held.		
13	Conduct of the Rabbit Industry in New South Wales.	4 July, 1911. Votes No. 19, Entry 4 ..... ( <i>On motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.</i> )	{ Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Dunn,* Mr. Harry Morton, Mr. Horne,* Mr. John Miller, Mr. Trefle, Mr. McGarry, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Meagher.	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick	3	2	None.	.....
14	Claims of Samuel Alfred Hutchinson..	5 July, 1911. Votes No. 20, Entry 9 ..... ( <i>On motion of Mr. Kelly.</i> )	{ Mr. Edden, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Meagher Mr. Kelly, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Taylor.	Mr. Kelly.....	4	3	2	.....
15	Timber Industry .....	11 July, 1911. Votes No. 22, Entry 8..... ( <i>On motion of Mr. Briner.</i> )	{ Mr. Briner, Mr. McGarry, Mr. Black, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Ball, Mr. Thrower, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Trefle, Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Mr. Henry Willis.	Mr. Briner .....	2	2	1	.....
16	Claims of Harry K. Carpenter .....	18 July, 1911. Votes No. 25, Entry 6..... ( <i>On motion of Mr. Wade.</i> )	{ Mr. Cohen, Mr. Horne.* Mr. Dacey, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Fell, Mr. Parke, Mr. Holman, Mr. Wade, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Henry Willis.	Mr. Wade.....	1	1	None.	.....

\* Resigned 25 h July, 1911.

Legislative Assembly Office,  
Sydney, 1st August, 1911.

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

1911.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES:

No. 1.

## REPORT FROM PRINTING COMMITTEE.

THE PRINTING COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed under the Sessional Order of 30th May, 1911, Votes 7, Entry 13, have agreed to report to your Honorable House in relation to the Papers referred to them, as follows:—

Description of Paper.	Subject of Paper.	By whom Moved for.	By whom laid upon Table.	When laid upon Table.	Recommended by the Committee.	Remarks.
				1911.		
Report .....	of the Senate of the University of Sydney for 1910 .....	.....	Mr. Beeby .....	16 May .....	To be printed.	
Report .....	of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for 1910 .....	.....	Mr. Beeby .....	16 May .....	To be printed.	
Report .....	of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery for 1910 .....	.....	Mr. Beeby .....	16 May .....	To be printed.	
New and amended By-laws .....	of the University of Sydney .....	.....	Mr. Beeby .....	16 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Notifications .....	of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School purposes, at Blackwall, Camden, Cooringora, Crystal-street, Petersham, and Euloug.	.....	Mr. Beeby .....	16 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended Regulation .....	No. 381, under the Crown Lands Acts .....	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	16 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended Regulation .....	No. 315, under the Crown Lands Acts .....	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	16 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended Form .....	No. 2, under the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910 .....	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	16 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended Form .....	No. 150, under the Crown Lands Acts .....	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	16 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended Quarry Regulation .....	No. 1, under the Crown Lands Acts .....	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	16 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended Regulation .....	No. 352 and Amended Form No. 102, also Additional Form No. 102A, under the Crown Lands Acts.	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	16 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended Regulation .....	No. 355 and Amended Form No. 106, under the Crown Lands Acts	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	16 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of (a) amendment of Regulations Nos. 9, 43, 57B, 208, 214, 218, 227, 273, 274, 274A, 311, 340, 358, 359, 361, 365, 374, 377, 380, 382, 390, 395, 401, and 402; and Forms Nos. 4, 4A, 4B, 5, 8, 9, 151, 152; and (b) Amended Regulations Nos. 14, 36, 58, 119, 121, 125, 283, 286, and 287; and Amended Forms Nos. 30, 116, 118, and 122, under the Crown Lands Acts.	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	16 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of (a) amendment of Regulations Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31, 37, and (b) Amended Forms Nos. 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 under the Closer Settlement Acts.	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	16 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended Regulation .....	No. 214A under the Crown Lands Acts .....	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	16 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Notice .....	of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 1907-7, portions 131 and 72, parish of Courabyra, county of Wynyard, Land District of Tumberumba, applied for by The Australian Widows' Fund Life Assurance Society, Limited, as mortgagees of C. D. Bardwell shall cease to be voidable.	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	16 May .....	Not to be printed.	

Description of Paper.	Subject of Paper.	By whom Moved for.	By whom laid upon Table.	When laid upon Table.	Recommended by the Committee.	Remarks.
Return .....	of leases granted under the provisions of section 18, Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.	.....	Mr. Nielsen.....	1911. 16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Marrickville.	.....	Mr. Nielsen.....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Report .....	of the Department of Mines for 1910.....	.....	Mr. Edden .....	16 May .....	To be printed .....	Already in print.
Amendment .....	of General Rule 6, of section 55, Mines Inspection Act, 1901 .....	.....	Mr. Edden .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
General Rule.....	59, of section 55, Mines Inspection Act, 1901 .....	.....	Mr. Edden .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	under section 122 (3), Mining Act, 1906, exempting certain streams or watercourses from the operation of the said Act.	.....	Mr. Edden .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Proclamation.....	declaring storing or stacking fuel in connection with mining to be a Mining Purpose within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.	.....	Mr. Edden .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Report .....	of the Miners' Accident Relief Board for 1910.....	.....	Mr. Edden .....	16 May.....	To be printed .....	Already in print.
Proclamation.....	declaring certain lands in the parish of Adelong, to be Private Lands within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.	.....	Mr. Edden .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Proclamation.....	declaring certain lands in the parish of Adelong, to be Private Lands within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.	.....	Mr. Edden .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Regulation.....	in substitution of Regulation No. 33, under the Government Railways Act, 1901.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Regulation.....	in substitution of Regulation No. 34, under the Government Railways Act, 1901.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Regulations .....	Nos. 16 to 29, under the Railway Service Superannuation Act, 1910	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Additional Regulations .....	Nos. 3 to 8, to be added to the Eighth Schedule to the Navigation Act, 1901.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Regulation.....	No. 242, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900 .....	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Regulations .....	Nos. 243 and 244, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900 .....	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Regulations .....	Nos. 245 and 246, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900 .....	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Regulations .....	Nos. 28 to 30, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900 .....	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Regulation.....	in substitution of Regulation No. 16, under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Report .....	of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 31st December, 1910.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	To be printed .....	Already in print.
Report .....	of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 31st March, 1911.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	To be printed .....	Already in print.
Report .....	of the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales for 1910, together with Appendices.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	To be printed .....	Already in print.
Report .....	of the Pharmacy Board for 1910.....	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	To be printed.	
Notification .....	of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the improvement of Station Yard at Albury.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic between West Maitland and South Greta.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at St. Leonards.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for quadruplication of the Illawarra Suburban Railway between Sydney and Sydenham.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for deviation of the Great Northern Railway near Willow Tree.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the traffic on the Great Southern Railway at Henty.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for deviation of the Tamworth to Manilla Railway, near Attunga.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Residences for Traffic Officers at Edgecombe.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	



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Notification	of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Drainage at Burren Junction.		Mr. Carmichael	1911. 16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at Hartley Vale.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for quadruplication of the Illawarra Suburban Railway between Sydney and Sydenham (No. 2).		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic on the Inverell Railway, near Gragin.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for erecting a Car-shed at Enfield.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at Hawkesbury River.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for deviation of the Great Western Railway between Emu Plains and Glenbrook and Blaxland.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic on the North-western Railway at Warialda.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of appropriation of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Station Officer's House at Newnes Junction.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic on the Cleveland-street and Erskineville tram-lines at Sydney.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Sub-station at Darlinghurst.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic on the deviation between Emu Plains and Blaxland.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for grade improvements between Bell and Dargan's Railway Stations.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the traffic at Ariah Park.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at Cootamundra.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at Auburn.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at Lawson.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Water Supply at Morundah.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for obtaining ballast at Locksley.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for traffic at Ganmain.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for quadruplication of the Illawarra Suburban Railway between Sydney and Sydenham (No. 3).		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Regulations	under the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Navigation Amendment (Regulations) Act, 1904.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Statement	of Trust Moneys Deposit Account, from 1st April, 1910, to 31st March, 1911.		Mr. Carmichael	16 May	To be printed	Already in print.
By-laws	regulating Water Supply of the Municipalities of Dubbo, Moama, Warren.		Mr. Arthur Griffith	16 May	Not to be printed.	
Regulations	of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Trust, under the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910.		Mr. Arthur Griffith	16 May	Not to be printed.	

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By-laws .....	of the Trustees of the Bullatale Creek Water Trust and Sherwood Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	1911. 16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Minute .....	of the Public Service Board, recommending appointment on probation of Mr. C. C. Ware, as Surveyor, Department of Public Works.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Manly to Brookvale Tramway (Part 2).	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a new stock road from the Flemington Saleyards to the new Abattoirs.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Mudgee to Dunedoo, <i>via</i> Canadian Lead, Railway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of Water to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Barren Jack Dam.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Murrumbidgee Canals.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of Water to Manly.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of Water to Singleton.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Cowra to Canowindra Railway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the new Yarrowa Bore.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for supply of Water to Cooma.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Narrabri-Walgett and Collarendabri Railway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for a Night-soil Depôt at Wonona.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Waverley to Bronte Tramway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Wallsend to West Wallsend Tramway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of Water to Sydney and Suburbs.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Lockhart to Clear Hills Railway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of a Regulator on Little Merran Creek.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Dam on Little Barber's Creek.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of Public Wharves at Jones' Bay, Pyrmont.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Lockhart to Clear Hills Railway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	

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197-B Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	1911. 16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Night-soil Depôt at Dungog.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Water Supply for the Town of Wellington.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Water Supply for the Town of Cooma.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the establishment of a State Forest.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the disposal of sewerage from Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Murrumbidgee Northern Irrigation.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of Wallacia Compensation Weir, Nepean.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Pumping Station, Barooga Water Trust.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	16 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Abstract.....	of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.	.....	Mr. Nielsen.....	17 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Gazette Notices.....	setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.	.....	Mr. Nielsen.....	17 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Report.....	of Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Fire Brigades Acts.	.....	Mr. Holman.....	17 May.....	To be printed.....	Already in print.
Regulations.....	under the Careless Use of Fire Acts.....	.....	Mr. Holman.....	17 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Addition.....	to Schedule "E" of Regulations under Motor Traffic Act, 1909.....	.....	Mr. Holman.....	17 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Regulations.....	under Pure Food Act, 1908.....	.....	Mr. Holman.....	17 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Regulations.....	under the Dentists Act, 1900, and Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1909.....	.....	Mr. Holman.....	17 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Statement.....	of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1910.	.....	Mr. Holman.....	17 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Statement.....	of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1910.	.....	Mr. Holman.....	17 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Regulations.....	under the Public Service Act, 1902.....	.....	Mr. Holman.....	17 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Return (in part).....	to an Order, made on 17th March, 1892,—“Convictions under the the Liquor Act.”	.....	Mr. Holman.....	17 May.....	To be printed.	
Returns.....	under the several Acts of Parliament administered by the Registrar-General for 1910.	.....	Mr. Holman.....	17 May.....	Not to be printed.	Already in print.
Rule.....	of the Supreme Court in Matrimonial Causes Jurisdiction.....	.....	Mr. Holman.....	17 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Statement.....	of Receipts and Expenditure of the Hay Irrigation Trust for 1910.	.....	Mr. Trefle.....	17 May.....	To be printed.	
Regulations.....	under the Trustees of Show-ground Enabling Act, 1909.....	.....	Mr. Trefle.....	17 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification.....	of cancellation of certain regulations under the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901.	.....	Mr. Trefle.....	17 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Regulation.....	under the Pure Food Act, 1908.....	.....	Mr. Holman.....	23 May.....	Not to be printed.	

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Statement .....	of Public Companies Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1911.	.....	Mr. Holman.....	1911. 23 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Statement .....	of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1911	.....	Mr. Holman.....	23 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Twenty-eighth Annual Report .....	on Inscribed Stock, with Appendices, under the Inscribed Stock, Act, 1902.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	23 May.....	To be printed.	
Letter .....	from the Auditor-General, transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a Vote to another Service, namely:— (a) £150, from Vote "Sheriff's Contingencies," to Vote "Probate and Intestate Estates Office Contingencies." (b) £350, from Vote "Sheriff's Contingencies," to Vote "Attorney-General and Justice, Miscellaneous Services, Purchase of Law Books, &c." (c) £150, from the Vote "Artesian Water Investigation" to Vote "Wentworth Irrigation Area, Maintenance, &c." (d) £1,000, from Vote "Contingent Vote, Department of Agriculture," to Vote "Stock and Brands Contingencies."	.....	Mr. Speaker .....	23 May.....	Not to be printed.	
Regulations .....	under the Workmens Compensation Act, 1910 .....	.....	Mr. Beeby .....	24 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended .....	Rules Nos. 5 and 28 of the Land Appeal Court of New South Wales:	.....	Mr. Nielsen.....	25 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended .....	Regulation No. 85 under the Crown Lands Acts .....	.....	Mr. Nielsen.....	25 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Abstract.....	of Crown lands reserved from sale for the Preservation of Water supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.	.....	Mr. Nielsen.....	25 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Abstract.....	of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.	.....	Mr. Nielsen.....	25 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Abstract.....	of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.	.....	Mr. Nielsen.....	25 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Report .....	of the Police Department for 1910.....	.....	Mr. Holman .....	30 May .....	To be printed .....	Already in print.
Report .....	of the Proceedings of the Interstate Conference on the Murray River Waters, held at Melbourne, January, 1911.	.....	Mr. Holman .....	30 May .....	To be printed .....	Already in print.
Thirty-first General.....	Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works transmitting copy of Order respecting Appeals to His Majesty in Council from the High Court of the Commonwealth of Australia.	.....	Mr. Holman .....	30 May .....	To be printed .....	Already in print.
Despatch .....	.....	.....	Mr. Holman .....	30 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended .....	Regulations Nos. 20 and 118 under the Public Service Act, 1902 .....	.....	Mr. Holman .....	30 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Abstract.....	of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to Public purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.	.....	Mr. Nielsen.....	31 May .....	Not to be printed.	
Regulations .....	Nos. 247 and 248 under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900 .....	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	31 May .....	Not to be printed.	

Assembly Reading Room, Legislative Assembly,  
Sydney, 1st June, 1911.

A. J. KELLY,  
Chairman.

1911.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 2.

## REPORT FROM PRINTING COMMITTEE.

THE PRINTING COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed under the Sessional Order of 30th May, 1911, Votes 7, Entry 13, have agreed to report to your Honorable House in relation to the Papers referred to them since their Report No. 1, dated 1st June, 1911, as follows:—

Description of Paper.	Subject of Paper.	By whom Moved for.	By whom laid upon Table.	When laid upon Table.	Recommended by the Committee.	Remarks.
Report .....	of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the control of the Kentia Palm Seed Question of Lord Howe Island, together with evidence, appendices, and map.	.....	Mr. Trefle .....	1911. 6 June .....	To be printed .....	Already in print.
Amended Rule .....	No. 40 under the Police Regulation Act, 1899 .....	.....	Mr. Holman.....	6 June .....	Not to be printed.	
Regulations .....	under the Friendly Societies Act, 1899, and Friendly Societies (Amendment) Act, 1906.	.....	Mr. Holman.....	6 June .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended General Rule 6 .....	of section 55, Mines Inspection Act, 1901.....	.....	Mr. Edden .....	6 June .....	Not to be printed.	
Report .....	of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School for 1910 .....	.....	Mr. Beeby .....	7 June .....	To be printed.	
Amended Regulation .....	under the Government Railways Act, 1901, as amended by the Railway Commissioners Appointment Act, 1906.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	7 June .....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for conservation of water for the Botany Dams.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith .....	7 June .....	Not to be printed.	
By-laws .....	of the Trustees of the Tunda Bore Water Trust under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith .....	7 June .....	Not to be printed.	
By-laws .....	regulating Water Supply of the Municipalities of Blayney and Tumut.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith .....	7 June .....	Not to be printed.	
Report .....	by Police regarding the congestion at the entrance to the Agricultural Ground on the occasion of a football match on 3rd June, 1911	.....	Mr. Holman.....	7 June .....	Not to be printed.	
Report .....	on the administration of the Private Hospitals Act, 1903, during 1910	.....	Mr. Holman.....	7 June .....	To be printed .....	Already in print.
Regulation.....	under the Pure Food Act, 1908 .....	.....	Mr. Holman.....	8 June .....	Not to be printed.	

Assembly Reading Room, Legislative Assembly,  
Sydney, 8th June, 1911.

A. J. KELLY,  
Chairman.

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 3.

REPORT FROM PRINTING COMMITTEE.

THE PRINTING COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed under the Sessional Order of 30th May, 1911, Votes No. 7, Entry 13, have agreed to report to your Honorable House in relation to the Papers referred to them since their Report No. 2, dated 8th June, 1911, as follows:—

Description of Paper.	Subject of Paper.	By whom Moved for.	By whom laid upon Table.	When laid upon Table.	Recommended by the Committee.	Remarks.
Return to an Order Papers.....	"University Undergraduates Annual Procession" relating to the appointment and supersession of Mr. William Robinson, J.P., as Returning Officer for the State Electoral District of Newtown.	Mr. Cohen .....	Mr. Holman..... Mr. Holman.....	1911. 13 June ..... 13 June .....	To be printed. Not to be printed.	
Gazette Notices .....	setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.	.....	Mr. Nielsen.....	14 June .....	Not to be printed.	
A letter from the Auditor-General...	transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a Vote for another service, namely:— (a) £2,000 from Vote, "Contingent Vote—Department of Agriculture," to Vote, "Stock and Brands—Contingencies." (b) £250 from Vote, "Board of Fire Commissioners—Subsidy," to Vote, "Auditor-General." (c) £700 from Vote, "Board of Fire Commissioners—Subsidy," to Vote, "Incidental, Unforeseen, and Petty Expenses." (d) £4,000 from Vote, "Board of Fire Commissioners—Subsidy," to Vote, "Amount required to provide for Subventions to Friendly Societies." (e) £1,500 from Vote, "Department of Lands, Salaries," to Vote, "To meet cost of Postage, and Railway Freight Stamps, &c."	.....	Mr. Speaker .....	14 June .....	Not to be printed.	

Description of Paper.	Subject of Paper.	By whom Moved for.	By whom laid upon Table.	When laid upon Table.	Recommended by the Committee.	Remarks.
Particulars.....	of leases issued to the 7th June, 1911, under the provisions of the Western Lands (Amendment) Act, 1905.	.....	Mr. Nielsen.....	15 June .. .. .	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a public recreation ground at West Balmain.	.....	Mr. Nielsen.....	15 June .. . . .	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a public park at Kingswood.	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	15 June .. . . .	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Gloucester to Taree Railway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	15 June .. . . .	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the West Maitland to Dungog Railway.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith ...	15 June .. . . .	Not to be printed.	

*Assembly Reading Room, Legislative Assembly,  
Sydney, 15th June, 1911.*

A. J. KELLY,  
Chairman.

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 4.

REPORT FROM PRINTING COMMITTEE.

THE PRINTING COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed under the Sessional Order of 30th May, 1911, Votes No. 7, Entry 13, have agreed to report to your Honorable House in relation to the Papers referred to them since their Report No. 3, dated 15th June, 1911, as follows:—

Description of Paper.	Subject of Paper.	By whom Moved for.	By whom laid upon Table.	When laid upon Table.	Recommended by the Committee.	Remarks.
				1911.		
Amended Regulation .....	under the Pure Food Act, 1908 .....	.....	Mr. Holman.....	27 June.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Ventilating Shaft for the Burwood Sewerage.	.....	Mr. Edden .....	27 June.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Ventilating Shaft for the Glebe Sewerage.	.....	Mr. Edden .....	27 June.....	Not to be printed.	
A letter from the Auditor-General...	transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th Section of the Audit Act, 1902, copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service, namely:— £340 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Contingencies," to the following Votes, namely:—£90 to Vote, "Registrar in Bankruptcy—Contingencies"; £50 to Vote, "District Court—Contingencies"; £100 to Vote, "Probate and Intestate Estate—Contingencies"; £100 to Vote, "Judges—Contingencies."	.....	Mr. Deputy-Speaker ...	27 June.....	Not to be printed.	
Amendment .....	of Rule 65 of the Rules and Regulations for the conduct of traffic, &c., on the Railways.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	28 June.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for erecting a sub-station at Leichhardt.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	28 June.....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Railway traffic at Goulburn.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	28 June.....	Not to be printed.	
Report .....	of the Second Valuation of Friendly Societies of New South Wales, as at 31st December, 1909.	.....	Mr. Holman.....	28 June.....	To be printed .....	Already in print.



Description of Paper.	Subject of Paper.	By whom Moved for.	By whom laid upon Table.	When laid upon Table.	Recommended by the Committee.	Remarks.
Despatch .....	from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing copy of Order of His Majesty the King in Council, providing that the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890, shall come into force in New South Wales on 1st July, 1911. of Crown lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884. setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897. declaring certain land in the parish of Wonona, county of Camden, to be private lands, under the Mining Act, 1906. relating to "Hansard" Staff's method of reporting the speech by the Honorable Henry Willis, M.L.A., delivered on the 7th June, 1911. No. 12A, under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.....	.....	Mr. Holman.....	1911. 28 June.....	Not to be printed.	
Abstract .....		.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	28 June.....	Not to be printed.	
Gazette Notices.....		.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	28 June .....	Not to be printed.	
Proclamation.....		.....	Mr. Elden .....	28 June.....	Not to be printed	
Papers.....		.....	Mr. Holman.....	29 June .....	To be printed.	
Additional Regulation .....		.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	29 June.....	Not to be printed	

Assembly Reading Room, Legislative Assembly,  
Sydney, 29th June, 1911.

A. J. KELLY,  
Chairman.

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No 5.

## REPORT FROM PRINTING COMMITTEE.

THE PRINTING COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed under the Sessional Order of 30th May, 1911, Votes No. 7, Entry 13, have agreed to report to your Honorable House in relation to the Papers referred to them since their Report No. 4, dated 29th June, 1911, as follows:—

Description of Paper.	Subject of Paper.	By whom Moved for.	By whom laid upon Table.	When laid upon Table.	Recommended by the Committee.	Remarks.
Copy of the Agreement .....	between Messrs. M'Kenzie and Holland, Limited, and the Railway Commissioners in connection with the Contract for the installation of Electro-Pneumatic Signalling at the Central Railway Station, Sydney.	.....	Mr. Carmichael .....	1911. 4 July .....	To be printed.	
Papers and Correspondence .....	in connection with alleged double voting at the General Election, 14th October, 1910.	.....	Mr. Holman .....	4 July .....	To be printed.	
Report .....	of the completion of Orpington-Alt-street Stormwater Channel, Ashfield, Contracts Nos. 712 and 831.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith .....	4 July .....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Casino Stormwater Channel.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith .....	4 July .....	Not to be printed.	
Correspondence, &c. ....	in connection with application for erection of new Public Wharf at Morpeth, Hunter River.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith .....	4 July .....	.....	Postponed for further consideration.
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.	.....	Mr. Edden .....	5 July .....	Not to be printed.	
Notification .....	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Cuddletown.	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	5 July .....	Not to be printed.	
Return .....	respecting the Celebration of Marriage by Rev. A. Cowling .....	.....	Mr. Holman .....	6 July .....	To be printed.	
Paper .....	showing the strength of the Police Force at Orange .....	.....	Mr. Holman .....	6 July .....	Not to be printed.	
Report .....	by Dr. C. S. Willis, Principal Assistant Medical Officer of the Government, on the proposed Hospital at Cessnock.	.....	Mr. Holman .....	6 July .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended Regulation .....	No. 48, under the Crown Lands Acts .....	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	6 July .....	Not to be printed.	
Amended Form .....	No. 135, under the Crown Lands Acts .....	.....	Mr. Nielsen .....	6 July .....	Not to be printed.	
Sewerage By-laws .....	of the Municipality of Katoomba, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.	.....	Mr. Edden .....	6 July .....	Not to be printed.	

Assembly Reading Room, Legislative Assembly,  
Sydney, 6th July, 1911.

A. J. KELLY,  
Chairman.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No 6.

REPORT FROM PRINTING COMMITTEE.

THE PRINTING COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed under the Sessional Order of 30th May, 1911, Votes No 7, Entry 13, have agreed to report to your Honorable House in relation to the Papers referred to them since their Report No. 5, dated 6th July, 1911, as follows :—

Description of Paper.	Subject of Paper.	By whom Moved for.	By whom laid upon Table.	When laid upon Table.	Recommended by the Committee.	Remarks.
Correspondence, &c.	in connection with application for erection of new Public Wharf at Morpeth, Hunter River.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	1911. 4 July	.....	Postponed for further consideration.
Report	of the Department of Labour and Industry on the working of the Factories and Shops Act, Minimum Wage Act, Early Closing Acts, and Shearers' Accommodation Act, &c., during 1910.	.....	Mr. Beeby	11 July	To be printed	Already in print.
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Railway Traffic at Goulburn.	.....	Mr. Carmichael	11 July	Not to be printed.	
Statement	of Trust Moneys Deposit Account from 1st April, 1910, to 31st March, 1911.	.....	Mr. Carmichael	11 July	Not to be printed.	
By-laws	of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	11 July	Not to be printed.	
By-law	of the Municipality of Wagga Wagga, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.	.....	Mr. Arthur Griffith	11 July	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Moree to Mungindi Railway.	.....	Mr. Treflé	11 July	Not to be printed.	
Notification	of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.	.....	Mr. Treflé	11 July	Not to be printed.	

Assembly Reading Room, Legislative Assembly,  
Sydney, 13th July, 1911.

A. J. KELLY,  
Chairman.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING STAFF.

(PAPERS RELATING TO "HANSARD" STAFF'S METHOD OF REPORTING THE SPEECH BY THE  
HONORABLE HENRY WILLIS, M.L.A., DELIVERED ON THE 7TH JUNE, 1911.)

Printed under No. 4 Report from Printing Committee, 29 June, 1911.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly to The Acting Premier.

Dear Mr. Holman,

Speaker's Room, Sydney, 15 June, 1911.

I wish you would read the enclosed, and, if you think fit, lay it on the Table of the House. But I admit it will be a very unusual course. But you see by the letter Mr. Robinson is very much incensed on account of what Mr. Willis has said, and I should like to say that I do not think it is deserved. However, Mr. Robinson's letter explains itself, and his object is that his staff and himself being put in a proper light with the members of the House.

Yours sincerely,  
J. H. CANN.

[Enclosures.]

EXTRACT from "Parliamentary Debates," 7th June, 1911.

MR. HENRY WILLIS (The Upper Hunter) [12.44 a.m.]\* was understood to say that he thought it was usual, on a motion for adjournment, to discuss grievances. He said he had not had the opportunity to consult Mr. Speaker on the point, but he had spoken to his predecessor, the hon. member for Wollondilly. He intended in future to follow the practice of this House.

\* Member's Revision.—Omit "was understood to say that he thought it was usual, on a motion for adjournment, to discuss grievances."—[A number of members present at the adjournment have requested that I should protest against the garbled report of my personal explanation.—HENRY WILLIS, 8/6/11.]

Shorthand-writer's Department, Legislative Assembly Offices,

Sir,

Sydney, 15 June, 1911.

I desire to invite your attention to the observation of the Honorable Member for The Upper Hunter, viz., "A number of members present at the adjournment (7 June) have requested that I should protest against the garbled report of my personal explanation." *Vide Debates*, page 645.

I was aware from repeated representations on the part of the Honorable Member that he felt aggrieved at my inability to accept the alterations he desired to have made in the proof issue of his speech (18 May), reported pp. 103 to 115, and therefore, rather against what I deem to be my better judgment, I deferred to what he seemed to regard as a vindication of his view. Subject to your discretion, I do not intend that this shall become a precedent. To allow it to do so would, I think, greatly discourage the staff whom I have not infrequently had to call upon to work continuously for twenty-four and thirty-six hours at a stretch, which they have done without a murmur, under the belief that they enjoyed the confidence, consideration, and even generosity of Honorable Members. It seems to me that any Honorable Member who feels dissatisfied with the conduct or ability of the staff should approach Mr. Speaker, or rise in his place in the House, either course allowing of explanation or defence—such as is accorded to a criminal before he is condemned.

I was aware—and I believe that Mr. Speaker McCourt when he authorised the daily publication of the Debates was not ignorant of the fact—that it would be less accurate than a report published after revision; but it was believed that such defects, largely typographical errors, would be apparent from the context, and would be greatly outweighed by the advantages incidental to earlier publication. Errors of the Press are almost inescapable. Thus, for example, an edition of the Sacred Scriptures, after the

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most careful and reverential revision by the English Bishops, got into circulation with the Divine commandment expressed thus—"Thou shalt commit adultery"; and there was a case where human life was jeopardised by the dispensing of a prescription from a printed book on medicine. I am quite unable to institute any comparison between the official and the newspaper reports, and I should not do so if I had the time to acquire the requisite knowledge, but it may be proper to point out that the Press of Sydney, by reason of its wealth, long experience, and reputable conduct, is in a position to supply reports of Parliament of the highest standard. The proof copy of the official debates is now produced under essentially newspaper conditions; and I would, therefore, respectfully submit that if our work reaches the highest newspaper standard it is all that the House is entitled to expect from its staff, and I would not suggest that Honorable Members should be content with anything less.

The adverse judgment I have quoted seems to impugn my personal integrity, and to take for granted that I assume a larger discretion than should be permitted. It will be time enough for me to defend myself when the charge of "garbling" comes to be more definitely stated, but meanwhile it may be proper that I should say that I have not assumed to exercise any discretion which has not been forced upon me by every Speaker under whom I have served, and which has not been incidental to the duty required of me during the last thirty-two years. In the earlier years there were many occurrences of such gravity as led me to ask for direction, but in every case I was thrown back on my own judgment; and where, in some extreme cases, I formally reported what I had done, I received written sanction of the course pursued.

It was more than once contended that "*Hansard* was not the proper tribunal to decide what should or should not be reported," and this view was strongly pressed upon Mr. Speaker Abbott, who informed the House: "I never intended to interfere with the general report of *Hansard*; in fact, I absolutely decline to do it. I would not undertake to revise or interfere with any Honorable Member's speech."

During Sir Joseph Abbott's occupancy of the Chair a large third party was elected to Parliament. Customary procedure gave precedence in debate to Ministers, ex-Ministers, and members of long standing, so that it was often at a very late hour before the new members could be heard. Having large debating power, strong convictions, and robust health, the newcomers determined to express their views no matter how late the hour, and this brought about very frequent all-night sittings. Mr. Speaker Abbott held the view that, following New Zealand practice, the debates on the Committee stages of Bills should not be reported; but, as he did not absolutely forbid it, the antecedent practice was continued.

He also was much averse to the reporting of interjections,—so provocative of disorder and delay—and finally gave me a peremptory verbal instruction to discontinue reporting questions asked without notice and interjections. It became my duty to suggest that there was reason for thinking that questions without notice were sometimes instigated by Ministers to afford them a convenient opportunity of making a pronouncement of policy or of communicating important information to the House; that other questions were asked from motives of political strategy, and that their full significance only became apparent months afterwards; that questions of grave importance dealing with the policy of land settlement in the Central Division a day or two before would have had to be excluded; that to discriminate in favour of any member's question as against those of others might be expected to provoke strong resentment; that there would be times when it would not be possible to disentangle such questions from their context; and that while Mr. Speaker could apply the rules of relevancy, argument, and opinion to questions upon notice, the House would probably not tolerate a subordinate officer assuming to exercise any discretion other than that of allowing an Honorable Member to express his own thought as nearly as possible in his own words, and that to attempt to change or suppress what Mr. Speaker had allowed to be uttered on the floor of the House into something else in the written report would be a form of censorship which would not be approved.

With regard to interjections, they are much fewer in the New South Wales Parliament than in the Congress of the United States, and so important are they regarded in the French Chamber of Deputies that a special shorthand-writer is detached to write them down. There are many cases where they have led to the elucidation of questions which, but for them, might have been overlooked, where a member, by making an instant contradiction or explanation, has saved himself from the necessity of speaking at all, and it would be fair to suppose that there are cases in which they have greatly influenced arguments and decisions.

As regards interjections, Mr. Speaker Abbott's decision was: "I cannot absolve Mr. Robinson from the responsibilities inseparable from his position by giving instructions for his guidance"; and as to the questions: "I feel that the arguments of the writer are convincing, and that he is forced to adhere to the practice so long established."

I have often heard it contended that an Honorable Member should be the sole judge as to what should be published under his name. If the Debates be regarded as a sheet for personal political advertisement, there seems to be nothing to be said against that view; but if they are to be regarded as a means of facilitating the business of Parliament and Departmental administration, as a vehicle whereby any elector who choose may virtually be present in Parliament itself and obtain a first-hand knowledge of all that is said and done in the enactment of the laws which govern his life and liberty, which concern the tenures under which he holds his land, the means which are to be provided for the conservation of water, the transportation of his produce, and the facilities to be afforded for the education of his children, it would seem that the chief consideration should be substantial accuracy, the reputation of Parliament and the consistency of its members being incidental, and, perhaps, subsidiary considerations. I think the revised report practically fulfils all conditions, for in the very rare case (generally not once in a Parliament) where a member desires to change the substance of what he has been reported to have said, he can do so by having his version printed in a footnote of the page where is recorded what the reporter has understood him to say. The revised edition follows the proof edition so quickly that only cursory attention would be needed for the detection of "garbling," or tampering, presuming such to exist.

The New South Wales Debates have been the model on which have been founded the Official Debates of several other State Parliaments, that of the Commonwealth, and still more recently, that of the British House of Commons; with this exception, that we publish the report of all debates up to midnight by 2 p.m. on the following day, and that it is made mechanically impossible for proofs to be issued to any member before they are issued to all.

I have abundant reason for believing that, where *Hansard* proofs are issued for members to revise before publication, that routine leads to great delay and to substantial changes in the reports themselves, making

making them less trustworthy and much more costly. The appetite for embellishment grows by what it feeds on, until in the comparatively few cases where it obtains it becomes practically insatiable. One gentleman of considerable eminence in a neighbouring State delivered to Parliament a memorised speech which he handed to the official staff in print, being courteously desirous of saving the labour of transcription. When he received his proof he altered it out of all recognition, and if he had received a corrected proof every morning in the week, the probability is that the state of the last proof would be as bad as was that of the first.

I do not desire to obtrude my own predilections, and certainly would not be guilty of the presumption of being influenced by them, if it be the wish of the House to depart from the system which has so long obtained here, as I have supposed, with general satisfaction. I may, however, be permitted to state the case as it suggests itself from my experience.

1. Not 2 per cent. of the members (including both Houses) have shown any desire to make other correction than was necessary, and in accord with the sense of the original report. Members of Governments and Leaders of Oppositions have almost wholly abstained from making any corrections whatever.
2. To change the structure of a report after 200 or 300 pages are in type behind it would entail great expense.
3. To issue proofs for correction would need the appointment of a clerk, and probably another reporter; and would inevitably cause much delay in publication.
4. Delay in publication would, especially at the end of a Session, leave one House ignorant of the reasons of the other for making alterations in the Committee stages of Bills, so that each would be attempting to legislate very much in the dark.
5. The Under Secretaries can now get proofs of questions asked without notice on arrival at their offices, and place Ministers in a position to give information on the assembling of the House later in the day. Delay in publication would thus involve slower despatch of business, possibly the consumption of additional time in the House itself.

I have, &c,

CHARLES ROBINSON,  
Principal Shorthand-writer.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

The Acting Premier to The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Dear Mr. Cann,

Premier's Office, Sydney, 26 June, 1911.

I have your letter of the 15th instant, with enclosures, relative to the *Hansard* report of Mr. Willis's speech in the Legislative Assembly on 7th June.

I have perused the lengthy statement prepared by Mr. Robinson, but have failed to find an explanation of the reason why it was thought necessary to introduce the report of Mr. Willis's remarks by the words, "Was understood to say . . ." This appears to me to be a very unusual course, and perhaps you may be able to ascertain the reason for its adoption.

Yours very truly,  
W. A. HOLMAN.

The Principal Shorthand-writer to The Honorable the Speaker of the  
Legislative Assembly.

Shorthand-writer's Department, Legislative Assembly Offices,  
Sydney, 23 June, 1911.

REPORT OF MR. WILLIS'S SPEECH, 7 JUNE, 1911.

REFERRING to the question raised by the Honorable the Acting Premier as to the words "was understood to say," I may explain that that form of expression was used because all the words of Mr. Willis's sentence were not audible. Mr. Willis spoke in a low voice, and almost under the *Hansard* gallery, the least favourable place for hearing. This form of expression has been frequently used, and is intended to protect the speaker against misapprehension should it happen that the reporter's construction of his remarks proved to be inaccurate. I am positive of this—that there was no substantial misapprehension on our part of Mr. Willis's meaning, the only doubt I had being that his reference was to the practice of the Commonwealth Parliament in setting apart a certain time, one day in each week, for the discussion of grievances. Mr. Willis was invited by me, subsequent to publication, to clear up the matter, but he refused to tell me what he did say, preferring to stigmatise the report as "garbled"—an imputation which has no foundation in fact, and which in this case was mechanically impossible.

CHAS. ROBINSON,  
Principal Shorthand-writer.



RETURN of CONVICTIONS for Drunkenness and Offences under the Liquor Acts at Petty Sessions Courts throughout the State of New South Wales during the twelve months ended 31st December, 1910.

Court.	(a) The Number of Convictions for Drunkenness only.	(b) Other Convictions in which Drunkenness formed part of the charge (drunkenness with disorderly conduct).	(c) Women convicted of foregoing offences.	(d) Foregoing Offences committed between 8 a.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. on Sunday.	(e) Foregoing Offences committed between 8 a.m. on Sunday and 8 a.m. on Monday.	(f) Convictions for selling on Sundays.	(g) Convictions for selling during prohibited hours other than on Sundays.	(h) Convictions for selling Liquor without a License.	(i) Convictions for selling Adult-rated Liquor.
Aberdeen	9	3		1					
Acacia Creek									
Adaminaby	2	10		6	1				
Adelong	3			1					
Albion Park	3	1		1					
Albury	120	29	11	36	8				
Alstonville	5			1					
Angledool	7	14	2	7	14				
Araluen	4	5		2					
Armidale	128	10	7	14	19				
Ashfield	34	8	2	19					
Ashford	1								
Ballina	45	9		9	2	1			
Balmain	251	50	32			1			
Balranald	65	7		14	4				
Bangalow	4	6		1					
Barham	6	2		4					
Barnedman	6	12	1	6					
Barraba	165	9		46	10				
Barron Jack									
Barrington	9								
Bateman's Bay	1	2			3				
Bathurst	121	34	9	39	9	1			
Bega	34	12		12	3				
Bellbrook	3								
Bellingen	49	34		42	6				
Bemboka	1	2							
Bendemeer									
Berrigan	18	2		3					
Berry	1								
Binalong	5	3		2	1				
Bingara	69	8	1	10	3				
Blackville									
Blayney	18	33	3	22	1				
Bogan Gate	6	12		2	1				
Boggabilla	9	2							
Boggabri	66	3	1	13	2				
Bombala	10	7	3	3	2				
Booligal	1	2		1					
Boomi	11	17		7	1				
Bourke	68	8		16	8				
Bowral	13	3		5					
Bowraville	21	8		5	5				
Braidwood	8	8		7					
Branxton	7	21		5					
Brewarrina	57	28	5	10	9				
Broadwater	48	6		25	1				
Broken Hill	466	22	57	144	25	1	2	1	
Bulladelah	3	2		4					
Bulli	100	24	1	50					
Bundarra	19	9		12	2				
Bungahore		8		4					
Bungwahl		2							
Burrage									
Burrowa	26	4	2	7	3				
Burwood	86	32	13	40	1			1	
Byerock	1	1		2		1			
Byron Bay	9	11		3					
Cal Lal									
Camden	7	4		6	6				
Campbelltown	4	2	2	1					
Canbelego	39	6	1	8	6				
Candelo	8			3					
Canowindra	27	20		18	5				
Capertee		3		3					
Captain's Flat	1	2		2			2		
Carcoar	13	14		15	7		1		
Carinda	8	1		4					
Carrathool	2	2							
Casino	87	13	1	28	8				
Cassilis	3	8		2					
Catherine Hill Bay	18	12							
Central Police Office	5,489	554	1,084	1,609	67	1	2	29	





Court.	(a) The Number of Convictions for Drunkenness only.	(b) Other Convictions in which Drunkenness formed part of the charge (drunkenness with disorderly conduct).	(c) Women convicted of foregoing offences.	(d) Foregoing Offences committed between 8 a.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. on Sunday.	(e) Foregoing Offences committed between 8 a.m. on Sunday and 8 a.m. on Monday.	(f) Convictions for selling on Sundays.	(g) Convictions for selling during prohibited hours other than on Sundays.	(h) Convictions for selling Liquor without a License.	(i) Convictions for selling Adult-rated Liquor.
Gunnedah .....	113	24	3	46	4	..	..	..	
Gunning .....	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Guysra .....	9	13	..	2	..	..	..	..	
Hargraves .....	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Hay .....	129	8	2	21	1	..	..	..	
Helensburgh .....	15	23	2	25	..	..	..	..	
Henty .....	54	20	2	2	..	1	..	..	
Hill End .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Hillgrove .....	27	..	..	7	1	1	1	..	
Hillston .....	13	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	
Hornsby .....	5	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	
Howell .....	7	5	..	5	1	..	..	..	
Howlong .....	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	
Hunter's Hill .....	6	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Inverell .....	159	5	3	44	3	..	..	..	
Ivanhoe .....	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	
Jerilderie .....	18	0	..	3	2	..	..	..	
Jerry's Plains .....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Jindabyne .....	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	
Jugiong .....	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	
Junee .....	125	35	1	16	10	..	..	..	
Kangaroo Valley .....	6	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	
Katoomba .....	78	14	5	29	2	..	..	..	
Kempsey .....	107	17	3	32	7	..	..	..	
Kew .....	5	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	
Kiama .....	39	4	..	18	..	..	..	..	
Kiandra .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Kogarah .....	9	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	
Kurri Kurri .....	33	13	2	3	1	..	..	..	
Kyogle .....	59	10	1	19	1	..	..	..	
Lambton .....	39	9	3	17	..	..	..	..	
Lawrence .....	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	
Leadville .....	1	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	
Lismore .....	291	29	12	67	4	..	..	..	
Lithgow .....	140	54	5	42	2	..	1	..	
Liverpool .....	49	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Lockhart .....	62	21	2	19	3	..	..	..	
Louth .....	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Macksville .....	7	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Maclean .....	38	24	..	23	2	1	..	..	
Maitland (East) .....	29	11	3	7	1	..	..	..	
Maitland (West) .....	223	21	13	72	8	..	..	..	
Manilla .....	112	28	..	42	5	..	..	..	
Manly .....	77	4	4	17	3	..	..	..	
Marden .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Marulan .....	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Mathoura .....	1	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	
Meindie .....	15	4	..	4	1	..	..	..	
Merriwa .....	20	3	..	8	..	..	..	..	
Michelago .....	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Millthorpe .....	38	..	1	8	1	..	..	..	
Milparinka .....	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Milton .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Minmi .....	10	14	..	13	1	..	..	..	
Mittagong .....	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	
Moana .....	11	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	
Molong .....	9	12	1	3	4	..	..	..	
Moonan Flat .....	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	
Morangarell .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Morces .....	241	30	5	67	8	..	..	..	
Morpeth .....	18	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	
Moruya .....	13	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	
Mosegiel .....	..	8	..	4	..	..	..	..	
Moss Vale .....	23	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	
Moulamein .....	13	15	..	8	..	..	..	..	
Mount Hope .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Mount McDonald .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Mudgee .....	71	8	4	18	13	..	..	..	
Mullumbimby .....	22	7	..	8	..	..	..	..	
Mulwala .....	3	14	..	4	1	..	..	..	
Mungindi .....	56	14	..	11	1	..	..	..	
Murrumburrah .....	49	8	3	17	4	..	..	..	
Murrurundi .....	19	2	..	6	1	..	..	..	
Murwillumbah .....	166	8	5	47	6	..	..	..	
Muswellbrook .....	46	15	..	8	1	..	..	..	

Court.	(a) The Number of Convictions for Drunkenness only.	(b) Other Convictions in which Drunkenness formed part of the charge (drunkenness with disorderly conduct).	(c) Women convicted of foregoing offences.	(d) Foregoing Offences committed between 8 a.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. on Sunday.	(e) Foregoing Offences committed between 8 a.m. on Sunday and 8 a.m. on Monday.	(f) Convictions for selling on Sunday.	(g) Convictions for selling during prohibited hours other than on Sundays.	(h) Convictions for selling Liquor without a License.	(i) Convictions for selling Adult-rated Liquor.
Nabiac		4		2					
Narrabri	155	29	2	39	4	1			
Narrandera	102	36	2	26	7				
Narooma	4	1		1					
Narromine	81	19		24	2				
Nelligen									
Nerrigundah		2							
Newcastle	1,102	48	100	272	18	3		2	
Newtown	639	105	172	247	9	5			
Nimitybelle	12	4		4	5				
North Sydney	221	29	54	100	4	4			
Nowra	13	1		3					
Nundle	2	5							
Nymagee	1								
Nyngan	68	15		25	1				
Oberon	2	4		2					
Obley	1								
Orange	139	29	29	34	17				
Oxley	2	3		1					
Paddington	356	58	85	120	3				
Pambula	3						2		
Parkes	52	3	1	12	2	1			
Parramatta	258	34	28	65	15		2		
Paterson	29	5	1	3	3				
Peak Hill	7	13	1	9	1	2			
Penrith	83	9	4	27	3				
Pieton	15	2		2	1				
Pilliga	2	1							
Pooncarie	1	1							
Port Macquarie	14	3		6			1		
Quambone	3	5							
Queanbeyan	18	5		9					
Quirindi	131	47	3	30	3				
Raymond Terrace	27	1	1	5	1				
Redfern	304	74	125	125	12	1	1	2	
Richmond	20	10		15					
Robertson	2			1					
Rockley	6	5		5					
Ryde	3	2		2					
Rylstone	4	7		1	1				
Scots	63	11		24					
Silverton	4	1			1				
Singleton	114	16	5	33					
Sofala	2	1							
St. Albans									
Stroud	82	17	4	16	7			5	
Stuart Town	1	13		5	2				
Sunny Corner	1	1		1					
Swamp Oak	2	2							
Tambar Springs	2								
Tamworth	276	59	1	77	3				
Taralga	2								
Taree	63	11	1	18	1				
Tarrangree	1								
Tea Gardens	2								
Temora	156	47	4	57	2				
Tenterfield	68	14		33					
Teralba	25	6		9	3	1			
Tibooburra	6	3	1		2				
Tilpa	3	1				1			
Tingha	25	8	2	11	1				
Tocumwal	23	11		13	2				
Tomingley		1							
Trangie	5	3	1	4	1				
Trunkay									
Tucna									
Tumbarumba	9	14		8					
Tumut	15	7		6					
Tweed Heads	48	4	1	13	3				
Ulmarra	19	3	1	2			1		
Uralla	46	2		9	3				
Urana	27	4		8					

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Wagga Wagga .....	266	35	3	63	4	...	...	...	
Walbundrie .....	...	13	...	4	...	...	...	...	
Walcha .....	57	4	...	19	3	...	...	...	
Walgett .....	98	6	...	21	2	...	...	...	
Wallera Wang .....	13	9	2	10	...	...	1	...	
Wallsend and Plattsburg...	57	7	1	9	24	1	...	...	
Wanaaring .....	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Waratah .....	9	3	1	4	...	...	...	...	
Warialda .....	23	25	...	4	4	...	1	...	
Warren .....	87	15	2	26	3	2	1	...	
Water Police .....	3,725	234	719	1,042	50	5	...	8	
Wauchope .....	4	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	
Wee Waa .....	46	10	1	12	1	...	...	...	
Wellington .....	119	9	7	37	6	...	...	...	
Wentworth .....	31	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	
West Wallsend .....	32	2	...	19	...	...	...	...	
West Wyalong .....	64	13	2	13	2	...	...	...	
White Cliffs .....	11	13	...	4	3	...	...	...	
Whitton .....	11	4	...	9	1	...	...	...	
Wilcannia .....	21	7	...	4	1	...	...	...	
Wilson's Downfall .....	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	
Windeyer .....	3	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	
Windsor .....	21	14	3	8	1	...	...	...	
Wingham .....	115	13	...	40	10	...	...	...	
Wiseman's Ferry .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wollar .....	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wollombi .....	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wollongong .....	103	27	5	48	5	...	...	...	
Wolumba .....	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Woodburn .....	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	
Wyalong .....	26	4	1	6	...	...	...	...	
Wyndham .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Yalgogrin .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Yantabulla .....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Yass .....	21	7	...	11	...	...	...	...	
Yerranderie .....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Yetman .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Young .....	110	57	5	30	1	1	...	...	
Total .....	23,889	3,980	2,860	7,099	745	36	20	63	

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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**ADMINISTRATION OF THE STOCK DISEASES  
(TICK) ACT, 1901.**

(PETITION FROM CERTAIN STOCKOWNERS RESIDENT WITHIN THE KYOGLE QUARANTINE, AND  
OF WOODENBONG, KOREELAH, ACACIA, AND TOOLOOM AREAS. RESPECTIVELY, PRAYING  
THAT A SELECT COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO.)

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*Received by the Legislative Assembly, 30 May, 1911.*

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To the Honorable Members of the Parliament of New South Wales,—

WE, the undersigned stockowners within Kyogle Quarantine, and of Woodenbong, Koreelah, Acacia, and Tooloom Areas, humbly petition you, praying that an inquiry by Select Committee of the House or Royal Commission to inquire into the working of the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act of 1901 and Regulations relative thereto, in view to more effectually guard the State from the spread of cattle tick, and to gain relief from unnecessary harassment and losses incurred under present official control, also to prevent the unnecessary injury and cruelty to our stock.

We respectively and humbly pray that you will give this matter your earliest and most favourable consideration.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 84 signatures.]

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Similar Petitions were received on,—

30 May, 1911—From Stockowners resident within Kyogle Quarantine, and of Woodenbong, Koreelah, Acacia Creek, and Tooloom Areas. [40 signatures.]

30 May, 1911—From Stockowners of Bonalbo Quarantine Area. [17 signatures.]

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1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

GENERAL ELECTION, 1910.

(PAPERS AND CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED DOUBLE VOTING AT,  
ON 14TH OCTOBER, 1910.)

Printed under No. 5 Report from Printing Committee, 6 July, 1911.

COPIES of Telegrams and Letters sent to Returning Officers at Ashburnham, Balmain, Belmore (nil), Bingara, Blayney, Cootamundra, Darling Harbour, The Glebe, Leichhardt, King, The Macquarie, Marrickville (nil), Newcastle, Newtown, Paddington, Queanbeyan, Surry Hills (nil).

Sir, Chief Secretary's Office, Sydney, 15 October, 1910.  
It having been represented that double voting has been carried on at the booths within your electorate on the 14th October instant, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to obtain immediately from your deputies all sealed parcels containing ballot-papers, rolls, &c., not already in your possession, and proceed at once with the marking on a general and supplementary roll, from the rolls used at each of your polling-booths, of the names of the persons enrolled shown thereon to have voted, for the purpose of ascertaining to what extent double voting was carried on, and forward the same immediately on completion to me. (See Section 58, Act 41, 1906, Regulation 20 of 17th June, 1910, and Rule 63 in "Duties of Returning Officers.")

I have, &c.,

Acting Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

The Returning Officer for the Electoral District of

Telegram to Station, addressed to , Returning Officer.

IN view of representations double voting in your electorate, most important that all rolls should be examined without delay, and scrutiny roll forwarded immediately after investigation. Letter following, but act at once.

17th October, 1910.

Acting Under Secretary.

Extract from *The Daily Telegraph*, 15th October, 1910.

ASHBURNHAM.

(Electors on Roll, 8,426.)

*LYNCH, J. P. (Lab.)	...	...	2,807
WEAVER, R. W. D. (Lib.)	...	...	2,393
Lead	...	...	414

(Cannot alter.)

Polling at last election: J. P. Lynch (Lab.), 2,972; Eden George (Lib.), 2,560.

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BALMAIN.

(Electors on roll, 8,851.)

*STOREY, J. (Lab.)	...	...	3,681
HURLEY, J. (Lib.)	...	...	2,500
Majority	...	...	1,181

(Complete.)

Polling at last election: J. Storey (Lab.), 3,100; W. Anderson (Lib.), 3,058.

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BELMORE.

(Electors on roll, 8,675.)

*MINAHAN, P. J. (Lab.)	...	...	2,656
ENGLISH, JOHN (Ind. Lab.)	...	...	2,587
Majority	...	...	69

(Complete.)

Polling at last election: P. J. Minahan (Lab.), 1,589; G. T. Clarke (Lib.), 525; J. Jones (Ind.), 17.

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BINGARA.

(Electors on roll, 9,555.)

M'DONALD, G. R. W. (Lab.)	...	...	2,739
*MOORE, S. W. (Lib.)	...	...	2,542
Lead	...	...	197

(Cannot alter.)

Polling at last election: S. W. Moore (Lib.), 3,143; S. J. J. Heaton (Lab.), 1,936.

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BLAYNEY

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(Electors on roll, 7,207).

*BEEBY, G. S. (Lab.)	...	...	2,374
KELK, W. S. (Lib.)	...	...	2,046

Lead	...	...	328
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(Cannot alter.)

Polling at last election: G. S. Beeby (Lab.), 2,580;  
J. S. Withington (Lib.), 2,530.

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## COOTAMUNDRA.

(Electors on roll, 9,629.)

*HOLMAN, W. A. (Lab.)	...	...	3,452
RYRIE, G. de C. (Lib.)	...	...	3,141

Lead	...	...	311
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(Cannot alter.)

Polling at last election: W. A. Holman (Lab.),  
3,005; A. H. B. Conroy (Lib.), 2,730.

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## DARLING HARBOUR.

(Electors on roll, 7,992.)

*COCHRAN, P. J. (Lab.)	...	...	2,998
THOMSON, A. A. (Ind. Lab.)	...	...	1,586

Majority	...	...	1,412
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(Complete.)

Polling at last election: J. P. Cochran (Lab.),  
1,592; W. Macey (Lab.), 311; H. E. Kelly (Lib.),  
164; J. Jones (Ind.), 21.

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## GLEBE, THE

(Electors on roll, 11,441.)

*KEEGAN, T. (Lab.)	...	...	4,249
*HOGUE, J. A. (Lib.)	...	...	4,114

Majority	...	...	135
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(Complete.)

Polling at last election: J. A. Hogue (Lib.), 3,340;  
J. Haynes (Ind.), 2,774.

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## LEICHHARDT.

(Electors on roll, 12,566.)

*CARMICHAEL, A. C. (Lab.)	...	...	5,461
REED, F. (Lib.)	...	...	4,302

Majority	...	...	1,159
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(Complete.)

Polling at last election: A. C. Carmichael (Lab.),  
3,554; R. Booth (Lib.), 3,069; J. S. Hawthorne  
(Lib.), 1,425.

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## KING.

(Electors on roll, 9,405.)

MORRISH, J. J. (Lab.)	...	...	3,133
MAYMAN, N. (Lib.)	...	...	2,566
ROBERTS, ROBERT (Ind. Lab.)	...	...	17
JONES, JAMES (Ind. D.)	...	...	10
EGAN, M. J. (Ind.)	...	...	5

Majority	...	...	567
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(Complete.)

Polling at last election: E. C. V. Broughton (Lib.),  
2,461; J. E. West (Lab.), 2,331.

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## MACQUARIE, THE

(Electors on roll, 10,137.)

*THROWER, T. H. (Lab.)	...	...	3,188
BURNS, J. (Lib.)	...	...	2,788

Lead	...	...	400
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(Incomplete; result cannot be altered.)

Polling at last election: C. H. Barton (Lib.),  
3,344; T. H. Thrower (Lab.), 3,279.

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## MARRICKVILLE.

(Electors on roll, 12,226.)

CRAWFORD, T. S. (Lab.)	...	...	4,721
MCCOY, R. S. (Lib.)	...	...	3,730
BLACKWOOD, A. A. (Ind.)	...	...	577
BARDEN, T. (Ind.)	...	...	17

Majority	...	...	991
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(Complete.)

Polling at last election: R. W. W. McCoy (Lib.),  
3,966; W. S. Thompson (Lib.), 2,178.

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## NEWCASTLE.

(Electors on roll, 7,892.)

GARDINER, A. R. (Lab.)	...	...	3,203
*GILBERT, O. (Lib.)	...	...	2,645

Majority	...	...	558
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(Complete.)

Polling at last election: O. Gilbert (Lib.), 2,950;  
L. P. Vial (Lib.), 2,186.

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## NEWTOWN.

(Electors on roll, 10,228.)

*HOLLIS, R. (Lab.)	...	...	4,218
FERGUSON, W. J. (Lib.)	...	...	2,490
QUINN, P. (Ind.)	...	...	22

Majority	...	...	1,728
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(Complete.)

Polling at last election: R. Hollis (Lab.), 3,224;  
H. T. Morgan (Lib.), 3,150; P. Quinn (Ind.), 20.

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## PADDINGTON.

(Electors on roll, 10,722.)

OSBORNE, J. P. (Lab.)	...	...	3,772
*OAKES, C. W. (Lib.)	...	...	3,461
MEACLE, F. (Ind.)	...	...	192

Majority	...	...	311
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(Rifle range return to come.)

Polling at last election: C. W. Oakes (Lib.), 2,978;  
J. P. Osborne (Lab.), 2,290; S. A. Baird (Ind.), 17.

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## QUEANBEYAN.

(Electors on roll, 6,729.)

*CUSACK, J. J. (Lab.)	...	...	2,504
ROBERTS, J. (Lib.)	...	...	2,287

Lead	...	...	217
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(Incomplete.)

Polling at last election: J. J. Cusack (Lab.), 2,090;  
H. A. Beegling (Lib.), 1,939.

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## SURRY HILLS.

(Electors on roll, 9,377.)

HOYLE, H. C. (Lab.)	...	...	3,711
*GRAHAM, SIR JAMES (Lib.)	...	...	2,399
EATON, T. (Ind.)	...	...	38

Majority	...	...	1,312
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(Complete.)

Polling at last election: Sir James Graham (Lib.),  
2,227; J. E. Birt (Lab.), 2,104; W. P. Crick (Ind.),  
1,442; G. Perry (Ind.), 194.

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Double

## Double Voting.

Reports received up to 24th October, 1910.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Office, Sydney, 24 October, 1910.

The accompanying papers have reference to apparent cases of double voting or impersonation, viz:—

10/23,614. Ashburnham Electorate.	10/23,606. Middle Harbour Electorate.
10/23,611. Darling Harbour "	10/23,612. Monaro "
10/23,610. Darlinghurst "	10/23,608. Newcastle "
10/24,389. The Glebe "	10/23,609. Newtown "
10/23,604. The Macquarie "	

F.A.C., 24/10/10.

Returned with thanks.—E.B.H., 24/10/1910. Mr. Coghlan.

### Extract from *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 2nd November, 1910.

#### SEX VOTING.

ADDITIONAL returns were made available yesterday, showing the number of male and female electors who exercised the franchise. At Ashfield, more women voted than men, but in the other twelve electorates in the list, the men were in the majority:—

	Males.	Females.		Males.	Females.
Ashfield ... ..	4,207	4,664	Richmond ... ..	3,725	2,500
Bingara ... ..	3,900	2,233	Sturt ... ..	3,644	2,523
Darling ... ..	1,827	620	Surry Hills ... ..	3,359	3,000
Gough... ..	3,969	3,003	Tenterfield ... ..	4,786	2,946
Hartley ... ..	5,316	3,501	Wynyard ... ..	3,093	2,332
Macquarie ... ..	3,978	3,152	Yass ... ..	3,436	2,464
Raleigh ... ..	4,292	2,275			

#### DOUBLE VOTING DENIED.

After polling-day last month, it was freely stated that there were hundreds of cases of double voting. The Electoral Department has tested these statements, and find that in only three cases does there appear to be any suggestion of irregularity, and it is quite possible that these may, on further inquiry, be found to be due to a mistake on the part of a poll-clerk in ruling out the wrong name. The duty of a returning officer does not end on polling-day. He has to prepare what is known as a scrutiny roll, and this immediately reveals any instance of double voting. The Electoral Act of 1906, which confers on an elector the right to vote by declaration at a booth other than the one for his particular electoral division, also provides a safeguard against double voting by directing the returning officer to make an analysis of votes by declaration with votes at the ordinary divisional booths. So far as the returning officers have completed this part of their duty, the polling is shown to be singularly free from irregularity.

### The Under Secretary of Justice to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir, Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, Sydney, 7 April, 1911.

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 24th January last, I have the honor to forward to you herewith copies of the scrutiny rolls furnished in connection with the Local Option vote taken in the Electorates of Alexandria, Pyrmont, Singleton, The Murrumbidgee, and Randwick in October last, and reports from the returning officers in the first three mentioned electorates. Reports from the returning officers for The Murrumbidgee and Randwick Electorates have not yet been received.

I have, &c.,

J. L. WILLIAMS,  
Under Secretary  
(per D.R.J.).

### Alexandria Electorate.

### The Returning Officer, Alexandria, to The Minister of Justice.

Report of Scrutiny of Local Option Roll.

Sir, Town Hall, Waterloo, 22 October, 1910.

I have the honor to report that I have made close scrutiny of rolls used in my electorate during late election, and failed to find any cases of double voting. I will forward you perfectly marked roll, showing the whole of the electors who voted on 14th October.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS DANKS,  
Returning Officer, Alexandria  
(H.J.H., Sub.).

Seen.—D.R.J., U.S., 25/10/10.

### The Returning Officer, Alexandria, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir, 22 Elizabeth-street, Waterloo, 27 January, 1911.

In reply to Circular 11-11,381, I beg to state that, after careful scrutiny, there was not any appearance of double voting at the late General Election.

I regret that I should have overlooked the necessity of forwarding to your Department a marked roll, but will note it for the future.

I am, &c.,

THOMAS DANKS,  
Returning Officer, Alexandria.

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**Armidale Electorate.**

The Returning Officer, Armidale, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Armidale, 14 February, 1911.

Under separate cover, please find marked roll.

I have made a strict scrutiny, and failed to find any double voting or discrepancies of any kind,

Yours faithfully,

J. B. FITZGERALD,

Returning Officer.

**Ashburnham Electorate.**

The Returning Officer, Ashburnham, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Forbes, 19 October, 1910.

Under separate parcel I am despatching to your address the roll and supplementary roll used by me in conducting the investigation you requested me to make. With the exception of one case as below I found nothing irregular in any respect.

Mary Bartlett, No. 18 Alectown Polling-place, appears to have voted at Alectown and also at Parke, signing the declaration at the latter place thus—"M. J. Bartlett."

Enclosed herein is a statement giving the number of male and female voters at each polling-place.

I have, &amp;c,

ROBERT STIRLING.

Returning Officer, Ashburnham.

**Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.**

Case of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police, for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHAN, Acting U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Johnston.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superin'endent Johnston for careful inquiries and report.

T.G.,

I.-G., Police.

Forwarded to Sergeant Grenenger for very careful inquiries and report.—W. J. ANDERSON, Sub-Inspector (in absence of Superintendent of Police), Bathurst, 1/11/10. Sergeant Grenenger, Parkes.

The Inspector-General of Police to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 8 November, 1910.

POLICE reports herewith for information.

THOMAS GARVIN,

Inspector-General of Police

(per E.C.D).

Subject:—*Re* alleged case of Double Voting by Mary Bartlett in connection with the recent Elections.

Police Station, Parkes, 4 November, 1910.

SERGEANT GRENENGER reports that he has made inquiries in connection with the above matter, and finds that Mary Bartlett is a married woman residing at Alectown, and that she has a daughter named Mary Jane Bartlett, who until recently was engaged at the "Club House Hotel," Clarinda-street, Parkes.

The name Mary Bartlett appears on the Alectown Electoral List No. 18, while that of Mary Jane Bartlett is No. 69 on the Parkes Electoral List.

It appears clear that Mary Bartlett and Mary Jane Bartlett both voted in respect of No. 18 of the Alectown List, as Mary Jane Bartlett (No. 69, Parkes) informed the Sergeant that as she was walking to the polling-booth at Parkes she was informed that her name was on the roll, and her number was 18 on the Alectown List. She also states that when in the polling-booth she gave that information to the Electoral Officer, who obtained from her the necessary declaration and allowed her to vote.

She states that she has never had a vote prior to this election, and was not acquainted with the routine of the polling-booth, and was simply guided by what other people told her. Up till a short time previously she had been residing at Alectown.

The Sergeant is therefore of opinion that, though the action was irregular, there was no intention of acting illegally, and this would seem to be supported by the fact that the declaration was signed "M. J. Bartlett," and that she had not voted in respect of her own name, No. 69, Parkes.

Sub-Inspector Nolan, Forbes.

J. E. GRENENGER,

Sergeant.

Forwarded to the Superintendent. It is evident that this was only a case of irregular voting, and that there was no intention to break the law.—C. NOLAN, Sub-Inspector, Forbes, 5/11/10. Superintendent Johnston, Bathurst.

Forwarded for information of the Inspector-General.—ALEX. JOHNSTON, Superintendent of Police Bathurst, 7/11/10. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

Minute

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Ashburnham Electorate.—Alleged case of Double Voting by Mary Bartlett.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 11 November, 1910.

THE police report that Mary Bartlett, No. 18 on Alectown Roll, and Mary Jane Bartlett, No. 69 on Parkes Roll, are mother and daughter, and on the latter presenting herself at the Parkes booth to vote, she was informed that her number was 18 on Alectown Roll, and Schedule IX was filled in for and signed by her to enable her to vote, but no vote was tendered with regard to her proper enrolment.

Submitted that no further action be taken, as the irregularity occurred through the laxity of the booth official in not identifying the voter with the enrolment.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 14/11/10.

Approved.—D.M., 15/11/10.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Ashburnham.

Sir,

16 November, 1910.

With reference to the case of apparent double voting in the name of Mary Bartlett, reported by you in connection with the recent election, I have the honor to inform you that, from reports furnished by the police, it appears that there was no double voting, the mistake having been caused through the poll clerk confounding this woman's name with that of her mother. In the circumstances, the Chief Secretary has decided that no further action shall be taken in the matter.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### Ashfield Electorate.

### The Returning Officer, Ashfield, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Prospect-road, Summer Hill, 6 December, 1910.

I have the honor to hand you herewith a fair copy of the Electoral Roll for the District of Ashfield, marked with a distinguishing mark to indicate every voter who has voted at the General Election of 14th October last.

In connection therewith I beg to report that my scrutiny of the rolls does not disclose any double-voting in this electorate.

I have, &c.,

HENRY P. PALSER,  
Returning Officer.

### Balmain Electorate.

### The Returning Officer, Balmain, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Merston, Booth-street, Balmain, 17 October, 1910.

I have the honor to report that, acting upon your instructions by wire, I have dissected and checked the rolls and declarations in connection with the election on Friday last (which occupied me yesterday, Sunday, from 6:30 a.m. until 12:30 midnight).

There is only one instance of an apparent irregularity in the voting, which I am asking the police to investigate, but believe that it is an error arising from the similarity of two names. Two persons of the same name were entitled to vote; one voted at the place for which she was enrolled, and the other voted by declaration.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE E. YOUNG.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Case of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Acting U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Sherwood for careful inquiry and report by an intelligent non-commissioned officer.

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I. G. Police.

Mr. McLean.—A.R.S., Sup<sup>t</sup>, 1/11/10.

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The Inspector-General of Police to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 9 November, 1910.  
POLICE reports herewith, for information.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police  
(per E.C.D.).

*Re* apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election at Balmain.

No. 8 Police Station, Balmain, 8 November, 1910.  
SERGEANT DUNCAN reports that he has interviewed Mary Foster, of Clayton-street, Balmain, No. 1167 on Balmain Electoral Roll, for near Gladstone Park Polling-place, who states that she made a declaration and voted at Nicholson-street Polling-place; the Sergeant also obtained her signature, which is attached.

*Mary Foster*

Mary Ann Foster, of Trouton-street, No. 1168 on the same roll, states that she voted at near Gladstone Park Polling-place.

The apparent irregularity seems to have occurred through the Deputy Returning Officer at near Gladstone Park Polling-place marking on the roll Mary Foster, of Clayton-street, No. 1167, as voting there, when it was Mary Ann Foster, of Trouton-street, No. 1168, who voted at near Gladstone Park Polling-place.

Mr. McLean, Sub-Inspector.

WILLIAM DUNCAN,  
Sergeant.

Forwarded to The Supt. of Police, Sydney.—VICTOR McLEAN, Sub-Inspector. Forwarded to The Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent, 9/11/10.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Balmain Electorate.—Apparent case of Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 16 November, 1910.  
THE Returning Officer recently reported a case of apparent double voting in connection with the recent election. The papers were forwarded to the police for report. Such report has now been received, from which it will be seen that the mistake arose owing to the Deputy Returning Officer confounding the name of Mary Foster with that of Mary Ann Foster.

Submitted that, in the circumstances, no further action be taken in the matter.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 17/11/10. Approved.—D.M., 17/11/10.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Balmain.

Sir,

21 November, 1910.

With reference to the cases of apparent double voting reported by you in connection with the recent election, I have the honor to inform you that, as a result of police reports obtained in the matter, it would appear that there was no double voting, but that a mistake was made by the Deputy Returning Officer at the polling-booth, near Gladstone Park, confounding the name of Mary Foster with that of Mary Ann Foster. I am to state that, in the circumstances, the Chief Secretary has decided no further action shall be taken in the matter.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

Bega Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Bega, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Bega, 24 October, 1910.

I have the honor to report for your information that I have carefully examined the certified copies of Rolls, as returned to me by deputies, and also the declarations made by voters, and find the following discrepancies, viz. :—

- Bermagui—230. Wills, Ellen, voted at Bermagui, and took a declaration at Merimbula.
- Cobargo—338. Welsh, Mary Ann, voted at Cobargo, and took a declaration at Dignam's Creek.
- Numbugga—20. Burke, Lawarance, voted at Numbugga, and took a declaration at Candelo.
- Panbula—261. Suttle, Caroline Jane, voted at Panbula, and took a declaration at Pipeclay Creek.
- Tantawanglo—20. Campbell, Isabella, voted at Tantawanglo, and took a declaration at Mogilla.
- Tantawanglo—83. Went, William, senior, voted at Tantawanglo, and took a declaration at Candelo.

I have, &c.,

E. I. PELL,  
Returning Officer.

Minute

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under Section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Acting U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Walker.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Walker for careful inquiry and report.

T.G.,

I.G. Police.

For inquiry and report.—ALEX. B. WALKER, Supt., 1/11/10. O.I.C. Police, Bega.

### Mr. Police-Superintendent Walker to The Inspector-General of Police.

Re Cases of apparent Double Voting in the Bega Electorate.

Police Department, Superintendent's Office, Southern District, Goulburn, 15 November, 1910.

POLICE reports herewith.

ALEX. B. WALKER,

Superintendent.

For the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.—THOMAS GARVIN, Inspector-General of Police (*per* E.C.D.), B.C., 16/11/1910.

*Subject*:—Re Cases of apparent Double Voting at certain Polling-booths in the Bega Electorate, on the 14th ultimo.

Police Department, Bega Station, 13 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE POETT begs to report, in reference to the several alleged cases of double voting at certain polling-booths in the Bega Electorate, on the 14th of October last, that reports have been furnished by the police who were in attendance at the polling-booths concerned, a summary of which is hereunder appended, viz. :—

*Bermagui*.—No. 230, Const. Face reports: Wills, Ellen, was not in Bermagui on the 14th ult., but for some time previous, and subsequent to the latter date, was residing at Merimbula, where she made a declaration, and voted No. 231. Wills, Elsie, voted at Bermagui. No. 230 was marked in error.

*Cobargo*.—S.-Const. Branch reports: No. 331, Welsh, Mary Ann, voted at Dignam's Creek, and did not vote at Cobargo; but No. 334, Welsh, Ann Mary, voted at the latter place; probably the similarity in names led to an error in checking the roll.

*Numbugga*.—From Sen.-Const. Meeks' report, it appears that No. 20, Lawarance Burke, was checked in error for Hugh Burke, No. 58, in Candelo list, who made a declaration and voted at Numbugga. Lawarance Burke voted at Candelo, where he also made a declaration. Mr. Bateman, the Returning Officer, appears to have made an error in checking the list.

*Pambula*.—Sergeant Kelly reports: No. 261, Suttle, Caroline Jane, did not vote at Pambula, but made a declaration at Pipeclay Creek, and voted there. Evidently an error has been made in checking the roll.

*Tantawanglo*.—83, Went, William, senior. From Const. Thomson's report it will be seen William Went, senior, did not vote at Tantawanglo on the 14th ult., he not having left Candelo on that date; but his son, William Went, junior, did vote at the latter place; his father, Wm. Went, senior, took a declaration and voted at Candelo.

*Tantawanglo*.—No. 20, Campbell, Isabella. In the case of Campbell, Isabella, a mistake has apparently been made in ticking off the names of voters. As Mary Lydia Campbell did vote at Tantawanglo on 14th ultimo, and Mrs. Isabella Campbell took a declaration at Mogilla, and voted there.

The original police reports in reference to each case are attached hereto.

W. J. POETT, S.-C.,

for Sub-inspector (sick).

A. B. Walker, Supt. of Police, Goulburn.

Re Case of apparent Double Voting on the 14th ultimo, by Ellen Wills, at Bermagui and Merimbula.

CONSTABLE FACE, No. 7,456, reports he has made inquiries in connection with this matter. He obtained the attached list of names of electors who voted at Bermagui on the 14th ultimo from Mr. J. A. McIntosh, scrutineer in the polling-booth for Mr. W. H. Wood.

230, Wills, Ellen, does not appear on it as having voted at Bermagui; but it will be seen that 231, Wills, Elsie, voted here. His copy of the roll does not show her name (Ellen) having been marked. Mr. W. Phillips, scrutineer for Mr. F. E. Rily, states Mrs. Ellen Wills did not vote at Bermagui. His roll also shows her name not marked.

The constable was present on duty at the booth on that day, and he is sure 230 Wills Ellen did not vote at Bermagui.

Mrs. Ellen Wills is a very respected elderly lady—mother of a large and respectable family in this district. On the 5th August last, she left Bermagui for Merimbula to visit her daughter there, who was ill; she only returned home on the 3rd instant.

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Mrs. Wills states she voted at Merimbula, and signed a declaration there. Merimbula is about 50 miles distant from Bermagui by a very heavy road. It is almost an impossibility for an old woman with the facilities at her disposal to vote at one of the places and travel to the other place and vote there in the time. Attached hereto is a statement from Mr. McIntosh, and also from Mr. Phillips, to the effect that Mrs. Ellen Wills did not vote here on the date named.

On the other hand, Mr. Thomas Moorhead, who acted as Deputy Returning Officer at Bermagui on the 14th ultimo, is a very old man, over 70 years of age, feeble, and has defective eyesight.

On the roll it will be seen, succeeding 230, Wills, Ellen, is 231, Wills, Elsie. It is quite possible Mr. Moorhead made a mistake and marked 230, Wills, Ellen, instead of 231, Wills, Elsie.

Sub-Inspector McCabe, Bega.

W. H. E. FACE,  
First-class Constable.

I, W. F. PHILLIPS, who acted as scrutineer at Bermagui Polling-place, on behalf of Mr. F. E. Riley, declare that Wills, Ellen, No. 230, did not vote here on the 14th October, 1910.

5th November, 1910.

W. F. PHILLIPS,  
Bermagui.

*Re Case of apparent Double Voting at recent Election.*

Police Station, Cobargo, 5 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE BRANCH reports that some error appears to have been made in connection with the apparent case of double voting at the recent election.

Welsh, Mary Ann, who made a declaration at Dignam's Creek, is identical with No. 338, Welsh, Mary Ann, on Cobargo Polling-place Roll, of Bega Electorate, and voted at Dignam's Creek, but did not vote at Cobargo.

If No. 338, Welsh, Mary Ann, has been checked on the roll as having voted at Cobargo, and No. 334, Welsh, Ann Mary, has not been so checked, then it would appear that the wrong name has been checked, as the latter did vote at Cobargo.

Possibly the similarity in the names has led to an error having been made.

Senior-Constable Poett, Bega.

E. C. BRANCH,  
Senior Constable.

*Subject:—Apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election at Panbula by Mrs. Caroline Jane Suttle.*

Police Station, Panbula, 8 November, 1910.

SERGEANT KELLY reports that he has made inquiries in reference to the above matter, and the result of his inquiries goes to show that Caroline Jane Suttle referred to did not vote at Panbula Polling-place booth on the 14th ultimo. Sergeant Kelly was present in the Pipeclay Creek Polling-place booth on that date, when this elector made the necessary declaration and recorded her vote at that booth. Mr. C. A. Baddeley, Deputy Returning Officer, who was in charge of the polling-booth at Panbula, states that he is quite sure that this woman did not record her vote at Panbula, and that the Returning Officer (Mr. E. I. Pell) at Bega must have made some error when examining the certified copy of the roll used by him (Mr. Baddeley) at Panbula. Mr. John Hamilton, who acted as scrutineer at Panbula, states that this elector did not vote at Panbula. Sergeant Kelly examined the electoral roll used by Mr. Hamilton in the polling-booth on polling day, and he found that no mark of any kind whatever had been placed near this person's name on the roll that would indicate that she did record her vote. Constable McCabe, who was on duty at the polling-booth all day, also states that he did not see this elector enter the polling-booth that day.

FRANCIS KELLY,  
Sergeant.

Sub-Inspector McCabe, Bega.

*Re apparent Double Voting at Numbugga, on the 14th October, 1910, by Lawarance Burke, No. 20 on the Numbugga Polling-place.*

Police Station, Bemboka, 9 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE MEEK begs to report for the information of Mr. Sub-Inspector McCabe that he made careful inquiry into the case of apparent double voting on the 14th ultimo, by Lawarance Burke, No. 20 on the Numbugga Polling-place.

Mr. T. J. Bateman, who was Returning Officer at Numbugga on the 14th ultimo, states Lawarance Burke is well known to him, that he (Burke) had been in his (Bateman's) employ, and left him about two months ago; he is now employed by Mr. E. Jamieson, of near Candelo, at the "Jersey Dairy."

He is quite sure Lawarance Burke did not vote at Numbugga on that day, 14th instant.

He further states if Burke's name is marked off the roll used by him as Returning Officer at Numbugga, it is his (Bateman's) mistake, as he is quite sure Lawarance Burke was not at Numbugga Polling-place on that date (14th ultimo). Mr. Bateman remembers "Hugh Burke, No. 58," on Candelo Polling-place Roll, voting at Numbugga, and he (Bateman) witnessed his declaration.

The senior-constable made inquiry of several electors who voted at Numbugga, none of whom saw Lawarance Burke at Numbugga on the 14th ultimo.

He also interviewed Mr. William Britten, who was acting as scrutineer, and he states that he is almost sure Lawarance Burke did not vote at Numbugga; he did not see him that day (14th ultimo). Britten remembers Mr. Bateman asking Hugh Burke where Lawarance was, and he replied "at Candelo." The senior-constable was unable to interview the poll-clerk, Mr. William Hickson, who is now absent from the district; he is travelling for Edwards & Co., tea merchants.

Mr. Sub-Inspector McCabe, Bega.

VINCENT MEEK,  
Senior Constable.

*Re alleged Double Voting of W. Went, senior, and Isabella Campbell.*

Police Station, Candelo, 12 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE W. M. THOMSON reports that he has made very careful inquiries re the above, and finds that neither of the abovementioned persons voted twice at the last election. W. Went, senior, was staying in Candelo at the time of the election looking after his wife who was under the doctor here, and has since died. He never left Candelo on the election day. His son, W. Went, junior, voted at the Tantawanglo Polling-booth.

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The reason Mrs. Campbell took a declaration at Mogilla was that she is working on a dairy close to the public school, which was used as the booth. She never was near the polling-booth at Tantawanglo on election day. There was a Mary Lydia Campbell voted; perhaps there has been some mistake in ticking off the names; attached is a statement from the Presiding Officer, Mr. E. G. Ward, who knows both the people concerned well, and he is confident they did not vote at Tantawanglo on the 14th.

Sub-Inspector McCabe, Bega.

W. M. THOMSON,  
Constable.

The Candelo Co-operative Dairy Company, Ltd.

Clarkson's Crossing, 11 November, 1910.

THIS is to certify that I, the undersigned, acted as Presiding Officer at Tantawanglo, on the 14th October, 1910, and neither William Went, senior, or Isabella Campbell voted at that place. William Went, junior, and Mary Lydia Campbell did, hence perhaps the mistake.

E. G. WARD.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Bega Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 21 November, 1910.

INQUIRY has been made by the police concerning certain cases of apparent double voting which had been reported by the Returning Officer in connection with the recent election. From the attached police reports it will be seen that, apparently, no double voting has occurred, the irregularities having been on the part of the booth officials through want of care in marking the rolls.

Submitted that the Returning Officer be informed, and that no further action be taken in the matter.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Approved.—F.A.C., U.S., 21/11/10.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Bega.

Sir,

23 November, 1910.

Referring to your report upon the scrutiny of the rolls used at the various polling-places at the recent General Election in the Bega Electorate, I have the honor to inform you that it is apparent, from an investigation made by the police, that no double voting has taken place, the irregularities having occurred through want of care in marking the rolls on the part of the booth officials.

I may add that it is not proposed to take any further action in this matter.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### Belubula Electorate.

#### The Returning Officer, Cowra, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Cowra, 3 December, 1910.

I have the honor to forward, under separate cover, a fair copy of the Electoral Roll of the district, also a fair copy of the Supplementary Roll, as compiled from the certified copies of the rolls as received from the various Deputy Returning Officers, and to report that, from a scrutiny of the various rolls, there does not appear to be any cases of double voting.

I have, &c.,

FREDERICK GARDEN,  
Returning Officer, Cowra.

#### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Cowra.

Sir,

8 December, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the rolls marked with the names of those persons who recorded votes in the Belubula Electorate at the recent General Election, the despatch of which was advised in your letter of the 3rd December.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### Bingara Electorate.

#### The Returning Officer, Bingara, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Bingara, 25 October, 1910.

I have the honor to report that I have found what appears to be three cases of double voting on the 14th instant. They are as follows:—

Bendemcer—No. 168: E. O'Toole appears to have voted at Bendemeer, and also at Watson's Creek under Schedule 9.

Tingha—No. 296: William Davis appears to have voted at Tingha No. 1 booth, and also at Wandsworth under Schedule 9.

Tingha—No. 501: Albert Edward Jennings appears to have voted at Tingha Nos. 1 and 2 booths.

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There are a number of minor irregularities at the various booths, such as a Schedule 9 vote not being ticked on the roll, number 9 votes not being entered up on the schedule but on the roll, &c. I will forward you a copy of my notes taken in connection with same if desired by you.

I have, &c.,

A. W. H. BULL,  
Returning Officer  
(per J.F.D.).

Ack. and will be glad of copy of notes. Acknowledge &c. Ford. to police, 28/10/10.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Case of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 28 October, 1910.  
SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Acting U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 28/10/10.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Le Boutillier.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Le Boutillier for careful inquiries and report.

T. G.,  
I.-G. Police.

For very careful inquiries and report, then forward to Bendemeer for similar action.—F. LE BOUTILLIER, Superintendent, 1/11/10. The Superintendent of Police, Armidale. Senior-Constable Ryan, Tingha. Report herewith and papers forwarded to Bendemeer as instructed.—C. F. RYAN, Senior Constable, Tingha, 5/11/10. The Supt. of Police, Armidale. Report forwarded herewith.—H. M. FLICK, Senior Constable, Bendemeer, 10/11/10. The Supt. of Police, Armidale.

### The Inspector-General of Police to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 25 November, 1910.

POLICE reports herewith for information.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police  
(per E. C. DAY, Supt.).

Submitted that these papers be referred to the Returning Officer for his perusal, and any comment he may desire to make.—S. J. PINNINGTON, Principal Electoral Registrar. A. W. H. Bull, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Bingara.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 2/12/1910. Investigation satisfactory.—A. W. H. BULL, 8/12/10. Mr. Pinnington, 12/12/1910. Retd. C.S.O., 12/12/1910.

### Re Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

Police Station, Tingha, 5 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE RYAN reports that he has made careful inquiries re alleged cases of double voting by A. E. Jennings and William Davis, at Tingha and Wandsworth, at recent election on 14th ultimo, and has ascertained that Jennings, No. 501, voted at Tingha No. 1 booth only, and not also at No. 2 booth, as supposed. William Davis, No. 296, voted at No. 1 booth, Tingha, and not at Wandsworth. Davis is an old-age pensioner, and never left Tingha on that date, nor has he at any time visited Wandsworth. There was another William Davis in this district, whose name appears on Commonwealth Electoral List, Subdivision of Tingha, but at time of collection of State Lists had left the district. It is possible that this William Davis turned up at Wandsworth and voted there, thinking it was his name on Tingha Polling-place List.

The Superintendent of Police, Armidale.

C. F. RYAN,  
Senior Constable.

Subject:—Case of apparent Double Voting at the recent Election.

Police Station, Bendemeer, 10 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE FLICK reports having made very careful inquiries in connection with the alleged double voting at Bendemeer and Watson's Creek by E. O'Toole at the recent election on the 14th ultimo, and has ascertained that Elizabeth Rose O'Toole, No. 168, voted at Bendemeer, and not at Watson's Creek, as supposed. There is a person by the name of Elizabeth O'Toole residing at Watson's Creek, and her name does not appear on the Watson's Creek Roll; there is no doubt she is the person who voted there under Schedule 9.

The Superintendent of Police, Armidale.

H. M. FLICK,  
Senior Constable.

Senior-Constable Flick will go out to Watson's Creek and ascertain definitely whether the Elizabeth O'Toole who resides there did vote, although her name was not on the Watson's Creek Roll.—F. LE BOUTILLIER, Superintendent, 12/11/10. Senior-Constable Flick, Bendemeer.

The above memo. has been noted, and fresh report forwarded herewith.—H. M. FLICK, Senior Constable, Bendemeer, 15/11/1910. The Supt. of Police, Armidale.

Subject:—

*Subject*:—Alleged Double Voting by William Davis at Tingha and Wandsworth.

Police Department, Superintendent's Office, Armidale, 12 November, 1910.  
For inquiry and report as to the Wandsworth vote.

Senior-Constable O'Neill, Guyra.

F. LE BOUTILLIER,  
Superintendent.

Guyra, 22 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE O'NEILL begs to forward herewith a copy of statement taken from William Davis at Ollera yesterday, which bears out Senior-Constable Ryan's suggestion. This man Davis is what would be called a simpleton; he does not even know the date of the month, the month, or the year, and seems hardly accountable for his actions in this matter; he did not for a moment deny that he was the William Davis that voted at Wandsworth, and seemed to think he had a perfect right to do so.

D. J. O'NEILL,  
Senior Constable.

The Superintendent of Police, Armidale.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—F. LE BOUTILLIER, Superintendent of Police, Northern District, 23/11/10.

Copy of Statement taken from William Davis in connection with Double Voting at Tingha and Wandsworth on 14th October, 1910.

Ollera, 21 November, 1910.

My name is William Davis; I am a labourer, and at present working at Ollera; I voted at Wandsworth Polling-booth on the 14th October last; I told the Returning Officer my name was William Davis, and formerly resided at Tingha; he allowed me to vote; I cannot read or write; I made my mark on a form the Returning Officer handed me; the Returning Officer told me the name William Davis was on the Tingha Roll, and asked me if that was me; I said yes, and believed that the name was mine.

My father's name is also William Davis, and he resides at Bora Creek; it is about three years since I lived at Tingha, and voted there for the State Election in 1907.

Witness—D. J. O'NEILL, Senior Constable.

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*Subject*:—Case of apparent Double Voting at the recent Election.

Police Station, Bendemeer, 15 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE FLICK reports having made very careful inquiries in connection with the alleged double voting at Bendemeer and Watson's Creek Polling-places, by E. O'Toole at the recent election on the 14th ultimo, and has ascertained that Elizabeth Rose O'Toole, No. 168, voted at Bendemeer Polling-place, but not at Watson's Creek, as supposed.

A person by the name of Elizabeth Anne O'Toole resides at Watson's Creek, whom the Senior Constable has interviewed; her name does not appear on that roll, but she states she voted there under Schedule 9, believing, at the time, the name Elizabeth Rose O'Toole, shown on the Bendemeer Roll, No. 168, was identical with her name, and that an error had been made in the second Christian name, and further states she voted there under the name of Elizabeth Ann O'Toole.

H. M. FLICK,  
Senior Constable.

The Superintendent of Police, Armidale.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Bingara Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 December, 1910.

In connection with the three cases mentioned by the Returning Officer, the police report that two were cases in which two persons of the same name voted on the one enrolment, and in the other case the person only voted once.

In view of the above, and of the statement of the Returning Officer that "the investigation is satisfactory," it is submitted that no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 17/12/1910.

Approved.—D.M., 19/12/1910.

### Blayney Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Blayney, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Blayney, 4 November, 1910.

Under separate cover I am forwarding you parcel containing marked Rolls, General and Supplemental, marked in accordance with Regulation 63, also the rolls used at Burruga and Mount David. I have to report that there appears to have been at least one case of double voting in this district, viz., No. 304 on the Burruga roll—Elizabeth Mary Wilds is marked as having voted at Burruga and Mount David. As you will observe by the rolls used at these booths, I have this day packed and addressed to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly three packages containing the rolls used at the several booths in this electorate. These I will despatch to-morrow.

I am forwarding herewith a report from the Deputy Returning Officer at Millthorpe re missing ballot-paper. I should like here to mention that a great deal of confusion is caused by electors bringing papers into the booths with them which are handed to them outside, showing them how to vote. Some of the papers referred to were printed as much like the ballot-papers as possible. I think it would be wise to disallow any elector to bring any of such papers into the booth.



I may say that I am sending a marked roll to the Minister of Justice, also reports from three Deputy Returning Officers *re* several electors who refused to vote on the Liquor Amendment Act.

I have pretty well completed the whole of the work in connection with the election. All the officers are paid, and their vouchers to hand. Awaiting further instructions.

I have, &c.,

H. R. WOOLLEY,  
Returning Officer.

Mr. Pinnington, Nov. 5, 1910. Letter to R.O., 8/11/10.

Sir,

Millthorpe Polling-booth, 14 October, 1910.

I have to report that there is a discrepancy of one in the count of the candidates' ballot-papers and I account for it by the fact that a "how to vote" sheet, resembling a ballot-paper, was found in the ballot-box. Evidently a voter took an official ballot-paper out of the polling-booth after having deposited the "how to vote" sheet in the ballot-box in mistake.

I have, &c.,

J. W. HAYES,  
Deputy Returning Officer,  
Millthorpe.

The Returning Officer, Blayney.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Blayney.

Sir,

9 November, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 4th instant, and, in connection with the matter of the apparent double voting at Burruga and Mount David, I shall be glad to be informed whether a declaration under Schedule 9 of the Act No. 41, 1906, was made by Elizabeth Mary Wilds at Mount David polling-place.

With reference to the ballot-paper missing at the Millthorpe polling-place, the attention of the Deputy Returning Officer at that place should be directed to paragraph 6 of rule 47, "Duties of Officers," by the strict observance of which it should not be possible for any paper other than the initialled ballot-paper to be deposited in the ballot-box.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

The Returning Officer, Blayney, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Blayney, 11 November, 1910.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, *re* the matter of the apparent double voting at Burruga and Mount David. In reply to your query as to whether a declaration under Schedule 9 of the Act No. 41, 1906, was made by Elizabeth Mary Wilds, at Mount David polling-place, I think you will find there was such declaration made.

I may say that I forwarded all the said declaration forms used at the several booths in this electorate to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly on the 25th of October last, in accordance with Rule 71 of my Duties, so that the form could be examined there by one of your staff. I shall probably be in Sydney in a week or ten days time, and will give you a call.

*Re* missing ballot-paper at the Millthorpe booth, I am writing D.R.O. there and will forward his reply to you. But I must say that the papers handed to the electors outside the booths in this electorate so much resembled the official ballot-papers that it required great care on the part of the officers to detect them from the others.

I have, &c.,

H. R. WOOLLEY,  
Returning Officer.

Mr. Pinnington, Nov. 14, 1910. Subd., 19/11/1910.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Blayney Electorate.—Case of apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 19 November, 1910.

The Returning Officer has reported a case of apparent double voting in connection with the recent election.

Submitted that the papers be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for favour of report.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, U.S. & C.E.O., B.C., 10/11/10.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Johnston.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 21 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Johnston for careful inquiries and report.

T. GARVIN,

I.G. Police  
(*per* E.C.D.).

Forwarded to Senior-Constable Rex for very energetic and careful inquiries and report. Forward papers to Senior-Constable Williams, Burruga, for similar action, and return through Orange.—ALEX. JOHNSTON, Superintendent of Police, Bathurst, 23/11/10. Sen.-Constable Rex, Rockley.

The Inspector-General of Police to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Double Voting, Blayney.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 8 December, 1910.  
POLICE reports herewith, for information.

T. GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police.

Sub. memd. herewith, 17/12/10.

*Subject* :—Case of Double Voting, Blayney Electorate.

Police Station, Orange, 6 December, 1910.

FORWARDED to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent of Police, Bathurst.

H. S. BANKS,  
Inspector.

Forwarded for information of the Inspector-General.—ALEX. JOHNSTON, Superintendent of Police, Bathurst, 7/12/10. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

*Subject* :—Case of apparent Double Voting, Blayney Electorate.

Police Station, Rockley, 27 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE PYE, No. 4,049, reports having made careful inquiry *re* the above. Mr. Joseph C. Golsby, D.R.O. at Mount David, says he is unable to say from memory whether Elizabeth Mary Wilds voted or not, but he is certain no elector whose name was not on Mount David Polling-place Roll voted at that booth without first signing the required declaration. All such declarations was forwarded by him to the Returning Officer at Blayney.

Elizabeth Mary Wilds is the widow of the late Frederick Wilds, and resides near Burruga. All papers forwarded to Burruga.

The Superintendent of Police, Bathurst.

J. H. PYE,  
1st Class Constable (Abs. Senior Constable Rex).

Police Station, Burruga, 3 December, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE WILLIAMS reports that he has interviewed Elizabeth Mary Wilds, and made inquiries from her neighbours, and he is perfectly satisfied that she was not at Mount David on polling-day. She is a widow with four small children whom she takes with her whenever she goes from home; she and the family were at Burruga on polling-day, and voted here. Her signature is attached hereto, and can be compared with the declaration. It is possible that it was Elizabeth Bridget Wilds, No. 98, Swatchfield Roll, who voted at Mount David, and a mistake was made in checking the roll; failing that, it must have been a case of impersonation.

Inspector Banks, Orange.

J. E. WILLIAMS,  
Senior Constable.



SENIOR-CONSTABLE WILLIAMS reports that the above is the signature of Elizabeth Mary Wilds, No. 304 on the Burruga Roll, written in his presence on the 2nd December, 1910.

Inspector Banks, Orange.

J. E. WILLIAMS, Senior-Constable,  
Burruga, 3/12/10.

The Returning Officer, Blayney, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Blayney, 3 January, 1911.

Replying to your communication dated 17th ultimo, No. 10-25,651, referring to the apparent double voting in this electorate, I may say that I have given this matter my due consideration, and in view of the reports furnished by the Police Officers in this district, and more especially the report furnished by Senior-Constable Williams, of Burruga, I am now of the opinion that there has been some mistake made by the Deputy Returning Officer at Mount David, in confusing the names of Elizabeth Mary Wilds with Elizabeth Bridget Wilds.

As you have the specimen signature of E. M. Wilds, procured by Senior-Constable Williams in his presence, I would suggest that the same be compared with the signature on Declaration Form under Schedule 9, Section 48, at Mount David polling-booth. This was forwarded by me with other papers used at the election to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly on 24/10/10. This should serve to settle the question as far as E. M. Wilds is concerned; and perhaps the Police Officer stationed nearest to Swatchfield could ascertain whether E. B. Wilds voted at Mount David on the 14th of October last.

I am returning you herewith the several papers forwarded to me in connection with this matter.

I have, &c.,  
H. R. WOOLLEY,  
Returning Officer.

Mr. Pinnington, Jan. 5, 1911. Sub. herewith, 9/1/11.

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### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 9 January, 1911.

THE Declaration (Schedule IX) used at Mount David booth, and referred to by the Returning Officer, is with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and is obtainable only by order of a Court.

It is submitted that the papers be referred to the Inspector-General of Police, with a view to a report being obtained as to whether sufficient evidence is available to proceed under Section 90 of Act 33, 1902, and then, if necessary, ask for the order to produce the declaration. It would appear advisable for the local police to interview Elizabeth Bridget Wilds, and ascertain from her whether she voted on the 14th October last. If such should prove the case, the roll has been incorrectly marked by the booth officials, as the name of Elizabeth Bridget Wilds is not marked as having voted, and no further procedure will be necessary.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 9/1/1911. For attention and report.—ERNEST C. DAY, Inspector-General of Police, 11/1/11. The Supt. Police, Bathurst.

### The Inspector-General of Police to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Blayney Electorate.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 23 January, 1911.

FURTHER police reports herewith, for information.

ERNEST C. DAY,  
Inspector-General of Police.

From the police report it transpires that the apparent double voting was the result of the roll being wrongly marked by the booth officials. It is submitted that the Returning Officer be informed, and no further action be taken.—S. J. PINNINGTON, Principal Electoral Registrar, B.C., 25/1/11.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 27/1/11. Approved.—D.M., 28/1/11. Letter to R.O., 2/2/11.

Subject:—Blayney Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

Superintendent's Office, Police Department, Western District, Bathurst, 11 January, 1911.

FORWARDED to Senior-Constable Williams for very careful attention and report in due course through Orange.

ALEX. JOHNSTON,  
Superintendent of Police.

Senior-Constable Williams, Burrage.

Police Station, Burrage, 18 January, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE WILLIAMS reports that he has interviewed Elizabeth Bridget Wilds, and she states she voted at Mount David on the 14th of October last. She says that the booth officials searched Mount David roll for her name, and she suggested to them to search Burrage roll, as she herself was uncertain which roll her name was on, and when Elizabeth Mary Wilds' name was found thereon, she believed it to be hers, and made the declaration. She says that her full name is Elizabeth Bridget Mary Wilds, and she thought that the second name might have been dropped when she was enrolled. There is not the slightest doubt that it was she who voted at Mount David, and it is probable that she really believed that the name Elizabeth Mary Wilds was intended for her.

J. E. WILLIAMS,  
Senior Constable.

Forwarded to the Superintendent.—H. S. BANKS, Inspector, Orange, 20/1/1911. The Superintendent of Police, Bathurst. Forwarded for information of the Inspector-General.—W. J. ANDERSON, Sub-Inspector, in absence of Superintendent of Police, Bathurst, 21/1/1911. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Blayney.

Sir,

2 February, 1911.

In connection with the apparent double voting at the last General Election for Blayney Electorate, I have, by direction of the Chief Secretary, to inform you that, after further investigation by the police, it has been ascertained that Elizabeth Mary Wild, No. 304 on Burrage Polling-place Roll, voted at Burrage only, and that the second marking against that enrolment should have been made against No. 98 on Swatchfield Polling-place Roll, Elizabeth Bridget Wild, who voted at Mount David polling-place.

It is decided that no further action is to be taken.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### Botany Electorate.

### The Returning Officer, Botany, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

North Botany, 22 October, 1910.

The checked roll forwarded this day in a parcel to your office has been carefully checked by me. I find no double voting in the whole of the electorate, and only heard of one personated vote, and that was at the Botany polling-place; otherwise everything went on well.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM PARKER,  
Returning Officer, Electorate of Botany.

Burrangong

## Burrangong Electorate.

## The Returning Officer, Young, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Young, 11 November, 1910.

I have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with Regulation 20 of Regulations of 17th June, 1910, I have transferred from the rolls used at the election on to a fair copy of the electoral roll a distinguishing mark to indicate every voter who has voted at the election, and I now forward such roll to you; and I beg to report on the result of such scrutiny, as follows:—

- No. 1013, Grenfell, Malcolm McLeod (two, one enrolled).—A vote was recorded under this name and number at Thuddungra and also at Warraderry polling-places.
- No. 850, Grenfell, John Kelly (two, one only enrolled).—A vote was recorded under this name and number at Warraderry and also at Grenfell No. 2 booth polling-places.
- No. 35, Wambanumba, George O'Meally.—A vote was recorded under this name and number at Grenfell No. 3 booth and also Young No. 3 booth polling places. (5, George O'Meally, only one enrolled.)
- No. 26, Tyagong Creek, Patrick Jeremiah Joyce.—A vote was recorded under this name and number at Tyagong Creek and also at Grenfell No. 3 booth polling-places.
- No. 222, Wallendbeen, James Richard Mullany.—A vote was recorded under this name and number at Wallendbeen and also at Grenfell No. 3 booth polling-places.
- No. 203, Wombat, Edward Thomas Magann.—A vote was recorded under this name and number at Wombat and also at Grenfell No. 3 booth polling-places.
- No. 299, Young, Arthur Bush.—A vote was recorded under this name and number at Young No. 1 booth and also at Grenfell No. 1 booth.
- No. 233, Young, George Briggs (two, one enrolment).—Two votes tendered under this name and number at Young No. 1 booth. Second vote treated in accordance with section 84 of Act 33 of 1902.
- No. 341, Young, John Carriall.—A vote was recorded under this name and number at Thuddungra (John Carriall) and Burrangong Heights polling places (John Carroll, not enrolled).
- No. 1522, Young, Frederick Charles Millhouse.—A vote was recorded under this name and number at Young No. 3 booth and also at Weedallion polling-places.
- No. 2280, Young, John Sullivan (two on one enrolment).—Two votes tendered under this name and number at Young No. 4 booth. Second vote treated in accordance with section 84 of Act 33 of 1902.

These are the only cases of double voting I have been able to discover.

I send you herewith, under separate cover, Roll and Supplemental Roll, duly marked in accordance with Regulation 20.

I have, &amp;c.,

L. LOUIS HOGAN.

## Mr. Police-Superintendent Johnston to The Inspector-General of Police.

*Subject*:—Double Voting at Polling Booths.

Superintendent's Office, Police Department, Western District,

Bathurst, 23 November, 1910.

The attached papers were discovered attached to papers *re* alleged double voting at Mount David and Burraga, in the Blayney Electorate, received at this office to-day.

I am returning them, as they have apparently been attached to the papers referred to in error.

ALEX. JOHNSTON,

Superintendent of Police.

## Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 25 November, 1910.

FORWARDED to the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

THOMAS GARVIN,

Inspector-General of Police

(Absent),

(*per* E. C. DAY, Supt.).

Mr. Pinnington, Nov. 28, 1910. Submission memo. herewith.—N.J.B., 1/12/10.

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Burrangong Electorate:—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Bridge-street, Sydney, 1 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the papers be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is available, with a view to proceeding under section 90 of Act 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 1/12/1910.

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The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Johnston.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 2 December, 1910.  
REFERRED to Superintendent Johnston for further inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.-G. Police  
(per E.C.D.).

Forwarded to Senior-Sergeant Roberts for attention.—ALEX. JOHNSTON, Superintendent of Police,  
Bathurst, 5/12/1910. Senior-Sergeant Roberts, Grenfell.

The Inspector-General of Police to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Double Voting at Burrangong.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 22 December, 1910.  
POLICE reports herewith for information.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police  
(per E.C.D.).

Apparent Double Voting at Burrangong Electorate on 14th October, 1910.

Police Department, Young, 20 December, 1910.

I BEG to report that very careful inquiries have been made into the alleged double voting in this electorate. Reports from each of the police who have made inquiries are attached.

From the statements made there does not appear to be any cases of wilful breaches of the law.

J. P. FLYNN,  
Sub-Inspector.

The Superintendent of Police, Goulburn.

Forwarded.—ALEX. B. WALKER, Supt., 21/12/10. The Inspector-General of Police.

*Subject:—*Apparent Double Voting at Grenfell.

Police Station, Grenfell, 6 December, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT ROBERTS reports that he has made careful inquiries in reference to the alleged double voting at Grenfell, and can obtain no evidence to support a conviction under section 90 of Act 33, 1902.

W. ROBERTS,  
Senior Sergeant.

The Superintendent of Police, Bathurst.

Report fully of result of inquiries made by Grenfell Police in the above referred to matter. The Chief Electoral Officer should be supplied with details, therefore it is necessary that all particulars be given. Forward file to Police concerned for like action, at places named in attached list of polling places.—ALEX. JOHNSTON, Superintendent of Police, Bathurst, 8/12/1910. Sen.-Sergeant Roberts, Grenfell.

*Subject:—*Apparent Double Voting at Grenfell.

Police Station, Grenfell, 9 December, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT ROBERTS reports that he has made inquiries in reference to the above matter, and the following is the result:—

No. 1013, Grenfell, Malcolm McLeod.—Deputy Returning Officer at Warraderry (Hubert Thomas Hazleton) states that Malcolm McLeod, who is personally known to him, recorded his vote at Warraderry polling-place.

No. 850, Grenfell, John Kelly.—Deputy Returning Officer at Warraderry (Hubert Thomas Hazleton) states that John Kelly, who is personally known to him, recorded his vote at Warraderry polling-place. There are two John Kellys at Grenfell, both labourers. Only one has his name on the State Roll—one voted at Warraderry, and the other voted at Grenfell.

No. 35, Wambanumba, George O'Meally.—Deputy Returning Officer at No. 3 booth, Grenfell polling-place (Mr. Rheuben), states that George O'Meally, who is personally known to him, recorded his vote at No. 3 booth, Grenfell polling-place.

No. 26, Tyagong Creek, Patrick Jeremiah Joyce.—Deputy Returning Officer at No. 3 booth, Grenfell polling-place, states that Patrick Jeremiah Joyce, who is personally known to him, did not record his vote at No. 3 booth, Grenfell polling-place, and cannot remember who voted under that name. Mr. Dickinson, Deputy Returning Officer at Tyagong Creek polling-place, states that he remembers a man named Joyce recording his vote at Tyagong Creek polling-place.

No. 222, Wallenbeen, James Richard Mullany.

No. 203, Wombat, Edward Thomas Magann.

No. 299, Young, Arthur Bush.—The Deputy Returning Officers at No. 3 booth and No. 1 booth, Grenfell polling-places, state that they cannot recollect James Richard Mullany, Edward Thomas Magann, or Arthur Bush recording their votes at No. 3 and No. 1 booth.

W. ROBERTS,  
Senior Sergeant.

The Superintendent of Police, Bathurst.

File forwarded to Young for inquiries.—W. ROBERTS, Senior-Sergeant. Sub-Inspector Flynn, Young.

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## Alleged Double Voting.

Police Station, Young, 14 December, 1910.

No. 35 Wambanumba, George O'Meally. Constable Fortescue, No. 8,764, reports having interviewed Mr. and Mrs. O'Meally, who state that their son George O'Meally recorded his vote at Young polling-booth, and was not absent from Young on Election Day. They also stated there are four other George O'Meallys in and around this District, all entitled to vote, but their names do not appear on the roll. It is possible that one of these was in Grenfell District on Election Day, and claimed No. 35, Wambanumba vote and recorded it at Grenfell, thus causing a double vote in the same name and number.

No. 341, Young, John Carriall. From inquiries made, the constable ascertained that the vote recorded under this name and number at Burrangong Heights was by a man named John Carroll, who gave an open vote, and signed a declaration to the effect that the name on the roll was meant for him. On interviewing Carroll he stated that he was under the impression the name John Carriall was meant for him, and that a mistake had been made in the spelling of his name in entering it on the roll, and at the same time not knowing any person by the name of John Carriall. John Carroll has been in Young District for a number of years and entitled to vote, but evidently had been missed at the time of collecting.

John Carriall resides at Temora road, Young, and recorded his vote on polling-day at Thuddungra, filling in a declaration to the effect that he was the person whose name appeared on the roll as John Carriall, which is correct; thus both persons voted on the same name and number, causing a double vote to be recorded for No. 341, Young, John Carriall.

F. FORTESCUE,  
Constable.

Sub-Inspector Flynn, Young.

*Re Apparent Double Voting within Burrangong Electorate.*

Police Station, Young, 14 December, 1910.

CONSTABLE DURHAM, No. 8,546, reports having interviewed Mr. J. Lynch, Deputy Returning Officer, and Mr. N. S. Crook, poll clerk for Thuddungra polling-place, *re* No. 1013, Grenfell (Malcolm McLeod), an elector voting at Thuddungra, who informed the constable that a man by the name of Malcolm McLeod, working for Mr. E. C. Watson, of Greenbank Station, claimed the vote, and signed a declaration to the effect that he did not vote elsewhere. The constable also saw McLeod at Greenbank, who informed him that he voted at Thuddungra, and signed a declaration to the same effect, and also stated he made application to the Electoral Registrar at Grenfell to be enrolled for that place, and received a notice to the effect that his name had been placed on the roll for that place. Mr. E. C. Watson also informed the constable that McLeod voted at Thuddungra, and then returned to Greenbank, and was certain he never voted elsewhere.

In the case of No. 1522, Young, Charles Frederick Millhouse, the constable interviewed Mr. Charles Chrichton, Deputy Returning Officer, and Mr. A. A. McCabe, poll-clerk, for Weedallion, who informed the constable that they have no recollection of a man by that name voting there. The constable had a conversation with Millhouse, who is working for Mr. R. Thornber, of Temora-road, who informed the constable that he voted at Weedallion, and signed a declaration to the effect that he never voted elsewhere.

Mr. R. Thornber, who is a reputable in the district, also informed the constable that Millhouse voted at Weedallion and returned with him to his residence, so it would be impossible for him to vote elsewhere. Millhouse informed the constable that he had no idea who would vote in his name at Young.

In the case of No. 26, Tyagong Creek, Patrick Jeremiah Joyce, the constable ascertained that his name is enrolled for Bulla Creek, where he voted with his father, and returned home after he voted.

C. E. H. DURHAM,  
Constable.

Sub-Inspector Flynn, Young.

*Re Alleged Double Voting within Burrangong Electorate.*

Police Station, Young, 14 December, 1910.

CONSTABLE ROBERT ANDERSON, No. 2,828, reports that No. 35, Wambanumba, George O'Meally, voted at Young on the 13th October last, and he is the only George O'Meally known to the Young police. In the case of No. 299, Arthur Bush, also voted at Young same day, and he is the only Arthur Bush known to the Young police. In the case of No. 2280, Young, John Sullivan, there being two persons in the electorate known by the name, both labourers, residing at Young, and both claiming a right to vote, were allowed to do so by the Returning Officer. In the case of No. 233, Young, there are two persons living on the Moppity-road, both labourers, known by the name of George Briggs, and as they both claimed the right to vote, were allowed to do so by the Returning Officer. Inquiries have been made as regards No. 1522, Charles Frederick Millhouse, of Young; he is well-known to the constable, but he did not see him in Young on the 14th October last.

ROBT. ANDERSON,  
First-class Constable.

Sub-Inspector Flynn, Young.

*Alleged Double Voting, Burrangong Electorate.*

Police Department, Young, 16 December, 1910.

THE attached papers are forwarded for a report to be attached from Constable Manns. When this constable was at Wallendbeen he made a report on the case of James Richard Mullaney, and he might be able to make a similar report. If he is unable to do this, send papers to Senior-Constable Kilner, who will make inquiries into the matter and report.

J. P. FLYNN,  
Sub-Inspector.

Senior-Sergeant Ewen, Cootamundra.

*Subject:—Re Alleged Double Voting in Burrangong Electorate.*

Police Station, Cootamundra, 17 December, 1910.

CONSTABLE J. T. MANNS, No. 8,283, respectfully reports that he is unable to sufficiently remember the details to report on this matter now, as he kept no record of the matter.

J. T. MANNS,  
Constable.

Senior-Sergeant Ewen, Cootamundra.

Forwarded.

Forwarded to Senior-Constable Kilner for very careful inquiry and report as regards James Richard Mullaney, alleged to have voted at Wallendbeen and at Grenfell, *vide* Sub-Inspector Flynn's minute, dated 16th instant. Return papers to Young on completion of inquiries.—F. S. EWEN, Senior Sergeant. Senior-Constable Kilner, Wallendbeen.

*Subject* :—Alleged Double Voting, Burrangong Electorate.

Police Station, Wallendbeen, 19 December, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE KILNER, No. 6,627, reports that he was on duty at Wallendbeen polling-booth on 14th October, and well remembers the proper James Richard Mullaney recording his vote at about 10.30 a.m. He also saw Mullaney at about 6.30 p.m. same date. From inquiries made, he finds that Mullaney, after recording his vote, drove, in company with Mrs. Hingerty, to Murrumburrah. While there they visited H. Grant's "Exchange Hotel," Murrumburrah. From the latter place they drove to a Mrs. McGrail, farmer, Cunningham Plains, near Harden, and returned to Wallendbeen shortly after 6 p.m. same date. It was impossible for Mullaney to record his vote at Grenfell; that the person who recorded under the name of James Richard Mullaney at Grenfell was not the person enrolled under that name.

James Richard Mullaney states that he has no relations at Grenfell, and does not know who could have impersonated him at Grenfell.

E. KILNER,  
Senior Constable.

Sub-Inspector Flynn, Young.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

(10-23,680)

Burrangong Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 29 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the papers be referred to the Returning Officer for his perusal, and any comment he may wish to make.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

L. L. Hogan, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Young.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 29/12/1910.

### The Returning Officer, Young, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Young, 31 December, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge yours of 29th inst., 10-23,680, forwarding reports, &c., re apparent double voting in Burrangong Electorate, which have been perused by me.

The explanation given by police are probably correct, but they go to show that the rolls are not as complete as might be desired.

Papers are returned herewith.

I have, &c.,  
L. LOUIS HOGAN,  
Returning Officer, Burrangong Electorate.

Mr. Pinnington, Jan. 4, 1911. Sub. herewith, 5/1/11.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Burrangong Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 5 January, 1911.

Of the eleven cases of apparent double voting reported by the Returning Officer, it appears from the police reports that in six cases two persons voted on the one enrolment, and in five cases the rolls were wrongly marked by the booth officials, and the person named only voted at one booth. The Returning Officer states: "The explanations given by the police are probably correct, but they go to show that the rolls are not as complete as might be desired."

Submitted, in view of the above, that no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., Jan. 6, 1911. Approved.—D.M., Jan. 6, 1911. Mr. Pinnington, Jan. 6, 1911.

### Burwood Electorate.

### The Returning Officer, Burwood, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Scrutiny of Certified Copies of Rolls, Regulation 22, 22 May, 1907.

Sir,

Council Chambers, Burwood, 23 October, 1910.

I have the honor to report that, as the result of the scrutiny of certified copies of Rolls received by me from Deputy Returning Officers at the State Election, held 14th October, 1910, I find the names of the persons shown on the attached list are each marked on two Rolls, and if correctly marked the persons indicated have therefore voted twice.

I have, &c.,  
A. T. CARPENTER,  
Returning Officer.

NAMES

Names of Persons marked twice on Rolls for State Election, Burwood, held 14 October, 1910.

No. on Roll.	Polling Place.	Name.	Marked as having Voted.	
			First Vote.	Second Vote.
2861.....	Burwood .....	Mitchell, John Malcolm.....	Burwood, No. 5 Booth	Five Dock, No. 2 Booth
3068.....	„ .....	O'Rourke, Kathleen .....	„ „	Sydney, No. 1 Booth
*282.....	„ .....	Murphy, Mary .....	„ „	Croydon, No. 1 Booth
792.....	Five Dock .....	Nash, Henrietta .....	Five Dock, No. 2 Booth	Mortlake.
523.....	Concord .....	Parkinson, John .....	Concord „	Powell's Estate.

\* Supplementary.

A. T. CARPENTER,  
Returning Officer.

Mr. Pinnington, Oct. 25, 1910. Sub. and ackd., 27/10/10.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry, as to what evidence is obtainable with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Acting U.S. and C.E.O.,  
B.C., 27/10/10.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Sherwood for careful inquiry and report by an intelligent non-commissioned officer.

T.G.,  
I.-G. of Police.

Mr. Brooks.—A.R.S., Supt., 1/11/10. Sgt. Jones.—M. Brooks, S.I., 1/11/10.

Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Double Voting—Burwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 19 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police  
(absent).  
(per E. C. DAY, Supt.).

Subject:—Inquiry at the instance of the Principal Electoral Registrar, Cases of Apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent State Elections, Burwood Electorate.

No. 9 Police Station, Burwood, 17 November, 1910.

SERGEANT JONES reports that he has made careful inquiries *re* above matter with the following results:—

No. 2861, Burwood, John Malcolm Mitchell, shown to have voted twice, Burwood and Five Dock, voted at Burwood only. At Five Dock booth a man named Malcolm James Mitchell made declaration, and voted for John Malcolm Mitchell. This man stated when interviewed that as his name was not on the Five Dock roll, where he now resides, he voted in the name of John Malcolm Mitchell, Leicester-road, Burwood, thinking a mistake had been made in the name. He formerly resided in Burwood, and was on the Burwood roll for years. The Sergeant has no reason to doubt this man's explanation; he could be identified by Mr. G. P. Lucas, Deputy Returning Officer, as the man who made declaration and voted at Five Dock.

No. 3068, Burwood, Kathleen O'Rourke, shown to have voted twice, Burwood and Sydney. There are two persons named Kathleen O'Rourke (mother and daughter), residing at "Claremont," Park-road, Burwood, and only one name on the roll. Mrs. O'Rourke voted at Burwood, the daughter at Sydney.

When interviewed, Miss O'Rourke admitted making declaration and voting in Sydney, believing her name was on the roll; she had voted at the late Federal election, her name being enrolled, and was under the impression that she could vote at the State election.

No. 282 (Supty.), Burwood, Mary Murphy, shown to have voted twice, Burwood and Croydon. There can be no doubt that this elector was impersonated at Croydon, as she voted with friends at Burwood, and then returned home. No particulars or description of the person who made declaration and voted at Croydon can be furnished by the Returning Officer, and no evidence can be obtained to show who impersonated this voter.

No. 792, Five Dock, Henrietta Nash, shown to have voted twice, Five Dock and Mortlake. This person voted and made declaration at Mortlake, where she now resides. Sarah Nash voted at Five Dock, and is not marked off the roll there. This is, therefore, an error on the part of the Deputy Returning Officer, Five Dock, in marking off wrong name.

No. 523,



No. 523, Concord, John Parkinson, shown to have voted twice, Concord and Powell's Estate. This is also an error on the part of Deputy Returning Officer, Powell's Estate, in marking off John Parkinson (who voted at Concord) for John Joseph Parkinson, who made declaration and voted at Powell's Estate booth.

Sub-Inspector Brooks, Burwood. ARTHUR E. JONES,  
Sergeant.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Sydney.—M. Brooks, Sub-Inspector, 17/11/10.  
Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent, Nov. 18, 1910.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Burwood Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 23 November, 1910.

THE Police report that in one case only, Mary Murphy, was impersonation carried out, and no particulars can be furnished or evidence obtained to identify the impersonator. In two other cases the voters' names were similar, and the voting was allowed on the one enrolment, while in the remaining two cases the rolls were incorrectly marked by the Booth officials.

Submitted that the Returning Officer be informed and no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval—F.A.C., U.S., Nov. 23, 1910. Approved—D.M., Nov. 25, 1910. Ltr. to R.O., 29/11/10.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Burwood.

Burwood Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

Sir,

29 November, 1910.

In connection with the above subject the Police report that Malcolm James Mitchell and Miss Kathleen O'Rourke were not enrolled, but were allowed to vote by the Presiding Officers at Five Dock and Sydney on an enrolment similar in name; that the names of Henrietta Nash and John Parkinson were marked in error by the Presiding Officers at Five Dock and Powell's Creek instead of Sarah Nash and John Joseph Parkinson; and that there is no evidence to identify the person who personated Mary Murphy on Burwood Supplementary Roll.

Steps should be taken to prevent a recurrence of the irregularities that were allowed to occur at Sydney, Five Dock, and Powell's Creek polling-booths.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### Camperdown Electorate.

#### The Returning Officer, Camperdown, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Camperdown, 118 St. Mary street, 25 October, 1910.

In accordance with Regulation No. 22 of 22/5/07, under the P. E. and E. Act, I have the honor to forward a fair copy of the Electoral Roll for this district, together with return showing result of scrutiny thereof, from which it would appear two persons voted twice, viz.:—W. H. Howes, of 192 King-street, Newtown; Agnes Taylor, of 120 Wilson-street, Newtown.

I have, &c.,

P. F. JENTSCH,  
Returning Officer, Electoral District Camperdown.

ELECTORAL District of Camperdown.—Result of Scrutiny of Roll after the Election, 14th October, 1910.

No. on Roll.	Name.	Residence.	Enrolled at	Voted at	Voted at	Remarks.
256	Howes, W. H.	192 King-street ...	Newtown	Newtown	Newtown East	Signed no declaration, N.E.—Sec.'s D.R.O.
1069	Taylor, Agnes	129 Wilson-street	Redfern	Redfern	„ „	Signed declaration at Newtown East.—BELL, D.R.O.

Mr. Pinnington, 26/10/10.

Ackd. and subd., 27/10/10.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Actg. U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

The

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.  
 REFERRED to Superintendent Sherwood for careful inquiry and report by an intelligent non-commissioned officer.

T. G.,  
 I.-G. Police.

Mr. McCrimmon.—A.R.S., Supt, 1/11/10. Srgt. Mitchell.—J. McC, 1/11/10.

Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Alleged Double Voting, Camperdown.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 14 November, 1910.  
 FORWARDED to the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

T. GARVIN,  
 Inspector-General of Police.

Mr. Pinnington, 15/11/10. Submitted.—16/11/10.

Re Cases of alleged Double Voting in Camperdown Electorate.

No. 5 Police Station, Newtown, 13 November, 1910.

SERGEANT MITCHELL reports having made careful inquiries in this matter. W. H. Howes, on being seen, stated that he left work at Pyrmont in time to allow of his reaching the Newtown East Polling Place at 5:30 p.m., and he did not leave the booth until after it was closed, and that he did not vote elsewhere.

As he was enrolled for Newtown, he should not have been able to vote at Newtown East, as he evidently did, without signing the necessary declaration, which he did not, and was not asked to, sign.

What has almost certainly happened is that his name was marked off at Newtown Polling Place as having voted there in mistake for that of some other person.

Respecting the case of Agnes Taylor.—She is enrolled for Redfern Polling Place, and she stated that about 4 p.m. she went to Newtown East Polling Place to vote, but she was told she would have to sign a declaration, owing to that being a place other than that for which she was enrolled. She said she would go to the proper place, and left without having signed a declaration. She then went to Redfern Polling Place, and voted.

Mrs. Taylor is a respectable woman, and there is no reason to doubt her statement.

The rolls that were used in the Newtown East Polling Place, and the declaration said to have been signed in this case, are sealed and in the custody of the Clerk of the Assembly, and access to them cannot be obtained; therefore, it has been impossible to definitely clear up this case, but from the sergeant's inquiries, he is convinced that it is one of error only, and not of double-voting.

The sergeant is satisfied, after very careful inquiries, that there has been no double voting in Camperdown Electorate, and that these two cases are due to error, an opinion which is endorsed by the Returning Officer and his officials.

GEO. A. MITCHELL,  
 Sergeant.

Sub-Inspector McCrimmon, No. 5 Division.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Sydney.—Jno. McCrimmon, Sub-Inspector, 14/11/10.  
 Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. Sherwood, Superintendent, 14/11/10.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Camperdown Electorate.—Cases of Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 16 November, 1910.

THE Returning Officer recently brought under notice certain cases of apparent double voting in connection with the election on the 14th October. The papers were referred to the police, who have now reported that, after inquiry, it appears that there has been no double voting, the two apparent cases being due to errors in marking names on the roll. The police state that this conclusion is endorsed by the Returning Officer and his officials.

Submitted that, in the circumstances, no further action be taken in the matter.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
 Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 17/11/10. Approved.—D.M., 17/11/10. R.O. informed, 21/11/10.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Camperdown.

Sir,

21 November, 1910.

With reference to the cases of apparent double voting reported by you in connection with the recent election, I have the honor to inform you that, from police reports obtained on the subject, it would appear that there has been no double voting, but that mistakes were made by the poll clerks in marking the roll. I am to state that, in the circumstances, the Chief Secretary has decided no further action shall be taken in the matter.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

The

The Returning Officer, Camperdown, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Camperdown Electorate.

Sir,

118 St. Mary's street, Camperdown, 22 November, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge yours of 21st instant, anent the two cases of apparent double voting, and, taking all circumstances into consideration, am pleased with the Chief Secretary's decision that no further action shall be taken in the matter.

I have, &c.,

P. F. JENTSCH,  
Returning Officer, Camperdown.

The Castlereagh Electorate.

The Returning Officer, The Castlereagh, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Electoral District of The Castlereagh, Coonamble, 24 October, 1910.

I beg to inform you that the checking of the rolls on to a clean copy have now been completed. The following incidents need inquiring into:—

Coonamble booth, No. 241 main roll, Jane Cafe.—Voted at No. 1 booth and also voted at the open vote and the general booth according to the rolls used. I believe the error has happened through a daughter of the same name voting in No. 1 booth, and the mother voting at the open booth. Am making inquiries.

Coonamble booth, No. 1,469 main roll, Ellen Smith.—Apparently voted at No. 2 booth and at the booth taking declarations and open votes. I am of opinion that this is an error through the name having been marked on the roll of No. 2 booth before they found out she was an open voter.

Coonamble booth, No. 360 general roll, Amelia Cornish.—I am of opinion that the same error crept in as in the last item. The voter was sent from No. 1 booth to the open vote booth, and probably marked off before. Allowing for the last two being twice ticked, and allowed only one vote, the number marked off on the rolls agree with the votes taken.

Eumungerie booth, 140 on main roll, Harry Spurling.—This voter is marked off as having voted at Eumungerie, and also at Bundumar. He signed Schedule 9 declaration at latter place.

Gilgandra booth, No. 1,105 main roll, Mary Eliza Turvey.—This voter voted at Gilgandra, and also apparently at Curban. The Deputy Returning Officer at the latter place did not send me his Schedule 9 list; but I have written for it.

Narromine booth, 613 on roll.—An explanation from the Deputy is enclosed, who stated that this vote was claimed by a Roderick McKenzie and allowed, and later the right person came and claimed the vote. This was also allowed; but the vote is attached to the statement.

Pine View booth, No. 29 on roll, Duncan McKenzie.—Marked voted at Pine View, and also at Kickerbill, where he signed Schedule 9 declaration.

Nevertire booth, No. 202, on main roll, Jane Jessie Smith.—Marked voted at Nevertire and also voted at Warren under Schedule 9 declaration.

The following were on the list of deaths and transfers sent to the Deputy Returning Officers, but voted as under:—

Balladoran, 191, Thomas Patterson.—Voted at Gilgandra under Schedule 9.

Brocklehurst, No. 99, Mary Ann Hull.—Marked as voted at Brocklehurst.

I am returning you all rolls, &c., used, but have retained the rolls and declarations containing the above till called upon to return after inquiries by you are complete.

Yours, &c.,

G. C. A. COBB, J.P.,  
Returning Officer.

Sir,

Narromine, 14 October, 1910.

I have the honor to report having, under clause 52, page 19, Instructions and Duties of Returning Officers, allowed two voters to vote on the one name on the roll. When the second man claimed to vote, I discovered that he was the one entitled to the vote. I then allowed him to vote, and herewith hand you his papers, which I did not include in the count of votes recorded.

I have, &c.,

W. BYRNE,

G. C. Cobb, Esq., Returning Officer, Coonamble.

Deputy Returning Officer.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Coonamble.

Sir,

26 October, 1910.

With reference to the ballot-paper and local option voting-paper forwarded in your letter of the 24th October, I have the honor to inform you that these papers should have been labelled, so as to explain why they were not deposited in the ballot-box; they should have then been forwarded with the used ballot-papers, in a sealed enclosure, to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. The papers are now returned so that they may be labelled and sealed as stated above, and forwarded to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

I have, &c.,

Acting Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

**Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.**

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached Report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police, for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under Section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of Report.—F. A. COGHAN, Actg. U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

**The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Johnston.**

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Johnston for careful inquiries and report.

T.G.,

I.G. Police.

For careful, energetic, and exacting inquiries and report, please.—W. J. ANDERSON, Sub-Inspector, in absence of Superintendent of Police, Bathurst, 1/11/10. Sub-Inspector Cameron, Dubbo.

**Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.**

Double Voting, Castlereagh.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, 19 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

THOMAS GARVIN,

Inspector-General of Police

(per E. C. DAY, Supt.).

*Subject:—*Re Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with recent Election in Castlereagh Electorate.

Police Department, Sub-Inspector's Office, Dubbo, 17 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT HAYES begs to forward herewith reports from police at Dubbo, Narromine, Collic, Warren, Gilgandra, and Coonamble, who have inquired into the matters referred to them by the Chief Electoral Officer.

J. S. HAYES,

Senior-Sergeant

The Superintendent of Police, Bathurst.

(in abs. of Sub-Inspector).

Forwarded for information of the Inspector-General. The attached police reports clear the whole of the matters up referred to them.—ALEX. JOHNSTON, Superintendent of Police, Bathurst, 18/11/10. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

*Subject:—*Re alleged Double Voting at Narromine Polling-booth at State Election on 14th October, 1910.

Police Station, Narromine, 5 November, 1910.

SERGEANT NANCARROW reports that there are two persons residing in the Narromine Police Patrol District by the name of Roderick McKenzie. The first is a farmer, and resides at Maybrook in the Ashburnham Electorate, and his name is on the roll for Craigie Lea Polling-place, and he is entitled to vote at that place. The second person resides at Narromine, and is a labourer, and he is entitled to vote at Narromine Polling-place for the Castlereagh Electorate, and his name is on the roll for that place. The first-named person resided for several years in the Castlereagh Electorate, and his name was at the general election in 1907 on Narromine Polling-place roll for that electorate, but when the police collected the rolls in March last, and it was ascertained that he had removed into the Ashburnham Electorate and entitled to vote at Craigie Lea Polling-place, his name was removed from the Narromine Polling-place roll for the Castlereagh Electorate and placed on the Craigie Lea Polling-place roll, Ashburnham Electorate. Mr. McKenzie was not notified that his name had been transferred. At the general election, on the 14th ultimo, this person presented himself at the Narromine Polling-booth for Castlereagh Electorate, and as the name Roderick McKenzie appeared on the roll, he was allowed to vote. Shortly after the second person, who was actually the person who was entitled to the vote, attended the Narromine booth and demanded his vote. It was then discovered that Roderick McKenzie, of Maybrook, had voted on the name. The Sergeant explained the matter to the Deputy Returning Officer, and he decided to allow the second person to vote, and to report the matter to the Returning Officer for the electorate. No person voted at Craigie Lea Polling-place in the Ashburnham Electorate in the name of Roderick McKenzie. The mistake was in Roderick McKenzie, of Maybrook, voting at Narromine Polling-place for the Castlereagh Electorate, whereas he should have voted at Craigie Lea Polling-place for the Ashburnham electorate.

R. NANCARROW,

Sergeant.

Sub-Inspector Cameron, Dubbo.

*Subject:—*Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

Police Station, Dubbo, 7 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT HAYES reports that Mrs. Mary Ann Hull, who voted at Brocklehurst, is the wife of Jacob Hull, both old residents of that district and qualified to vote in the Castlereagh Electorate. Mary Ann Hull, who obtained a transfer to the Macquarie Electorate, appears upon the electoral roll for Brocklehurst Polling-place as Mary Hull. She did not vote in the Castlereagh Electorate. She is the wife of Herbert Hull, both of whom removed from Moriguy to Dubbo early this year, and their names appear upon the supplementary list for Dubbo, being Nos. 263 and 264.

J. S. HAYES,

Senior Sergeant.

Sub-Inspector of Police, Dubbo.

*Subject:—*

*Subject* :—Cases of apparent Double Voting at Bundemar and Pine View Polling-places, within the Castlereagh Electorate.

Police Station, Collie, 7 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE MCKINLAY, No. 6,699, begs to report that he interviewed Mr. K. Syme, who was poll clerk at Bundemar Polling-place on the 14th ultimo. Mr. Syme states that Harry Spurling voted at Bundemar on the date in question. Mr. Donohoe, of Boobah, was Returning Officer for Bundemar Polling-place, and can bear out Mr. Syme's statement. It is about 40 miles, more or less, from Bundemar to Eumungerie, where the poll was taken and where it is said Harry Spurling also recorded his vote. Mrs. Spurling, when interviewed in the absence of her husband, states that her husband, after recording his vote at Bundemar, returned to his home, which is about 1 mile from the former place, and never left the house during the rest of the day. From inquiries made with other persons, it would appear that Spurling never left his home after recording his vote, and it would seem very improbable that he would journey a distance of 40 miles to again record his vote at Eumungerie. It appears Mr. Spurling has a nephew by the name of Harry G. Spurling, a labourer, and was residing about Narromine a few months ago, and it may be that this man voted at Eumungerie Polling-place. Mr. Harry Spurling referred to is well known in the district, and bears a good character as a hard-working honest man.

Eumungerie is in the Gilgandra Police Patrol, and no doubt the police there could find out some information from the person who was in charge of the polling-booth at that place.

Constable McKinlay also interviewed Mr. A. McMillan, who was poll-clerk at Pine View Polling-place on the 14th ultimo. He states: Duncan McKenzie never recorded his vote at Pine View, nor did any person by that name; that Duncan McKenzie resides only half a mile from his, Mr. McMillan's, residence, and that he is well known to him; also that Duncan McKenzie, who is a farmer, and a highly respectable man, and one whom he would think would be the last man to commit a breach of the Electoral Act. The constable then interviewed Duncan McKenzie referred to, who informed him that he recorded his vote at Kickabil Polling-place—that the polling-booth was actually at his own house, hence his reason for not going to Pine View, where he was enrolled for; from inquiries made with other respectable farmers in the Kickabil locality, it would appear that Duncan McKenzie did vote at Kickabil and not at Pine View, which is about 5 miles from Kickabil. Mr. A. McMillan, referred to, who was poll-clerk at Pine View Polling-place, states that the name Duncan McKenzie was not, to his knowledge, checked on the roll as having voted at Pine View; that if it was checked it was a mistake; that Mr. Tink, who was Returning Officer for Pine View, can testify to all he has stated; Mr. Tink is a grazier, and resides in the Narromine Police Patrol; Mr. W. Brown, of Branston was Returning Officer for Kickabil Polling-place, but the constable decided that it was not necessary to make a journey to Branston, as from inquiries he has made with highly respectable men, it would appear that Mr. McKenzie never left his own farm after he recorded his vote in his own house at Kickabil; there appears to be no doubt about this.

Sub-Inspector Cameron, Dubbo.

D. MCKINLAY.

Alleged Double Voting at Warren and Nevertire Polling-booths.

Police Station, Warren, 8 November, 1910.

SERGEANT MACDONNELL reports that he has made exacting inquiries re alleged double voting at Warren and Nevertire, and he is satisfied, so far as the case of Jane Jessie Smith, No. 202 on the Nevertire roll, is concerned, that there has been no breach of the Act, either at Warren or Nevertire, but that the responsible officials at the latter place made a mistake when marking the roll, by marking No. 202 when they should have marked 201, which was voted at Nevertire.

It can be clearly proved that Jane Jessie Smith, who, on that date (14th October), resided near Warren, voted at Warren; that she was not on that date at Nevertire; and further, that she was not personated at Nevertire.

Every official, including the police at Nevertire booth, knew Jane Jessie Smith, No. 202, so well that it was an impossibility to impersonate her without detection.

What happened is as follows:—No. 201 on the roll, Jane Janet Smith (mother of Jane Jessie Smith) did vote at Nevertire booth in her own name, but when the officials registered the vote they marked 202 instead of the correct number, 201.

An examination of the roll of the Scrutineer (Mr. M. Murphy) clearly points to this conclusion. His roll shows that No. 201 was voted, and that No. 202 was not. In order to further test the Sergeant's theory, he respectfully asks that the official roll for Nevertire be again examined, and if it be found that No. 201 on that roll is not marked, then it is a positive proof that the officials erred.

There can be no doubt about No. 201 having voted at Nevertire.

C. MACDONNELL,

Sergeant.

Sub-Inspector Cameron, Dubbo.

THE CASTLEREAGH—Nevertire Polling-place—1910.

No.	Surname of each Elector.	Christian name of each Elector at full length.	Sex.	Residence.	Occupation.
201	Smith	Jane Janet	F	Fairfield	domestic duties
202	Smith	Jane Jessie	F	Fairfield	domestic duties

*Subject* :—Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

Police Station, Gilgandra, 10 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE SCOTT, No. 5,925, reports that he has made strict and careful inquiries in reference to the cases of apparent double-voting at the recent election at the undermentioned polling-booths.

Eumungerie Booth—No. 140, on main roll, Harry Spurling. This voter was a resident of Glenroy, Eumungerie, but removed some months ago to Bundemar.

Mr. John Wheaton, of Eumungerie, was at the Eumungerie Polling-booth on the 14th October, and knows Harry Spurling well. Spurling did not vote at Eumungerie, nor did any other person vote on his name at that booth.

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The Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk state that they have no recollection of the name, and think that they may have marked off the name in error.

Gilgandra Booth—No. 1,105, Mary Eliza Turvey, voted at Gilgandra, but not at Curban. Caroline Eliza Turvey, No. 1,104 on roll, was at Curban with her husband on the 14th October, and voted there.

There seems to be little doubt that Mary Eliza Turvey's name was marked off in error for Caroline Eliza Turvey.

Balladoran—No. 191, Thomas Patterson. This man voted at Gilgandra, and signed Schedule 9 Declaration, and although his name was transferred to the Liverpool Plains Electorate on 15/9/10. He did not vote there. The names of Thomas Patterson and Caroline Patterson, his wife, appear upon the Supplementary List for the Bearbung Polling-place, of the Liverpool Plains Electorate, where they both reside.

Mr. Sub-Inspector Cameron, Dubbo.

E. H. SCOTT,  
Senior Constable.

*Subject* :—Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

Police Station, Coonamble, 15 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT THOM reports, in connection with the three cases of apparent double voting at Coonamble Polling-booth on the 14th October last, as follows :—

The name Jane Cafe, No. 241 on General List, is that of a married woman, residing at Coonamble, who voted at the booth for open voters.

Mrs. Mayoh, a married woman, residing at Teridgeric, 22 miles from Coonamble, also voted under this name, but at No. 1 booth. Mrs. Mayoh, whose maiden name was Jane Cafe, resided at Coonamble for a considerable period, until the beginning of the present year, when she removed to another district, but returned to Coonamble in May last, a married woman.

Mrs. Mayoh states that when she voted at the recent election she thought the name No. 241 on the roll was her name, and that she had a right to vote.

No. 1469 on the General Roll is the name of Ellen Smith, a married woman, residing at Castlereagh-street, Coonamble, who voted at No. 2 booth.

Harriet Smith, No. 1474 on General Roll, voted at the booth for open voters, but her name is not marked on the Returning Officer's roll as having voted. There can be no doubt an error was made at the open voters' booth in marking the name of Ellen Smith instead of Harriet Smith. This would account for the apparent double vote in this case.

No. 360, General Roll, Amelia Cornish. Mrs. Amelia Cornish is an open voter. She states she went to No. 1 booth and gave her name. A search of the roll was made by the Returning Officer, who handed her a ballot-paper, and directed her to a stand to vote. She then informed him that she could not read or write. Her ballot-paper was then taken back by the Returning Officer, and she was directed to the open voters' booth, where she recorded her vote.

No doubt, Amelia Cornish's name was marked at No. 1 booth as having voted there, and when the error was discovered it was not rectified.

Sub-Inspector Cameron, Dubbo.

T. E. THOM,  
Senior Sergeant.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Castlereagh Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 22 November, 1910.

IN connection with the apparent double voting within the Electoral District of The Castlereagh, I have the honor to request that further inquiry be made as to whether Thomas Paterson, who voted at Gilgandra by signing the Declaration Schedule 9, also voted at Bearbung, or any other polling-place in the Liverpool Plains Electorate. This person was originally enrolled for the Balladoran Polling-place, in The Castlereagh Electorate, but obtained a transfer to, and is now enrolled for, Bearbung Polling-place, in the Liverpool Plains Electorate, and, according to the scrutiny-roll, voted for the last-mentioned district. A report as to the correctness of the scrutiny-roll is now sought.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Appd.—F.A.C., 22/11/10. I shall be glad if the Inspector-General of Police will be good enough to cause the necessary report to be obtained.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 23/11/10. The Inspector-General of Police.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Johnston.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 24 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Johnston for further careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.-G. Police  
(per E.C.D.)

Forwarded to Senior-Constable Scott for prompt and very careful attention. Report through Dubbo.—ALEX. JOHNSTON, Superintendent of Police, Bathurst, 25/11/1910. Senior-Constable Scott, Gilgandra.

*Subject* :—The Castlereagh Electorate. Apparent Double Voting.

Superintendent's Office, Police Department, Western District, Bathurst, 30 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for information of Inspector-General.

ALEX. JOHNSTON,  
Superintendent of Police.

The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

For the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, and Chief Electoral Officer.—THOMAS GARVIN, Inspector-General of Police (per E.C.D.), B.C., 1/12/10. Mr. Pinnington, 3/12/10. Sub. memo herewith, 6/12/10.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE SCOTT, No. 5,925, reports:—That Thomas Patterson did not vote at Bearbung Polling-place, Liverpool Plains Electorate. His wife, Catherine Patterson, voted there. The Deputy Returning Officer and poll clerk state that he did not vote there, nor did any other person vote on his name; and if his name is marked off as having voted, it must have been marked off in error.

Thomas Patterson is well known to both officers.

Sub-Inspector Cameron, Dabbo.

E. H. SCOTT, Senior Constable,  
Gilgandra, 28/11/10.

Forwarded to the Superintendent.—D. CAMERON, S-Inspr., 28/11/10. The Supt. of Police,  
Bathurst.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Castlereagh Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 6 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that these papers be referred to the Returning Officer for his perusal and any comment he may desire to make.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

G. C. A. Cobb, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Coonamble.—F. A. COGHIAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 6/12/1910.

### The Returning Officer, The Castlereagh, to The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Electoral District of The Castlereagh.

Sir,

Coonamble, 9 December, 1910.

I am in receipt of your memo. of the 6th instant, No. 10-26,101, and have perused contents.

I desire to point out that the list sent by me were those of irregularities, where two persons had apparently voted under the same name. The distance apart made it in many instances quite impossible for the same person to have voted twice, but there might have been personation or errors made.

From the report, I have come to the following conclusions:—

Thomas Patterson.—It was not suggested that this man had voted twice. I drew attention to the fact that he had voted in The Castlereagh Electorate, though he was on the list of persons transferred. Probably he voted, not aware that he was not eligible to vote.

Jane Cafe, Ellen Smith, Amelia Cornish.—The explanations seem quite reasonable, and no doubt they are correct.

H. Spurling (140), Eumungerie, is marked as having voted there. This vote is required to balance the votes at the booth and the papers used. If this man did not vote—and it is apparent he did not—then the officer in charge must have missed marking some other voter. This booth was not conducted to my satisfaction.

Caroline Eliza Turvey.—On the Curban roll both her and Mary Eliza Turvey have been marked off as voters. If she did not vote, then some voter must have voted without being marked.

Duncan McKenzie.—This man is plainly marked as having voted at Pine View, and the sheet is signed by Mr. Tink, the Deputy Returning Officer. Some other McKenzie might have voted in his place, whose name should have been on the roll, and was omitted.

Roderick McKenzie.—This seems a similar case to that of Patterson.

Mary Ann Hull.—This lady's name was on the Transfer list. She also voted. The Mary Hull mentioned by the officer did not vote.

Jane Jessie Smith (No. 202) voted at Nevertire, and Jane Janet Smith (No. 201) also is marked as having voted. The explanation given is, therefore, not sustained.

In the whole list, I cannot see any that call for further action being taken. Errors have cropped in through electors' names not being on the roll, and the numbers of those on the roll claimed by them, probably in good faith.

Am returning papers herewith.

Yours obediently,  
G. C. A. COBB, J.P.,  
Returning Officer, The Castlereagh.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Castlereagh Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 December, 1910.

IN view of the Returning Officer's statement, on perusal of the Police reports, that "In the whole list I cannot see any that call for further action being taken. Errors have cropped in through electors' names not being on the roll, and the numbers of those on the roll claimed by them, probably in good faith," it is submitted that no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., Dec. 17, 1910.

Approved.—D.M., Dec. 19, 1910.

## Cootamundra Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Cootamundra, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Cootamundra, 22 October, 1910.

I have the honor to report that I have carefully checked all the rolls used at the late General Election for the Electorate of Cootamundra, and have found what appears to be four cases of double voting, as follows:—

1. No. 33 on Illabo Roll, marked as having voted at Illabo Polling-booth, and then having subscribed to declaration at Junee Reefs Polling place, and having voted. Distance about 10 miles.
2. No. 875 on Roll, Cootamundra Division, voted at Cootamundra men's booth; then subscribed to declaration at Stockinbingal Polling-booth and voted. Distance, Cootamundra to Stockinbingal, 15 miles.
3. Mary Ann Cowell, junior, No. 59 on roll for Old Junee, voted at Old Junee, and then subscribed to declaration at Junee Junction women's booth and voted. Distance between two booths, about 8 miles.
4. E. Harpley, No. 937 Temora Division, voted at women's booth at Temora, and then subscribed to declaration at Combaning booth and voted. Distance from Temora to Combaning, about 10 miles.

I am sending the rolls of the following places with the "Secret Roll":—Stockinbingal, Cootamundra men's booth, Old Junee, Junee Junction women's, Combaning-Temora, Temora women's booth, Junee Reefs, Illabo. Also the declarations, No. 41, section 48, as received from the Deputy Returning Officers.

I have, &c.,

S. H. DICKSON

Returning Officer, Cootamundra.

Mr. Pinnington, Oct. 24, 1910.

Ackd. and subd., 27/10/10.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Actg. U.S. & C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Walker.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Walker for careful inquiry and report.

T. G.,

I.-G. Police.

For inquiry and report.—ALEX. B. WALKER, Supt., 1/11/10. Sub-Insp. Flynn, Young.

Mr. Police Sub-Inspector Flynn to Mr. Police-Superintendent Walker.

Alleged Double Voting at the recent General Election at Cootamundra, &c.

Police Department, Young, 20 November, 1910.

I BEG to forward herewith reports in connection with the above. From the inquiries made it does not appear that any double voting took place in the cases mentioned.

J. P. FLYNN,

Sub. Insp.

Forwarded.—ALEX. B. WALKER, Supt., 22/11/10. The Inspector-General of Police. Police reports herewith for information.—T. GARVIN, Inspector-General of Police. The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 23/11/1910. Mr. Pinnington, Nov. 25, 1910. Submission memo. herewith, 1/12/10.

Double Voting at recent General Election in the Cootamundra Electorate.

Police Department, Young, 2 November, 1910.

THE attached papers are forwarded to Senior-Sergeant Ewen for very careful inquiries and report, so that the inquiries might be made at the different centres simultaneously. A copy of the papers had better be sent to the Officer-in-charge of the towns where the alleged double voting is said to have taken place.

J. P. FLYNN,

Sub-Inspector.

Senior-Sergeant Ewen, Cootamundra.

Re alleged Double Voting at the recent General Election in the Cootamundra Electorate.

Police Station, Cootamundra, 18 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT Ewen reports that very careful inquiries have been made by the police in connection with the alleged double voting in the Cootamundra Electorate, at the recent General Election, with the following result:—

1. No. 33, Annie Maria Butt, Illabo Polling-place Roll.—From inquiries made, it appears that the voter referred to recorded her vote at Illabo Polling-booth, and that she did not vote at Junee Reefs, and she states she has never been at Junee Reefs in her life; she has given the police a specimen of her signature (attached) which might be compared with the signature on the declaration



- declaration. Ann Florence Butt voted at Junee Reefs evidently under the name of Annie Butt, No. 517 (Supplementary Roll), and it looks as if her name had been marked as No. 33, Illabo Polling-place Roll, by the polling-booth officials at Junee Reefs (*vide* report by Senior-Sergeant Dixon attached).
2. No. 875, Patrick Hearn, Cootamundra Polling-place Roll.—In this case, it appears No. 874 on Cootamundra Roll is John Patrick Hearn, and No. 875 is Patrick Hearn, the latter being a son of the former. John Patrick Hearn voted at the Cootamundra Polling-place, and as he is commonly known as Patrick Hearn he was evidently marked on the Roll as No. 875, by the Cootamundra Polling-booth officials in error. Patrick Hearn, No. 875, subscribed to the declaration and voted at Stockinbingal, and as far as it can be ascertained he was not in Cootamundra on polling day. Patrick Hearn states he is not sure whether he signed the declaration "P. Hearn" or "Patrick Hearn," but he has given Senior-Sergeant Ewen a specimen of both signatures (attached), and perhaps it could be compared with the signature on the declaration. (See also report by Constable Noble attached.)
  3. No. 59, Mary Ann Cowell, Old Junee Polling-place Roll.—The names Mary Ann Cowell, senior, and Mary Ann Cowell, junior, appears as Nos. 58 and 59 respectively, on the Old Junee Roll. Mary Ann Cowell, senior, subscribed to the declaration and voted at Junee, but in signing the declaration she put the word "junior" instead of "senior." Mary Ann Cowell, junior, voted at Old Junee. From the above it would appear that Mary Ann Cowell, senior, made a mistake in putting the word "junior" instead of "senior" when signing the declaration, probably not knowing the difference between the terms. (See report by Constable Fisher attached.)
  4. No. 937, Temora Polling-place Roll, Elizabeth Harpley.—In this case it appears that Elizabeth Harpley subscribed to the declaration and voted at Combaning, while Elizabeth Ellen Harpley, No. 938, Temora Roll, voted at that place, and evidently the polling-booth officials at Temora booth marked the name of Elizabeth Harpley, No. 937, instead of Elizabeth Ellen Harpley, No. 938, in error. (*Vide* Constable Sullivan's report attached.)

From the reports obtained from the police at the several places, it is apparent that some slight errors have been made, but there is no evidence whatever that any case of dual voting took place on the 14th ultimo in the Cootamundra Electorate. This report has been delayed in consequence of the report from Stockinbingal not being received.

Sub-Inspector Flynn, Young.

F. S. EWEN,  
Senior Sergeant.

Alleged Double Voting at the recent General Election in Cootamundra Electorate.

Police Department, Cootamundra, 3 November, 1910.

A copy of the papers referred to above is forwarded to the Officer in-charge of Police at Stockinbingal for very careful inquiry and report. Interview Mr. J. Corby, Deputy Returning Officer, at Stockinbingal; also Mr. W. R. Clarke, poll clerk, and the scrutineers, if any, and ascertain if they, or any of them, know Patrick Hearn personally, and are in a position to swear that he voted at Stockinbingal.

The Officer-in-charge of Police, Stockinbingal.

F. S. EWEN,  
Senior Sergeant.

*Re* Double Voting.

Police Station, Stockinbingal, 17 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE W. G. NOBLE, No. 7,221, respectfully reports *re* the above that he was in attendance at the Stockinbingal Polling-booth on election day. He knows the man Patrick Hearn, No. 875 on Cootamundra polling-place list, and remembers him voting here on that day. The constable interviewed the poll clerk but he does not remember the man; the scrutineer does not know Patrick Hearn; the Returning Officer, Mr. Joseph Corby, knows Hearn well, and remembers him voting at Stockinbingal on election day. He signed the usual declaration, which was read and explained to him, about not having voted at any other polling-place. Hearn told Mr. Corby that he had just come from "The Oaks" station. This report has been unavoidably delayed, Mr. Corby having been absent from home at the times when the constable had occasion to look for him.

Senior-Sergeant Ewen, Cootamundra.

WILLIAM GEO. NOBLE,  
First-class Constable.

*Patrick Hearn*

Alleged Double Voting at the recent Election at Temora and Combaning, by Elizabeth Harpley, No. 937 on roll.

Police Station, Temora, 4 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE SULLIVAN, No. 6,635, reports that No. 937, Elizabeth Harpley, voted at Combaning booth, near where she now resides, and No. 938, Elizabeth Ellen Harpley, voted at the Temora booth. The error must have been made at the Temora booth, where the officials probably omitted to ask Mrs. Harpley if she had more than one Christian name, and took it for granted that she was the person whose name appeared after No. 937, whereas her No. is 938. These are two different persons. There was no double voting in this case.

Senior-Constable Hughson, Temora.

J. T. SULLIVAN,  
First-class Constable.

Forwarded.—T. HUGHSON, Sr.-Constable (abs. Sr.-Serg. Sim). Senior-Sergeant Ewen, Cootamundra.

*Re*

*Re* alleged Double Voting by Mary Ann Cowell, junior.

Police Station, Junee, 7 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE D. G. FISHER, No. 8,645, reports that there are two women named Mary Ann Cowell on the electoral roll for Old Junee Polling-place, of the Cootamundra Electorate—one senior, the other junior. Both women recorded their vote as junior, one at Old Junee, another at Junee, under declaration, thus making it appear as if the one person voted at both places.

The constable is quite satisfied, from inquiries made, that such was not the case, that the mistake was made by the women not knowing which senior and junior referred to.

D. G. FISHER,

Constable.

Senior-Sergeant Dixon, Junee.

Police Station, Junee, 8 November, 1910.

Forwarded. Both women appear to have voted as junior in mistake. There was no attempt at double voting in this case; both persons recorded their votes, the one making the declaration signed junior, instead of senior.—HY. T. DIXON, Senior-Sergeant. Senior-Sergeant Ewen, Cootamundra.

*Re* alleged Double Voting at Illabo and Junee Reefs, and Old Junee and Junee, at the recent Elections.

Police Station, Junee, 8 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT DIXON reports that No. 33, on Illabo roll (Annie Maria Butt) states that she went to Illabo with her husband on the afternoon of election day, and they both voted at that place; she further states that she did not go to Junee Reefs on that day, and that she has never been at Junee Reefs in her life.

Attached is a sample of Annie Maria Butt's writing, which might be compared with the signature on the declaration. Ann Florence Butt, of Ivor (supplementary roll), voted at Junee Reefs. As a result of inquiries made, the Senior-Sergeant is of opinion that Annie Maria Butt did not go to Junee Reefs on the day of the election.

HY. T. DIXON,

Senior Sergeant.

Senior-Sergeant Ewen, Police Station, Cootamundra.

*Annie Maria Butt*

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cootamundra Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Bridge-street, Sydney, 1 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the papers be referred to the Returning Officer for perusal of the police reports in connection with the above, for any further comment he may wish to make.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

S. H. Dickson, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Cootamundra.—F. A. COGLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 1/12/10.

The Returning Officer, Cootamundra, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Cootamundra, 16 December, 1910.

I have the honor to report that I have carefully perused the police reports in connection with the apparent double voting in the Cootamundra Electorate, and consider them satisfactory in each case.

Documents are returned herewith.

I have, &c.,

S. H. DICKSON,

Returning Officer, Cootamundra.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cootamundra Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 19 December, 1910.

It is submitted, in view of the police report:—"From inquiries made, it does not appear that any double voting took place in the cases mentioned," and the statement by the Returning Officer, "that I have carefully perused the police reports in connection with the apparent double voting, and consider them satisfactory in each case," that no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 20/12/10. Approved.—D.M., 20/12/10.

The Returning Officer, Cootamundra, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Cootamundra, 4 February, 1911.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 2nd instant in reference to marked roll and apparent double voting at the recent General Election, and to inform you that, on 22nd October, 1910, I sent you by registered post marked roll, as required by Rule 63; also, rolls of each polling-place where any apparent double voting had taken place.

I

I sent you a full report on the matter of apparent double voting by same mail, which was acknowledged by you in a letter to me, dated 27th October, 1910. After receiving letter No. 10-23,654 from you, containing reports from police officers re the alleged double voting, and having carefully perused same, I forwarded you my report, dated 16th December, 1910; also, all documents received from you in connection with this matter.

I have, &c.,

S. H. DICKSON,  
Returning Officer, Cootamundra.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Cootamundra.

Sir,

9 February, 1911.

Referring to your letter of the 4th February, I beg to inform you that the reports furnished by the police in connection with the apparent double voting in the Cootamundra Electorate being satisfactory, the Chief Secretary has approved of no further action being taken.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

Darling Harbour Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Darling Harbour, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

48 Margaret-street, 20 October, 1910.

Herewith I have the honor to forward you a marked copy of the State Electoral Roll, also of the Supplementary Roll, showing a mark against all who voted at the recent State election on the 14th October, 1910.

One case of double voting occurred in the name of Louisa King, 29, Windmill-street, Roll No. 3704. Apparently, the first vote was impersonated; the second vote I have impounded, in accordance with the Act, and I have retained the ballot-papers in my possession awaiting further inquiry.

I have, &c.,

WM. BEATTIE,

Returning Officer, Darling Harbour.

Mr. Pinnington, Oct. 21, 1910. Ackd. and sub., 27/10/10.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Darling Harbour.

Sir,

27 October, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th October, reporting a case of impersonation, which I am to state will be investigated. The ballot-papers should not have been retained by you, but should have been labelled and enclosed in a sealed packet with the used ballot-papers. You should now label them and forward, in a sealed enclosure, to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, to be placed with unused ballot-papers.

I have, &c.,

Acting Under Secretary.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGILAN, Actg. U.S. & C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Sherwood for careful inquiry and report by an intelligent non-commissioned officer.

T.G.,

I. G. Police.

Mr. E. W. Matthews.—A.R.S., Supt., 1/11/10.

The Inspector-General of Police to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 7 November, 1910.

POLICE reports herewith for information.

THOMAS GARVIN,

Inspector-General of Police

(per E.C.D.).

Re

*Re* alleged Case of Double Voting, as referred to in attached report of Mr. Beattie, Returning Officer for Darling Harbour.

No. 4 Police Station, George-street North, City, 7 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT CARSON reports that, as a result of his inquiries, he has no hesitancy in stating that there is not a scintilla of evidence to support any charge whatever, but on the contrary everything would go to show that when the first vote was recorded by one Mrs. Louisa Elizabeth King, of 200, Cumberland-street, City, was strictly open and in her favour, as the following circumstances will clearly make apparent; and if there is any blame to be attributed to anyone at all, the most that can be assumed is oversightedness on the part of one or other of the scrutineers.

It seems at about 10 a.m. on the 14th ultimo, the old woman mentioned above went in the usual way to record her vote. She being an invalid, it necessarily followed she had to vote openly. On being asked her name, she replied "Louisa King" (instead of Louisa Elizabeth King). The roll was looked up by an official, and seeing the name Louisa King, 29, Windmill-street, took it for granted that the old woman was identical with her, the result being that the vote was then and there recorded in the name of Mrs. King, of Windmill-street. At the time, had there been any suspicion, and exacting question, asked, it could have been readily ascertained that the old woman lived at 200, Cumberland-street, and that her name appears as Louisa Elizabeth King in the supplementary list for Darling Harbour.

The error was not discovered till the afternoon, when Louisa King, of Windmill-street, went to record her vote, who through the mistake already made, had to suffer the loss of her vote. Therefore, under the circumstances as narrated, it cannot at all be termed a case of double voting.

The old woman by whom the mistake was made bears a very good reputation, and is an invalid pensioner.

Sub-Inspector Matthews, No 4 Police Station.

WM. H. CARSON,  
Senior-Sergeant.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Sydney.—E. W. MATTHEWS, Sub-Inspector, 6/11/10.  
Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent, Nov. 7, 1910.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Darling Harbour Electorate.—Case of Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 11 November, 1910.

THE Returning Officer reported that a case of apparent double voting had occurred in connection with the recent election, in the name of Louisa King. The police have made inquiries, as the result of which it is found that the name of Louisa Elizabeth King was confounded by the poll clerk with that of Louisa King.

Submitted, that the Returning Officer be advised accordingly, and that no further action be taken in the matter.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., Nov. 11, 1910. Approved.—D.M., Nov. 15, 1910.  
R.O. informed, 16/11/10.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Darling Harbour.

Sir,

16 November, 1910.

With reference to the case of apparent double voting, reported by you in connection with the recent election, in the name of Louisa King, I have the honor to inform you that, as the result of inquiries made by the police, it has been found that the name of Louisa Elizabeth King was confounded by the poll clerk with that of Louisa King. In the circumstances, the Chief Secretary has decided that no further action shall be taken in the matter.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### Darlinghurst Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Darlinghurst, to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

GENERAL ELECTIONS, 1910. DIVISION OF DARLINGHURST.

Dear Sir,

5 Tusculum-street, Potts' Point, 18 October, 1910.

In forwarding you the detailed statement of votes polled, and ballot-papers issued, I desire to report that during Election Day approximately fifty persons made application at the Polls whose names were not on the rolls. I personally saw the majority, and from their statements they appear to have held the necessary qualifications, and in many cases had taken steps to seek enrolment up to the point of the Revision Court.

With the alterations furnished by your office, the total number on the roll (including supplementary) was reduced from 10,576 to 10,451, and of these 6,871 voted, or a percentage of approximately 65 per cent. Of those who voted, 3,785 are females and 3,086 males, or a percentage to the votes polled of 55 per cent. and 45 per cent. respectively.

There were two instances of double voting, namely, in respect to Nos. 1741 and 8360, but in each case the second vote was not counted.

The voters appeared satisfied with the arrangements made, and during no part of the day was there any delay worth speaking of, and when blocks did occur it generally was the result either of a name being found not on the roll or of an open voter requiring attention. A great number of blind and infirm voters

voters exercised their franchise, and in the cases of the infirm and crippled much difficulty and some risk were experienced in negotiating the stairways to and from the booth, and I would strongly urge that in future the polling-booth be arranged on a level with the street.

I wish to bear testimony to the assistance rendered by the police during the day, and have written the Inspector-General on this matter.

Thanking you and your several officers for their courtesy,

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR JOSEPH McELHONE,

Returning Officer.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Darlinghurst.

Sir, State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 21 October, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th October, furnishing a report upon the conduct of the recent election in the Darlinghurst Electorate. With respect to the cases of double voting mentioned in your communication, I have to request that you will be so good as to state whether there is sufficient evidence to enable proceedings to be taken against the persons concerned, under section 90 of Act No. 33, of 1902.

I have, &c.,

F. A. COGHLAN,

Acting Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

In both cases the persons applying the second time were detained and identified as the persons on the roll; consequently, the persons actually guilty of impersonation had left the booth before discovery.—ARTHUR J. McELHONE, Returning Officer, 31/10/10. Mr. Pinnington, Nov. 1, 1910.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under Section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Actg. U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Darlinghurst Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 7 November, 1910.

THE Returning Officer has reported two cases of apparent double voting in connection with the recent General Election. He states, however, that in both cases the persons applying the second time were detained and identified as the persons on the roll, consequently the persons actually guilty of impersonation had left the booth before discovery.

In these circumstances, it is submitted that no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F. A. COGHLAN, U.S., Nov. 8, 1910. Approved.—D.M., Nov. 9, 1910.  
Mr. Pinnington, Nov. 10, 1910. R.O. infd., 11/11/10.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Darlinghurst.

Sir, 11 November, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 31st October, further respecting certain cases of apparent double voting in connection with the recent election, and I am to state that, in the circumstances, the Chief Secretary has decided that no further action be taken in the matter.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### Durham Electorate.

#### The Returning Officer, Durham, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir, Melbee, Dungog, 19 October, 1910.

I forwarded you yesterday, by parcel post, copy of General and Supplemental Roll for Durham, marked to indicate every voter who voted on polling-day, 14th October, and in connection therewith beg to report that the following persons appeared to have voted twice, viz. :—

Dungog, No. 193—Clarke, John, Railway Camp, labourer. Voted at Dungog and at Four-mile Camp.

Dungog, No. 933—Smith, Mary Ann, Dungog, domestic duties. Voted at Dungog and at Four-mile Camp.

Dungog, Sup. No. 149—Kennedy, Thomas, Dungog, labourer. Voted at Dungog and at Four-mile Camp.  
 Gresford, General No. 27—Brennan, Michael John, East Gresford, carrier. Voted at Gresford and Allynbrook.  
 Woodville, No. 32—Cameron, Alexander, Woodville, labourer. Voted at Woodville and Largs.  
 Eagleton, No. 22—Dorney, Mary, Eskdale, domestic duties. Voted at Eagleton and Raymond Terrace.  
 Seaham, No. 80—Keegan, Kate, Seaham, domestic duties. Voted at Seaham and Raymond Terrace.  
 William Town, No. 137—Russell, Joseph, Salt Ash, labourer. Voted at William Town and Salt Ash.

Yours, &c.,  
 G. A. MACKAY,  
 Returning Officer, Durham.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
 Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Actg. U.S. & C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Saunders.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Saunders for careful inquiries and report.

T.G.,  
 I-G. Police.

Forwarded to Sergeant Bowen for careful inquiries and report, and forward to Gresford, Clarence Town, Raymond Terrace, and Largs for like action in regard to persons named residing in their respective patrol districts.—JOHN SAUNDERS, Superintendent of Police, West Maitland, 1/11/10. Sergeant Bowen, Dungog.

### Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Re Alleged Double Voting at Woodville and Largs.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 26 November, 1910.

FORWARDED to the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, and Chief Electoral Officer.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
 I-G. Police (absent),  
 (per E. C. DAY, Supt.)

Mr. Pinnington, Nov. 29, 1910. Submitted that these papers be referred to the Returning Officer for his perusal and any comment he may desire to make.—S. J. PINNINGTON, Principal Electoral Officer. G. A. Mackay, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Melbee, Dungog.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 2/12/1910.

*Subject* :—Alexander Cameron, alleged Double Voting at Woodville and Largs, on the 14th October, 1910.

Police Station, Largs, 24 November, 1910.

FIRST-CLASS CONSTABLE HEWARD, No. 6,078, reports that there are two Alexander Cameron's, one residing at Dunmore and the other at Woodville, the latter having only attained the age of 21 years, thought it was his name that was on the Woodville roll, and voted. No impersonation was attempted in either case, as alleged.

W. R. HEWARD,  
 First-class Constable.

Sub-Inspector Bear, West Maitland.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.—JOSEPH BEAR, Sub-Insp., W. Maitland, 25/11/10.

I beg to forward the attached reports from Police at Dungog, Gresford, Clarence Town, Raymond Terrace, and Largs, having reference to cases of apparent double voting in the Durham Electorate in connection with the recent election, for information of the Inspector-General.—JOSEPH BEAR, Sub-Inspector (in absence of Superintendent), West Maitland, 25/11/1910. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

*Subject* :—John Clarke, Mary Ann Smith, and Thomas Kennedy, alleged to have voted at Dungog and Four-mile Camp on Polling day, 14th October, 1910.

Police Station, Dungog, 9 November, 1910.

SERGEANT BOWEN reports he has personally investigated this matter. Owing to conflicting statements and a difficulty in locating one of the parties named, a good deal of time has been occupied. With respect to John Clarke, No. 193 on the roll, from exhaustive inquiries made the sergeant is satisfied that this

man did vote at Four-mile Camp on the 14th of October last, and that the same John Clarke did not vote at Dungog on the same date. On the 14th of October last another person named John Clarke was working in Lloyd's gang, near Dungog, and it is possible that he voted at Dungog on the 14th October. However, evidence of that cannot be obtained; the man left the district after the election on the 14th October, and his present whereabouts is not known. With respect to Mary Ann Smith, the name of the housekeeper to the Rev. Father Meagher, of Dungog, is named Annie Smith; on the 14th of October last she voted at Dungog under the name of Mary Ann Smith. She explained to the presiding officer that her name was Annie Smith, but that the police when collecting the names probably made a mistake and took her name as Mary Ann Smith. On making this explanation she was permitted to vote. Mary Ann Smith, No. 933, voted at Four-mile Camp on the 14th of October, and did not vote at Dungog same date. Annie Smith, who voted as Mary Ann Smith at Dungog on the 14th of October, is identical with Annie Smith, Woodberry, No. 362 on the roll, Clarence Town polling-place. With respect to Thomas Kennedy, No. 149 on the roll, a man of this name works at Stroud Hill tunnel. He states he voted at Four-mile Camp on the 14th of October last; that he was not at Dungog, and did not vote at Dungog on that date; that after voting he stopped in his camp until dinner time, and after dinner on that date started work on the afternoon shift at about 2 p.m., and knocked off at about 10 p.m. This statement is fully borne out by Ganger W. Kane and Foreman E. Mahony, and by his boardinghouse-keeper (Mrs. Stephens). Sergeant Bowen attended the Dungog polling-booth on the 14th of October, and does not remember seeing Thomas Kennedy at the polling-booth on that date. The sergeant is of the opinion that Kennedy was impersonated at Dungog on the 14th of October last, or that some other Thomas Kennedy, whose name is not on the roll, voted. Sergeant Bowen has made inquiries in all directions, Stroud police included, and cannot find but the one Thomas Kennedy in the district. Sergeant Bowen will continue to pursue this matter, and if facts warrant it a supplemental report will be furnished.

W. BOWEN,  
Sergeant.

The Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.

*Subject:—Re alleged Double Voting, Gresford-Allynbrook, by Michael John Brennan, on Polling-day, 14th October, 1910.*

Police Station, Gresford, 13 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE CAPP reports having interviewed Mr. R. B. Boydell, the presiding officer at the Allynbrook polling-place on polling-day, 14th October last, in reference to the alleged double voting of the above-named. He states that he is confident that Michael John Brennan, No. 27 on the roll, did not vote at the Allynbrook polling-place on the 14th October; but explained that Patrick J. Brennan, No. 28 on the roll, voted at that polling-place on that date, and the name Michael John Brennan was ticked off the roll in mistake for Patrick James Brennan.

Michael John Brennan, a man of good character and well known in the district, has been seen in reference to the matter, and states he voted at the Gresford polling-place only on the 14th October last.

Patrick James Brennan states that he voted at the Allynbrook polling-place on the 14th October last, and as his name was on the Gresford roll he was required to sign a declaration before voting.

ALFRED CAPP,  
Constable.

The Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.

*Subject:—Re attached Papers relative to Cases of alleged Plural Voting at State Election.*

Police Station, Clarence Town, 15 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE GEO. C. WILSON, No. 7,907, begs to report relative to cases of alleged plural voting referred to in the attached papers that none of the cases reported by the Returning Officer for Durham occurred within the Clarence Town patrol area, and presumably William Town was intended where Clarence Town is mentioned in the Superintendent's minute thereon.

Papers are forwarded to Raymond Terrace for necessary action as desired.

GEO. C. WILSON,  
Constable.

The Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.

*Subject:—Re Mary Dorney, Kate Keegan, and Joseph Russell, alleged to have voted twice on the 14th October, 1910.*

Police Station, Raymond Terrace, 21 November, 1910.

SERGEANT GRIMSHAW reports that in the matter of Mary Dorney, alleged to have voted at Eagleton and Raymond Terrace, the sergeant interviewed the Presiding Officer at Raymond Terrace, Mr. J. W. Richardson. He states that a mistake was made by the poll-clerk at Raymond Terrace in ticking off the wrong name. The young lady who voted at Raymond Terrace was Mrs. O'Dea; she has married since the roll was compiled; her name before marriage was Hannah Mary Dorney, No. 20 on Eagleton roll; she was always known as Mary Dorney, and is personally known to Mr. Richardson, the presiding officer.

Concerning Kate Keegan, No. 80 on Seaham roll, the sergeant interviewed Mr. Richardson, who states that Kate Keegan, who voted at Raymond Terrace, is the wife of Patrick Keegan, butcher, at Raymond Terrace. They formerly resided at Seaham. The sergeant also interviewed Mr. J. W. Boag, J.P., of East Seaham, who was presiding officer at Seaham polling-booth on the 14th October, 1910. He states that he has known Kate Keegan (wife of Patrick Keegan) for some years, and he is quite sure that she did not vote at Seaham on the 14th October, and he cannot account for her name being ticked off on his roll, but thinks his poll clerk made a mistake, as Catherine Keegan, No. 77 on Seaham roll, voted at Seaham polling-booth, and he may have ticked off No. 80 instead of 77. The sergeant also interviewed the poll clerk at Seaham; he cannot explain how the mistake was made, but is quite sure that Kate Keegan (Patrick Keegan's wife) did not vote at Seaham.

Concerning Joseph Russell, of Saltash, a report by Constable Sclater is attached hereto.

CHAS. GRIMSHAW,  
Sergeant.

Sub-Inspector Bear, West Maitland.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.—JOSEPH BEAR, Sub-Inspector  
W. Maitland, 25/11/10.

*Subject:—*

*Subject:—Re alleged Double Voting, William Town, by Joseph Russell, on Polling-day, 14th October, 1910.*

Police Station, Raymond Terrace, 21 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE SCLATER, No. 8,656, reports having interviewed Mr. Allan McLean, the presiding officer at the William Town polling-booth on polling-day, 14th October last, relative to double voting, in the case of Joseph Russell, of Saltash, William Town, roll number 137. He states that Joseph Russell voted at Saltash, but a nephew of Joseph Russell, whose name is Samuel Joseph Russell, voted at William Town, his name not being on the roll. This man is fully entitled to be on the roll, being 21 years of age, but his name was not forwarded to the Registrar. He is generally known as Joseph Russell. Probably thinking his first name was left off in printing of the roll, he was permitted to vote. There seems to be no intention of voting illegally on his part; probably he did it in error.

J. H. T. SCLATER,  
Constable.

Sergeant Grimshaw, Raymond Terrace.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.—JOSEPH BEAR, Sub-Insp.,  
W. Maitland, 25/11/10.

### The Returning Officer, Durham, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Melbee, Dungog, 5 December, 1910.

In reply to your letter of 3rd instant, *re* alleged double voting on 14th October in this electorate, I am pleased to learn therefrom that there has been no such case in Durham.

I regret, however, the mistakes that led up to the allegations, and know that it is quite possible for even a careful man to make such, when hurried, as the work is at times. The present inquiry should tend to greater care being exercised in the future in ticking off names.

I enclose correspondence under a separate cover.

Yours, &c.,

G. A. MACKAY,  
Returning Officer, Durham.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Durham Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that, in view of the statement of the Returning Officer, on a perusal of the Police report, that, "I am pleased to learn therefrom that there has been no such case in Durham. I regret, however, the mistake that led up to the allegations, and know that it is quite possible for even a careful man to make such when hurried, as the work is at times. The present inquiry should tend to greater care being exercised in future in ticking off names," no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., Dec. 17, 1910. Approved.—D.M., Dec. 19, 1910.

### Second Ballot.

### The Returning Officer, Durham, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Melbee, Dungog, 3 November, 1910.

Under another cover I am sending you a copy of the roll for Durham, marked to indicate all persons who voted at the second ballot taken on the 31st October, 1910.

As a result of the scrutiny of the whole of the rolls for the various polling-places of this Electorate, the following persons appear to have voted twice, viz. :—

No. 412, Dungog Roll—Henny, William James, Dungog, labourer. Voted at Dungog and Four-mile Camp.

No. 149, Dungog Supplemental Roll—Kennedy, Thomas, Dungog, labourer. Voted at Dungog and Four-mile Camp.

No. 57, Chichester Roll—Turner, Mary, Chichester, domestic duties. Voted at Dungog and Chichester.

No. 11, Lamb's Creek Roll—Bendeich, Francis, Stanhope, farmer. Voted at Lamb's Creek and at Largs.

No. 32, Woodville Roll—Cameron, Alexander, Woodville, labourer. Voted at Woodville and Largs.

Yours, &c.,

G. A. MACKAY,  
Returning Officer, Durham.

Mr. Pinnington, Nov. 5, 1910. Ackd. and subd., 7/11/10.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Durham Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Second Ballot.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 7 November, 1910.

THE Returning Officer has reported certain cases of apparent double voting. Submitted that the report be forwarded to the police for urgent inquiry.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of investigation and early report.—F. A. COGLAN, U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 7/11/10.

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## The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Saunders.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 9 November, 1910.  
 REFERRED to Superintendent Saunders for careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
 I.G. Police  
 (per E.C.D.).

Forwarded to Sergeant Bowen for prompt inquiry and report.—JOSEPH BEAR, Sub-Inspector (in absence of Superintendent), West Maitland, 10/11/1910. Sergeant Bowen, Dungog.

## Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 21 November, 1910.  
 For the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
 Inspector-General of Police  
 (per E.C.D.).

*Subject*:—William James Henny, Thomas Kennedy, and Mary Turner, alleged to have voted at "Four-mile Camp," Chichester, and Dungog, respectively, on the 31st of October, 1910.

Police Station, Dungog, 14 November, 1910.

SERGEANT BOWEN reports that William James Henny, a navy, now working at the Nine-mile Camp, second section North Coast Railway, voted at "Four-mile Camp" on the 31st October, 1910, but did not vote at Dungog same date. William James Henny, farmer, and an old resident of Dungog, voted at Dungog on the 31st of October last, and did not vote at "Four-mile Camp" same date. Thomas Kennedy, a navy, working at Stroud Hill, for Ganger Kane, voted at "Four-mile Camp" on the 31st October last, and did not vote at Dungog same date. Thomas Kennedy, a navy, working for Ganger Lavis, at Dungog, voted at Dungog on the 31st of October last, and did not vote at "Four-mile Camp" same date. Mary Turner voted at Chichester on the 31st of October last, and did not vote at Dungog same date. Mary Neilson, formerly Mary Turner, a married daughter of the Mary Turner referred to, voted at Dungog on the 31st October last under the name of Mary Turner. Mrs. Neilson has been married two years; she was under age when married, consequently was not enrolled as Mary Turner or Mary Neilson, and for some reason has not since been enrolled. Mrs. Neilson informed the police that she was given to understand that she could vote under the name of Mary Turner. Impersonation in the above cases is not alleged.

W. BOWEN,  
 Sergeant.

The Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.

*Subject*:—Francis Bendeich and Alexander Cameron, alleged to have voted at Lamb's Creek and Largs and Woodville and Largs on the 31st October, 1910.

Police Station, Largs, 18 November, 1910.

FIRST-CLASS CONSTABLE HEWARD, No. 6,078, reports having interviewed Mr. Beattie, who was Returning Officer at Largs, also Allen Innis, second poll clerk, who issued the numbers to all voters, also Michael Tobin, who was scrutineer for Mr. Bennett. I have also perused their respective Electoral Rolls that were used on the 31st ultimo, and find that Francis Bendeich did not vote at Largs. *Re* No. 32, Woodville Roll, Alexander Cameron—there are two Alexander Camerons, one residing at Dunmore and the other at Woodville—the latter having only attained the age of 21 years, thought it was his name that was on the Woodville Roll and voted. No impersonation was attempted in either case as alleged.

W. R. HEWARD,  
 First-class Constable.

Sub-Inspector Bear, West Maitland.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.—JOSEPH BEAR, Sub-Inspr., W. Maitland 19/11/10. Forwarded for information of the Inspector-General.—JOSEPH BEAR, Sub-Inspector (in absence of Superintendent), West Maitland, 19/11/10. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Durham Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, 25 November, 1910.

THE police, after careful inquiry in connection with the above, report that there has been no double voting. In four cases two persons of the same name voted under the one enrolment, and in the case of Francis Bendeich they are satisfied that that person did not vote at Largs.

Submitted that the Returning Officer be informed, and that no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
 Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., Nov. 28, 1910.  
 Mr. Pinnington, Nov. 29, 1910. Letter to R.O., 3/12/10.

Approved.—D.M., Nov. 28, 1910.

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## The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Dungog.

Apparent Double Voting.

Sir,

3 December, 1910.

Referring to your report of the 3rd November on the above subject, I have the honor to inform you that, after due inquiry, the police report that there has been no case of double voting in the Durham Electorate. In four out of the five cases reported, two persons of the same name voted under the one enrolment, and in the case of Francis Bendeich the police state that they are satisfied he did not vote at Largs.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. A. COGHLAN,  
Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

## The Glebe Electorate.

## The Returning Officer, The Glebe, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

The Glebe, 18 October, 1910.

In reply to your wires of 15th and 17th inst., and letter of 15th inst., referring to scrutiny of rolls, and totals of male and female votes recorded at each booth, I have the honor to report that after an exhaustive scrutiny of the marked rolls used by my deputies, the following are the only discrepancies I have been able to discover, viz. :—

John Maher, Derby-place Roll, Supplement No. 211, is shown as having voted at Derby-place, and also at Sydney after declaration.

William O'Neill, St. John's road Roll, No. 3287, is shown as having voted at St. John's road, and also at Derby-place after declaration.

William Peninton, senior, St. John's road Roll, No. 3417, is shown as having voted at St. John's road, and also at Derby-place after declaration.

Fair copy of marked rolls will be forwarded under separate cover to-morrow.

Return showing male and female votes at each booth is forwarded herewith.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. M. MITCHELL,  
Returning Officer.

## The Returning Officer, The Glebe, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

The Glebe, 19 October, 1910.

PLEASE correct my letter of yesterday's date, referring to Scrutiny of Rolls, in the following particulars :—

William O'Neill, St. John's road, Roll No. 3287, is shown as having voted at St. John's road and also at "Derby-place" (not Sydney), after declaration.

William Peninton, senior, St. John's road, Roll No. 3417, is shown as having voted at St. John's road, and also at "Derby-place" (not Sydney) after declaration.

W. M. MITCHELL,  
Returning Officer.

## The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, The Glebe.

Sir,

20 October, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 18th October and 19th October, respectively, relative to certain cases of apparent double voting; and I am to state that the cases will be investigated.

I have, &amp;c.,

Acting Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Glebe Electorate.—Apparent Cases of Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 20 October, 1910.

THE Returning Officer has reported what appear to be three cases of double voting in connection with the recent election.

Submitted that the papers be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for report as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Approved.—F.A.C., Acting U.S., Oct. 21, 1910.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Acting U.S. & C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

## The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Sherwood for careful inquiry and report by an intelligent non-commissioned officer.

THOMAS GARVIN,

Inspector-General of Police.

Mr. Branston.—A.R.S., Supt., 1/11/10.

Senior-Constable Walker, Glebe.—A. BRANSTON, S.-I., 1/11/10.

Minute

## Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 7 November, 1910.  
FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police  
(per E.C.D.).

*Re* Three Cases of apparent Double Voting at Glebe Parliamentary Election, on 14th ultimo.

Glebe Police Station, 6 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE WALKER reports that he has made careful inquiries, but has been unable to obtain evidence sufficient to warrant proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902, in connection with either of the cases of apparent double voting referred to in attached report from the Returning Officer for Glebe.

The senior-constable has interviewed the presiding officers who were at each of the booths where the votes were recorded, and has inquired from the poll-clerks and police who were present at the several polling-places, but none of them could say they knew either of the men mentioned, or that they had seen either of them at the booths on the day of the election. Apparently the only evidence obtainable is that the names of the three voters were marked off on the rolls as having voted at more than one booth.

JOHN WALKER,  
Senior Constable.

Sub Inspector Branston, No. 2 Division.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Sydney.—ARTHUR BRANSTON, S-Inspector, No. 2 Police Station, Sydney, Nov., 7 1910. Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent, Nov. 7, 1910.

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Glebe Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 11 November, 1910.

THE Returning Officer reported certain cases of apparent double-voting in connection with the recent election. The papers were referred to the police for inquiry as to whether evidence was available to enable proceedings to be taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902. The police have reported that they have been unable to obtain sufficient evidence to warrant proceedings being taken.

Submitted that no further action be taken in the matter.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., Nov. 11, 1910. Approved.—D.M., Nov. 15, 1910.  
R.O. infd., 16/11/10.

## The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, The Glebe.

Sir,

16 November, 1910.

With reference to certain cases of apparent double voting reported by you, in connection with the recent election, I have the honor to inform you that the police have been unable to obtain sufficient evidence to warrant proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902. In the circumstances the Chief Secretary has decided that no further action be taken in the matter.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

## Gloucester Electorate.

## The Returning Officer, Gloucester, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Gloucester Electorate, Taree, 28 October, 1910.

I beg to advise the despatch, under separate cover (registered), of marked roll, indicating the whole of the voters who voted at the different polling-places in the Gloucester electorate.

I have also to report that a scrutiny of the rolls has disclosed that the following numbers were marked by two polling-places as follows:—

- No. 171, John Purcell (no trace), on Gloucester Supplementary, by Ganghat and Gloucester No. 2.
- No. 191, Catherine Welsh, on Gloucester Supplementary, by Ganghat and Gloucester No. 2.
- No. 192, Catherine Welsh, on Gloucester Supplementary, by Ganghat and Gloucester No. 2.
- No. 22 on Gloucester Roll, G. A. Arden voted at Wingham, Sch. ix, by Ganghat and Wingham.
- No. 289 on Gloucester Roll, J. Conway voted at Wingham, Sch. ix; another J. Conway voted at Baker's Creek, by Baker's Creek and Wingham.
- No. 337 on Gloucester Roll, one enrolment, two persons voted, by Baker's Creek and Gloucester No. 1.
- No. 519 on Gloucester Roll, one enrolment, two persons voted, by Stratford and Gloucester No. 1.
- No. 865 Michael McGann, on Gloucester Roll, by Ganghat and Gloucester No. 2.
- No. 971 on Gloucester Roll, Wm. Miller voted at Wingham, Sch. ix; another William Miller voted Ganghat, by Ganghat and Wingham.
- No. 1248 on Gloucester Roll, one enrolment (?), two persons voted, by Ganghat and Baker's Creek.
- No. 74 on Kimbriki Roll, one enrolment, two Samuel Martin's voted, by Krambach and Kimbriki.
- No. 216 on Nahiack Roll, two Joseph Priestley's voted on one enrolment—216 Nahiack instead of on 216 Nahiack and 80 Failford, by Failford and Gooloongolok.
- No. 110 on Oxley Island Roll, one enrolment, two voters, by Oxley Island and Pampoolah.
- No. 137 on Stroud Roll, error in marking roll, by two Stroud booths.

No.

No. 798 on Stroud Roll, Wm. Wallace, junr., voted at Bohane's Camp, Sch. ix, 798, Stroud; Wm. Wallace, sen., voted at Stroud on above enrolment instead of 187 Weismantels, by Stroud No. 2 and Bohane's Camp.

No. 201 on Woodside Roll, one enrolment, two Harry Smith's voted, by Ganghat and Baker's Creek.

No. 110, Oxley Island, one enrolment, two George Murdock's voted; the vote was used by George Murdock at Oxley Island correctly, and by his son, George Murdock, junior, at Pampoolah. I believe under the impression that as he has been of age for a good many years and resident also, the name entitled him to record his vote on it.

I cannot throw any light on any of the other cases. 137 Stroud was the Presiding Officer over No. 2 booth.

I have, &c.,

W. PLUMMER,  
Returning Officer.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under Section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Actg. U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 31/10/10.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Saunders.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 1 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Saunders for careful inquiries and report.

T. GARVIN,

I.-G. Police.

Forwarded to Senior-Sergeant Sheridan for very careful exacting inquiries and report.—JOHN SAUNDERS, Superintendent of Police, West Maitland, 3/11/10. Senior-Sergeant Sheridan, Taree.

#### Presiding Officers.

Ganghat ... ..	R. M. Easton.	Goloongolok ... ..	C. Wilson.
Gloucester (2) ... ..	C. J. Skinner.	Stroud (1) ... ..	J. C. McIntyre.
Wingham ... ..	H. Turner.	Do (2) ... ..	G. V. Collins.
Gloucester (1) ... ..	George Saddler.	Bohane's Camp ... ..	Edward O'Donoghue.
Baker's Creek ... ..	William Garlick.	Statford ... ..	William Bridger.
Kimbriki ... ..	James C. Allan.	Oxley Island ... ..	James Cowan.
Krambach ... ..	S. E. Lyon.	Pampoolah ... ..	Charles Gordon.
Failford ... ..	J. W. Breckenridge.		

*Subject*:—*Re* cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with recent Election, Gloucester Electorate, Police Station, Taree, 28 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT SHERIDAN begs to forward the attached papers to Senior-Constable Haddon for inquiry and report.

R. SHERIDAN,

Senior Sergeant.

Senior Constable Haddon, Gloucester.

Reports furnished herein, and all papers forwarded to Senior-Constable Ashwood.—N. HADDON, Senior Constable, Gloucester, 3/3/11. Senior-Constable Ashwood, Stroud. Reports furnished herein, and forwarded with all other papers to the Superintendent.—M. ASHWOOD, Senior Constable, Stroud, 10/3/11. The Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.

### Mr. Police Sub-Inspector Bear to The Inspector-General of Police.

*Subject*:—*Re* Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election, Gloucester Electorate.

Police Department, Superintendent's Office, North-Eastern District,

West Maitland, 16 March, 1911.

I BEG to report for information of the Inspector-General that all reports, together with statements, having reference to the above subject have this date been forwarded to him under separate cover as "Commercial Papers."

JOSEPH BEAR,

Sub-Inspector (in absence of Superintendent).

The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

Forwarded to the Under Secretary, Department of Chief Secretary, Sydney.—ERNEST C. DAY, Inspector-General of Police, 17/3/1911. Mr. Pinnington, 20/3/1911. Sub. memo. herewith, 22/3/11.

*Subject*:—*Re* Cases of apparent Double Voting at Ganghat and Wingham, Baker's Creek, and Wingham and Ganghat, and Wingham Polling-places, Gloucester Electorate, on 14th October, 1910, *vide* Nos. 22, 289, and 971, Gloucester Roll.

Police Station, Taree, 28 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT SHERIDAN reports that a statement has been obtained from Mr. Henry Turner, the Presiding Officer at Wingham, on the 14th October last, from which it will be seen that George Arthur Arden,

Arden, Baker's Creek, labourer, No. 22, Gloucester Roll; James Conway, Barrington River, labourer, No. 289, Gloucester Roll; and William Miller, Baker's Creek, labourer, No. 971, Gloucester Roll, voted at Wingham.

A statement from William Miller has been obtained, but Wingham police have not been able to locate Arden and Conway, who are believed to be employed on the line about Baker's Creek. Copy of statements attached.

The Superintendent of Police, Maitland.

R. SHERIDAN,  
Senior Sergeant.

State Election, 1910.—Electorate of Gloucester, Wingham Polling-place.

No. 22.—Arden, George Arthur, Baker's Creek, labourer.

No. 289.—Conway, James, Baker's Creek, labourer.

No. 971.—Miller, William, Baker's Creek, labourer.

THE above names are all on the Gloucester district roll, each voted at Wingham polling-place, and signed the necessary declaration.

HENRY TURNER,  
Presiding Officer, Wingham, 26/11/1910.

*Vide* Nos. 22, 289, and 971, Electorate of Gloucester, Gloucester Polling-place.

WILLIAM MILLER states:—I am at present working on the railway-line at Wingham; on the 14th October last I voted at Wingham polling-place; I made a declaration that I was William Miller, whose name was enrolled for Baker's Creek polling-place, Gloucester electorate; I came from Baker's Creek about a week before the election to Wingham; I only voted once on the 14th October, and that was at Wingham; I do not know any other man by the name of William Miller at Baker's Creek.

WILLIAM MILLER,  
Wingham, 27/11/1910.

Witness:—JOHN REYNOLDS, Senior Constable.

*Subject*:—*Re* Cases of apparent Double Voting at Kimbriki and Krambach Polling-places, Gloucester Electorate, on 14th October, 1910; *vide* No. 74, Roll of Electors, Kimbriki Polling-place.

Police Station, Taree, 28 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT SHERIDAN reports that there are two Samuel Martin's residing at Burrill Creek, but there is only one of that name on the State electoral roll for Kimbriki polling-place; Samuel Martin, senior, resides within 3 miles of Kimbriki Polling-place, and Samuel Martin, junior, only about 2 miles; the former has voted at Kimbriki for twenty years, and recorded his vote there on the 14th October last.

Samuel Martin, junior, was at Krambach, 9 miles from Kimbriki, on election day, and voted there; the name Samuel Martin does not appear on the roll for Krambach polling-place.

Samuel Martin, junior, has had a vote for some years, but his name was not on the roll on the day of the last State election; both the Martin's are well known, and are men of good character; copy of statements in this case attached.

The Superintendent of Police, Maitland.

R. SHERIDAN,  
Senior Sergeant.

*Vide* No. 74, Roll of Electors, Kimbriki Polling-place.

SAMUEL MARTIN, senior, states:—I am a farmer, and reside at Burrill Creek; on 14th October last I recorded my vote at Kimbriki polling-booth; I have voted at Kimbriki for years; Mr. James Allan was the Presiding Officer at Kimbriki on the 14th October last; I have a nephew whose name is Samuel Martin; I did not see him at Kimbriki on 14th October; my nephew is over 21 years of age; I have a son whose name is Samuel Manning Martin, but he is only 18 years of age.

SAMUEL MARTIN, senior,  
Burrill Creek, 10/11/1910.

Witness:—R. W. MORRIS, First-class Constable.

*Vide* No. 74, Roll of Electors, Kimbriki Polling-place.

SAMUEL MARTIN, junior, states:—I am a farmer, and reside at Burrill Creek; on 14th October last I was at Krambach, which is 9 miles from here; I was at Krambach two or three days before the elections; I recorded my vote at the polling-booth at Krambach; Mr. Lyon (who was the Presiding Officer) said to me, "Are you Samuel Martin of Burrill Creek? There are two Samuel Martin's; are you Samuel Martin, junior?" I replied "Yes, of course I am junior"; Mr. Lyon then handed me a declaration form, which I signed before I voted; after voting I left the booth; I know Samuel Martin, senior, of Burrill Creek, he is my uncle; I did not see him at Krambach polling-booth on election day; my father's name is Frederick Martin; he resides at Kimbriki; the nearest polling-booth to my residence is Kimbriki, 2 miles distant; I was not at Kimbriki polling-booth on election day; my reason for voting at Krambach was because I was visiting there; I am 32 years of age, and have voted at Parliamentary elections before.

S. MARTIN, junior,  
Burrill Creek, 11/11/10.

Witness:—R. W. MORRIS, First-class Constable.

*Vide* No. 74, Roll of Electors, Kimbriki Polling-place.

GERALD BEDE GALLAGHER states:—I am a farmer and reside at Krambach; on 14th October last I acted as poll-clerk at Krambach polling-booth for Gloucester electorate; I know Samuel Martin, senior, of Burrill Creek; I did not see him at Krambach polling-booth that day; I remember a young man who gave the name of Samuel Martin coming into the polling-booth and asking for voting papers; we (Mr. Lyon and I) searched the rolls and found the name of Samuel Martin on the Kimbriki roll; Mr. Lyon, Deputy Returning Officer, asked him "Are you the Samuel Martin whose name is on the roll for Kimbriki?" he replied "Yes"; he then signed the prescribed declaration paper; ballot-papers were handed him and he recorded his vote: there was no Samuel Martin on the electoral roll for Krambach Polling-place.

GERALD GALLAGHER,  
11/11/10.

Witness:—R. W. MORRIS, First-class Constable.

*Vide*

*Vide* No. 74, Roll of Electors, Kimbriki Polling-place.

SAMUEL ERNEST LYON states:—I am a public school teacher, and reside at Krambach; on 14th October last I was Deputy Returning Officer at Krambach polling-booth on the day of the State elections (Gloucester electorate); I know Samuel Martin, senior, of Burrill Creek; I did not see him that day at Krambach polling-booth, neither did he record his vote there; I remember a young man who gave his name as Samuel Martin coming into the polling-booth and asking me for ballot-papers; I said to him, "Are you the person whose name appears on the roll as Samuel Martin?"; he replied, "Yes"; he then signed the declaration form, as the name did not appear on the roll for Krambach polling-place, and I handed him the necessary papers and he recorded his vote; Gerald Bede Gallagher, who resides at Krambach, acted as poll-clerk at Krambach polling-booth on 14th October last; the name (Samuel Martin) does not appear on the Krambach section of the Gloucester roll.

S. ERNEST LYON,  
Krambach, 11/11/1910.

Witness:—R. W. MORRIS, First-class Constable.

*Vide* No. 74, Roll of Electors, Kimbriki Polling-place.

JAMES CHARLES ALLAN states:—I am a farmer, and reside at the Bight, near Wingham; on the 14th October last I was Deputy Returning Officer at Kimbriki polling-booth (Gloucester electorate); I know a man named Samuel Martin, senior, of Burrill Creek; he voted at Kimbriki on that day; there is only one Samuel Martin on the Kimbriki roll; I know Samuel Martin, junior; he is a nephew of Samuel Martin, senior; to the best of my belief I did not see him on that day; he did not vote at Kimbriki.

JAMES C. ALLAN,  
"The Bight," Wingham, 16/11/1910.

Witness:—R. W. MORRIS, First-class Constable.

*Subject*:—*Re* cases of apparent Double Voting at Oxley Island and Pamoolah Polling-places, Gloucester Electorate, on 14 October, 1910. *Vide* No. 110, Roll of Electors, Oxley Island Polling-place.

Police Station, Tarce, 28 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT SHERIDAN reports that there are two George Murdock's residing on Oxley Island, but there is only one of that name on the State electoral roll for Oxley Island polling-place; George Murdock, senior, resides near the polling-place, and has voted there for years; he voted there on the 14th October last; George Murdock, junior, went to Pamoolah polling-place on election day and voted there; Pamoolah is within 200 yards of his residence, while Oxley Island polling-place is 2 miles distant; the name George Murdock does not appear on the roll for Pamoolah polling-place; George Murdock, junior, has had a vote for years, but his name was not on the State Roll on the day of the last State Election; both the Murdock's are men of good character; copy of statements in this case attached.

R. SHERIDAN,  
Senior Sergeant.

The Superintendent of Police, Maitland.

*Vide* No. 110, Roll of Electors, Oxley Island Polling-place.

GEORGE MURDOCH, senior, states:—I am a dairyman, and reside at Oxley Island; I remember the 14th October last, the polling-day for the Gloucester elections; I went to Oxley Island polling-booth and recorded my vote there; Oxley Island is the nearest booth to me; I have a son named George Murdock; he resides on Oxley Island too, but nearer Pamoolah polling-booth; he was not at Oxley Island polling-booth on the day of the elections, and made no attempt to vote there.

GEORGE MURDOCH, senior,  
Oxley Island, 8/11/1910.

Witness:—JOHN REYNOLDS, Senior Constable.

*Vide* No. 110, Roll of Electors, Oxley Island Polling-place.

JAMES COWAN states:—I am a grazier and farmer, and reside at Oxley Island; I was Presiding Officer at Oxley Island polling-booth (Gloucester electorate) on election day, 14th October, 1910; I know George Murdock, senior, and his son George Murdock, junior, who reside on Oxley Island; the former recorded his vote at Oxley Island polling-booth on the 14th October last, but George Murdock, junior, was not there, and did not attempt to vote there; there is only one George Murdock on the roll for Oxley Island polling-place.

JAMES COWAN,  
Oxley Island, 8/11/1910.

Witness:—JOHN REYNOLDS, Senior Constable.

*Vide* No. 110, Roll of Electors, Oxley Island Polling-place.

GEORGE MURDOCH, junior, states:—I am a farmer, and reside at Oxley Island; I remember the day of the last State elections, the 14th October, 1910; I went to Pamoolah and recorded my vote; when I went into the booth I asked the Presiding Officer, Charles Gordon, if my name was on the roll, and he replied, "Yes," and said to me, "You will have to sign a declaration as your name is on the roll for Oxley Island polling-place," and I did so, and then voted; my name was not on the roll for Pamoolah polling-place; my father's name is George Murdock, and he resides at Oxley Island; he voted at Oxley Island polling-booth; I do not know how many George Murdochs were on the roll for Oxley Island polling-place; I am 29 years of age, and I have previously recorded my vote at Parliamentary elections, and voted at Oxley Island; I went to Pamoolah to vote because it is much closer to where I live; I was not at Oxley Island polling-booth on election day.

GEORGE MURDOCH, junior,  
Oxley Island, 8/11/1910.

Witness:—JOHN REYNOLDS, Senior Constable.

*Vide* No. 110, Roll of Electors, Oxley Island Polling-place.

LESTER PLUMMER states:—I was poll-clerk at Pamoolah Polling-booth at the State election on 14th October last; Charles Gordon was Deputy Returning Officer; I remember George Murdock, junior, coming into the booth to record his vote; I said I did not think he could vote, as it was his father's name that was on the roll; the name George Murdock did not appear on the roll for Pamoolah Polling-place, and

and there was only one George Murdoch on the roll for Oxley Island Polling-place ; Mr. Gordon said if he signed the declaration that he was agreeable for him to vote ; Murdoch said that the police officer collecting the electoral roll informed him that it was his name that was on the roll, and he was quite willing to sign the declaration ; I believe George Murdoch, junior, voted in good faith, believing that it was his name that appeared on the roll for Oxley Island Polling-place.

Witness :—W. H. LANGFORD, Constable.

LESTER PLUMMER,  
Pampoolah, 24/11/1910.

*Vide* No. 110, Roll of Electors, Oxley Island Polling-place.

CHARLES GORDON states :—I was Presiding Officer at Pampoolah Polling-place on the 14th October last, election day ; Mr. Lester Plummer acted as my poll-clerk ; I remember George Murdoch, junior, of Oxley Island, claiming a vote ; I pointed out to him that there was only one George Murdoch on the roll, and that was on the Oxley Island Polling-place list ; he then signed the necessary declaration, and I allowed him to vote, but I pointed out to him that it was George Murdoch on the roll, and that it was not George Murdoch, junior ; he recorded his vote ; Mr. Plummer was present, and heard all that was said ; I was not quite satisfied that Murdoch was entitled to vote, but he claimed to be allowed to vote, and said he had seen his name on the roll.

Witness :—E. F. STEIN, Senior Constable.

CHARLES GORDON,  
Bellingin, 3/12/1910.

*Subject* :—*Re* Cases of apparent Double Voting at Failford and Goolongolok Polling-places, Gloucester Electorate, on 14th October, 1910. *Vide* No. 216, Roll of Electors, Nabiac Polling-place, and No. 80, Roll of Electors, Failford Polling-place.

Police Station, Taree, 28 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT SHERIDAN reports that Joseph Priestly, of Possum Brush, teamster, No. 80, roll of electors, Failford Polling-place, and Joseph Priestly, of Nabiac, teamster, No. 216, roll of electors, Nabiac Polling-place, both recorded their votes on the 14th October last ; Joseph Priestly, who voted at Goolongolok, is identical with No. 80 on roll of electors, Failford Polling-place ; and Joseph Priestly, who voted at Failford, is identical with No. 216, roll of electors, Nabiac Polling-place ; the former was of the opinion that he was identical with No. 216, and voted accordingly.

Both the Priestly's are hard-working men, and bear good characters. Copy of statements in this case attached.

The Superintendent of Police, Maitland.

R. SHERIDAN,  
Senior Sergeant.

*Vide* No. 216, Roll of Electors, Nabiac Polling-place.

JOHN WYLIE BRECKENRIDGE states :—I was Deputy Returning Officer for the State election (Gloucester Electorate) at Failford Polling-place ; I remember Joseph Priestly, of Nabiac, No. 216, voting at Failford Polling-place on the 14th October last ; his name appeared on the roll for Nabiac Polling-place, No. 216, and he signed the declaration supplied by the Returning Officer at Taree, which I explained to him ; I have known Joseph Priestly, No. 216 on the Nabiac roll, and I am sure he is the person, having lived in that part for years, and is the only Joseph Priestly near Nabiac.

Witness :—W. J. SMALL, Constable.

J. W. BRECKENRIDGE,  
Failford, 11/11/1910

*Vide* No. 216, Roll of Electors, Nabiac Polling-place.

CHARLES BASHAM states :—I was poll-clerk at the Failford Polling-booth for the State election (Gloucester Electorate) on 14th October last ; I saw Joseph Priestly, of Nabiac, record his vote at Failford ; he signed a declaration presented to him by the Deputy Returning Officer that he was Joseph Priestly, of Nabiac, No. 216 on the Nabiac Polling-place Roll ; he is the only Joseph Priestly I know of who resides near Nabiac.

Witness :—W. J. SMALL, Constable.

C. BASHAM,  
Failford, 11/11/1910.

*Vide* No. 216, Roll of Electors, Nabiac Polling-place.

JOSEPH PRIESTLY states :—I voted at Failford Polling-place at the State Election on the 14th October last ; I was told by the Deputy Returning Officer that my name was on the roll for Nabiac Polling-place, and would have to sign a declaration that I was the same person, which I did ; I did not vote at any other polling-booth on that day ; I do not know of another Joseph Priestly in the neighbourhood of Nabiac that should be on the Electoral Roll.

Witness :—W. J. SMALL, Constable.

JOSEPH PRIESTLY,  
Nabiac, 12/11/1910.

*Vide* No. 216, Roll of Electors, Nabiac Polling-place.

CHARLES WILSON states :—I was Deputy Returning Officer for the State election (Gloucester Electorate) at Goolongolok polling-place ; I know Joseph Priestly, who voted at Goolongolok on 14th October last ; he came to the booth to record his vote ; I looked over the Goolongolok polling-place roll, and found a Joseph Priestly on the Nabiac polling-place roll, and concluded he was the man, knowing he resided about Nabiac for years, and who I have known for about twenty-five years ; I handed Joseph Priestly a ballot-paper to vote, and he said, "I cannot read," and I voted for him, an open vote ; Priestly did not sign any form of declaration whatever, and was not asked to sign any declaration form.

Witness :—W. J. SMALL, Constable.

C. WILSON,  
Goolongolok, 14/11/1910.

*Vide*

*Vide* No. 216, Roll of Electors, Nabaic Polling-place.

WILLIAM ALBERT HANG states;—I was poll-clerk at the State election at Gooloongolok polling-place (Gloucester Electorate); I know Joseph Priestly who voted at Gooloongolok on 14th October, 1910; he came to the booth to record his vote, and told the Deputy Returning Officer his name, and wanted to vote, and was handed a ballot-paper to vote; I cannot say exactly if he voted openly or not, but I believe he voted openly; he did not sign any form of declaration, and I don't think he was asked to sign any form of declaration; Joseph Priestly, the person who voted at Gooloongolok polling-place, was a man about 60 years of age.

Witness:—W. J. SMALL, Constable.

W. A. HANG,  
Gooloongolok, 14/11/1910.

*Vide* No. 216, Roll of Electors, Nabaic Polling-place.

JOSEPH PRIESTLY states:—I went to Gooloongolok on the 14th October last to vote; I went to the polling-booth there and asked the Deputy Returning Officer if my name was on the roll; he turned up the roll and said, "Yes, Joseph Priestly, Nabaic"; I told the Deputy Returning Officer I had been refused a vote at the shire elections, because there was only one Joseph Priestly on the roll, and there was two men of the same name in the vicinity of Nabaic; the Deputy Returning Officer said he could not stop me from voting; I then said, "Well, I'm going to have a vote"; he gave me a ballot-paper, and as I cannot read or write, the Deputy read the names over to me, and I put a cross in the square opposite the name I intended voting for; I signed no declaration, and I don't remember anything being said about one; I have voted at previous elections at different places; I resided up to within the last eighteen months at Possum Brush, on Taree-road, near Failford, and Failford is the nearest polling-place to where I reside; I don't know what polling-place my name is on the roll for; I know another Joseph Priestly, my brother's son; he lives within 2 miles of Nabaic, and is a teamster; he is about 23 or 24 years of age; the Deputy Returning Officer's name at Gooloongolok on polling-day was Charles Wilson, and Mr. Hang was the poll-clerk.

Witness:—W. J. SMALL, Constable.

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JOSEPH x PRIESTLY,  
mark.  
Gooloongolok, 20/11/10.

*Subject*:—*Re* cases of apparent Double Voting at Ganghat and Wingham, Baker's Creek and Wingham, *vide* Nos. 22, 289, and 971, Gloucester Roll.

Police Station, Gloucester, 3 March, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE HADDON reports:—James Conway, who voted at Wingham, is not identical with James Conway who voted at Baker's Creek. The latter is known to Constable Russell, whose report is attached. George Arthur Arden cannot be traced up to the present; inquiries are being continued for him, and a report will be furnished if traced. He is not on the railway construction works in the Gloucester patrol.

William Miller, who voted at Ganghat, is not identical with William Miller who voted at Wingham. The former is well known to the Senior-Constable, and is a respectable, hard-working man.

The name Harry Smith only appears once, on the Woodside polling-place roll, but two men of that name were entitled to be enrolled, and it is quite possible each of those voted at Ganghat and Baker's Creek on last election day was satisfied it was his name appearing on the roll.

Harry Smith, who on election day was living at Baker's Creek, has left the district, and is said to be somewhere in Victoria. A statement from Mr. Garlick, Presiding Officer at Baker's Creek polling-booth, was not available when the Senior-Constable called on him, Mr. Garling being ill in bed. A statement is attached from the poll clerk, containing all the information he states can be given without referring to the rolls they used last election day. All available statements herein are attached.

N. HADDON,  
Senior Constable.

The Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.

*Subject*:—*Re* cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with recent Election, Ganghat Polling-place Gloucester Electorate.

EDWARD GARLICK states:—I was poll-clerk for William Garlick at Baker's Creek polling-booth at the State election, on the 14th of October last; I know a man named James Conway; I saw him at the Baker's Creek polling-booth on the 14th October last, but I do not remember whether he voted or not; he was talking to Constable Russell; I know Michael Daley; he voted on the 14th of October last to the best of my belief at Baker's Creek polling-place; he has been residing at Baker's Creek during the past eight months; each person who voted at Baker's Creek on the 14th of October last signed the necessary declaration, as there was no electoral roll for Baker's Creek; no person was allowed to vote without signing the declaration form.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

E. GARLICK,  
10/12/10.

*Vide* No. 289, Electorate of Gloucester, Gloucester Polling-place.

JAMES CONWAY states:—I am a labourer, and reside at the 33-mile Camp, on the railway constructions; I have lived on the works about eighteen months; the police took my name for the electoral roll about six weeks before the last State elections; I voted at Wingham polling-booth on the 14th October last, about 8-15 a.m.; I signed a declaration in the booth before I voted; I was in Wingham for two days before election day, and remained there all that day after voting, and for a week afterwards; I did not vote at Baker's Creek on the 14th October last; I know that there are two other men named Conway on the railway works: one is E. Conway, and the other Jack Conway; I do not know if they were on the works last election day, and I do not know where either of them are now.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

JAMES CONWAY,  
11/12/1910.

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*Vide* No. 971, Electorate of Gloucester, Gloucester Polling-place.

WILLIAM MILLER states :—I am a labourer, and reside at the 30-50 mile camp on the railway works ; I have lived there about eleven months ; I voted at Ganghat polling-place on the 14th October last ; I voted in the forenoon ; I did not leave the railway works, and after recording my vote I was drawing wood for my own use at the camp ; I was not in Wingham at all, which is 22 miles distant ; I do not know any person of the same name as myself on the line ; I gave my name to the police when they were collecting the roll, and I was satisfied it was my name appearing on the roll when I voted.

W. MILLER,  
11/12/10.

Witness :—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

*Vide* No. 289, Electorate of Gloucester, Gloucester Polling-place.

Police Station, Gloucester, 13 December, 1910.

CONSTABLE RUSSELL, No. 8,534, reports that James Conway, who voted at Baker's Creek on the 14th October last, is well known to the constable, and he is not identical with James Conway who voted at Wingham on that date.

J. L. RUSSELL,  
Constable.

Senior-Constable Haddon, Gloucester.

*Subject* :—Alleged Double Voting at Baker's Creek and Gloucester, Strathford and Gloucester, Ganghat Gloucester, Ganghat and Baker's Creek Polling-places, Gloucester Electorate. *Vide* No. 171, John Purcell, No. 191, Catherine Welsh, and No. 192, Thomas Walsh, Supplementary Roll ; No. 201, Harry Smith, Woodside Roll ; and No. 337, Michael Daley, No. 519, John Germon, No. 865, Michael McGann, No. 1248, Patrick Ryan, Gloucester Roll.

Police Station, Gloucester, 3 March, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE HADDON reports John Purcell, junior, whose name is in the Gloucester Supplementary Roll, voted at Gloucester on last election day. He had been in Gloucester for the two previous days, and returned home to Ganghat, after hearing the result of some of the returns at Gloucester, at about midnight.

John Purcell, senior, resides at Cundle Flat, and he voted there on the 14th October last. If a man named John Purcell voted at Ganghat, it must have been one who knew that either of the Purcells mentioned was absent, but the Presiding Officer and poll clerk cannot say definitely if a vote was polled in that name at Ganghat, and no information can be obtained of a man of that name, excepting John Purcell, senior, and his son.

Thomas and Catherine Welsh both voted at Ganghat, and are well known to the Gloucester police. They were not in Gloucester on the 14th October last. Mr. Skinner, Presiding Officer at No. 2 booth, Gloucester, cannot say if persons named Thomas or Catherine Welsh voted at their booth or not. The names Thomas and Catherine Welsh only appear on the Gloucester roll once, and no information can be gathered as to who the persons would be who voted at Gloucester under those names.

There was a lot of strange people in the district, owing to the railway works going on, and the Presiding Officers are unable to render any assistance as regards whether or not the person named, or others, voted in their names.

A man named Michael Daley, working at the 28-mile, said he voted at Baker's Creek on the 14th October last.

There was another man of that name working on the railway works near Gloucester during last election time, and it is probable it was he who voted at Gloucester. He cannot now be traced.

John Germon, of Stratford, voted there, and John Stephen Willocot Germon, of near Gloucester, voted at Gloucester under the name of John Germon, by which name he is generally known. They are both respectable men, and each genuinely thought the name appearing on the roll referred to him.

The name Michael McGann only appears on Gloucester roll once. A statement is attached from a man of that name who voted at Ganghat, but no information concerning the person who voted under that name at Gloucester can be obtained, no one of that name being known about Gloucester.

The name Patrick Ryan only appears on Gloucester roll once, but at the date of the elections there were two or three men of that name on the railway works, and it is possible one of these men voted at Baker's Creek. A statement from the man who voted at Ganghat is attached, which appears reliable. No other man named Patrick Ryan can now be found who was in the district at the date of last election.

There were so many men coming and going about the time of the election, and using different names, that it is almost impossible to locate anyone of them unless he happened to be personally known to the Presiding Officers or the police. The police experienced the greatest difficulty in locating them for the purpose of enrolment before the election, and now that the election is over, and numbers of these men have gone away altogether, there would appear little hope of obtaining further information.

It is doubtful if any double-voting occurred at all, and if such did take place the Presiding Officers and poll-clerks are unable to establish the identity of any individual herein mentioned about whom doubt may exist.

All available statements attached hereto.

N. HADDON,  
Senior Constable.

The Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.

*Subject* :—*Re* case of apparent Double Voting in connection with recent Election, Ganghat Polling-Place, Gloucester Electorate.

ROBERT MITCHELL EASTON states as follows :—On the 14th of October last I was Deputy Returning Officer at Ganghat polling-booth ; Archibald Clement Miller, of 30-mile Camp, was my poll clerk ; James O'Hearn was scrutineer for R. A. Price ; I know John Purcell, the elder ; he did not vote at Ganghat at last election ; I also know John Purcell, the younger, and do not think he voted at Ganghat ; if he had, I would most likely remember him having done so, as I have known him for a number of years ; I know Thomas Welsh and his wife ; I know her name is Kate ; they both voted at Ganghat polling-booth on the 14th of October last ; I do not know George Arthur Arden, but I think a person of that name voted at Ganghat polling-booth on the 14th of October last ; I know Michael McGann ; he voted at Ganghat (an open

open vote) on the 14th October last; he was in company of the Welsh's; I know a man named William Miller; he voted at Ganghat polling-booth on the 14th October last; he resides at the 30-mile Camp; he is the only man of that name I know about here; I do not know a man named Patrick Ryan, but remember a man of that name voting at Ganghat on the 14th October last; I now remember a man named Patrick Ryan, who was working at the 27 mile, and I think he is the man who voted; I remember a man named Harry Smith voting on the 14th October last, but I do not know him; I know another man named Harry Smith, but he did not vote; he resides at the 28-mile Camp; he is an elderly man, with moustache turning grey.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

R. M. EASTON,  
9th December, 1910.

*Subject:—Re cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with recent Election, Ganghat Polling-place, Gloucester Electorate.*

ARCHIBALD CLEMENT MILLER states:—I was poll clerk at Ganghat polling-booth on the 14th October last; it was necessary for each person who voted at Ganghat on that date to sign a declaration, as there was not a roll for Ganghat Polling-place; each elector who did vote on that date at Ganghat signed the necessary declaration before being allowed to vote; William Miller, who is my brother, voted at Ganghat on the 14th October last; he voted in the fore-noon, I think, just before dinner-time, and I heard him outside the polling-booth until late that afternoon; he was at our home at the 30-mile Camp when I arrived home that night at about 9 o'clock; I am almost certain he did not go to Wingham on last election day; I know he has not been to Wingham since that day up to to-day; I know there was another man named William Miller working on the line in Cooper's gang at the 29-mile last July; I do not know where he is now; I can remember a man named Arden voting at Ganghat on the 14th October last, but I do not know him; I do not remember a man named Michael McGann voting on that day; I think a man named John Purcell voted; I know Thomas Welsh and his wife Catherine voted at Ganghat on the 14th October last; I know a man named Harry Smith; I am nearly sure he voted at Ganghat on the 14th October last; I think he now lives at the 28-mile Camp; I know a man called Patrick Ryan, but I do not remember whether he voted at Ganghat on the 14th October last; he is now working in Norris's gang.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

A. C. MILLER,  
10th December, 1910.

*Vide No. 171, Electorate of Gloucester, Gloucester Polling-place (Supplemental Roll).*

JOHN PURCELL states as follows:—I am a labourer, and reside at 32-mile camp, on the railway works; my name is on the Electoral Roll for Baker's Creek Polling-place, Gloucester Electorate, I voted at Gloucester, at the Gloucester polling-booth, on the 14th October last; my name in full is John Patrick Purcell, but it only appears on the Electoral Roll as John Purcell; my father's name is John Purcell, and he voted at Cundle Flat, on the 14th October last.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

JOHN PATRICK PURCELL,  
9/12/10.

*Vide No. 192, Electorate of Gloucester, Gloucester Polling-place (Supplemental Roll).*

THOMAS WELSH states as follows:—I am a labourer, and reside at the 32-mile camp on the railway works; I voted at the State election on the 14th October last; I did not vote at Gloucester on that date; I was not in Gloucester at all on that date; my wife's name is Catherine Welsh, and we both voted at Ganghat Polling-place; my wife was not in Gloucester on the 14th October last.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

THOMAS WELSH,  
9/12/10.

*Vide No. 192, Electorate of Gloucester, Gloucester Polling-place (Supplemental Roll).*

KATIE WELSH states as follows:—I am the wife of Thomas Welsh, and reside with him at 32-mile camp on the railway construction works; I voted at Ganghat Polling-place on the 14th October last; I did not vote at Gloucester; I was not in Gloucester on the 14th October last.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

K. WELSH,  
9/12/10.

*Vide No. 337, Electorate of Gloucester, Gloucester Polling-place.*

MICHAEL DALEY states:—I am a labourer, and reside at the 28-mile Camp; I voted at Baker's Creek Polling-booth on the 14th of October last; I voted in the afternoon; I signed my name to a paper, but I do not know what it was for; I did not vote at any other Polling-booth on the 14th of October last; I was not in Gloucester on the 14th of last October; I do not know any other person of my own name here; I now remember there is a man named Michael Daly, or Daley, at the 26-mile; I do not know whether he voted on the 14th of October last or not.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

MICHAEL DALEY,  
10/12/10.

*Vide No. 865, Electorate of Gloucester, Gloucester Polling-place.*

MICHAEL MCGANN states:—I am a labourer, and reside at the 33-mile Camp; I have lived on the railway line about six months; I gave my name to the police for the Electoral Roll about six months ago; I voted at Ganghat Polling-booth on the 14th October last; I signed a declaration before I voted; I saw the name Michael McGann on the roll myself, and I felt satisfied it was my name; I do not know another man of my name on the works; I worked at the 33-mile camp up to 4 p.m. on the 14th October last, and I went straight to Ganghat and voted; I was not in Gloucester, which is 13 miles distant, on the 14th October last.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

M. MCGANN,  
11th December, 1910.

*Vide*

*Vide* No. 1248, Electorate of Gloucester, Gloucester Polling-place.

PATRICK RYAN states:—I am a labourer, and reside at the 30-50 mile camp on the railway construction works; I have lived in that camp for twelve months; the police collected my name for the electoral roll shortly after the Federal elections last April; I voted at Ganghat polling-booth on the 14th October last; I left off work in the cutting at the 30-mile at half-past 12, and went to the polling-booth and voted; I signed a declaration form before I voted; after voting I returned to my camp, and never left it afterwards that day; we had a half-day off; I did not vote at Baker's Creek polling-booth on the 14th of last October; I knew another man named Patrick Ryan; I saw him at Ganghat a month or so before the last election; there were three or four men named Patrick Ryan working at the 12-mile, 4 miles from Wingham; I do not know where any of these men are now.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

P. RYAN,  
11/12/1910.

*Re* Harry Smith, No. 201 on Gloucester Electoral Roll, Woodside Polling-place.

HARRY SMITH states:—I am a labourer, and reside at the 28-mile camp, on the third section of the North Coast railway construction works; I have lived on the line for about twenty months; my name was taken for the State electoral roll by the police at the 18-mile camp about three months before last polling-day; I voted at the 32-mile camp, Ganghat, on the 14th October last; I signed a declaration before voting; I did not go to Baker's Creek on the 14th October last after voting at Ganghat; I saw my name on the roll for Woodside polling-place, and felt satisfied that it was my name, as I gave my address as Woodside; I knew a Harry Smith who kept a boarding-house at Baker's Creek, and another man by the same name working in Cook's gang; I do not know where either of the men are at present; I think there were two Harry Smith's on the electoral roll for Woodside.

Witness:—W. WOOD, Constable.

HARRY SMITH,  
14/12/1910.

*Vide* No. 337, Electorate of Gloucester, Baker's Creek and Ganghat Polling-places.

Gloucester, 18 December, 1910.

GEORGE SADLER states:—I was a Deputy Returning Officer at Gloucester No. 1 polling-booth on the 14th October last; I was careful in asking every person who voted on that day if they had previously voted at any other polling-place that day, but all whom I allowed to vote replied in the negative; I do not know any man named Michael Daley at Gloucester; I do not remember a man of that name voting at last election; he may have done so; I know a man named John Stephen Germon; as far as I remember he did not vote at my booth last election day; I have no recollection of John Germon—in fact, to the best of my knowledge, I do not know a man of that name; I cannot say if a John Germon voted at my booth last election day; I was careful to make every elector who was enrolled for another polling-place in Gloucester electorate sign a declaration before allowing them to vote, and no person voted at my booth who was enrolled for another polling-place without signing the necessary declaration.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

GEORGE SADLER.

*Vide* No. 519, Electorate of Gloucester, Stratford and Gloucester Polling-places.

WILLIAM BRIDGER states:—I was Deputy Returning Officer at Stratford Polling-place at the State Elections on the 14th October last; I know a farmer named John Germon living at the Avon, near Stratford; I do not remember whether he voted on the 14th October last or not; I have known John Germon referred to for twelve months; he has resided at Stratford during that period to my knowledge; he is a respectable man; each person voting at my polling-booth had to sign a declaration before voting.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

WM. BRIDGER,  
28/12/1910.

*Vide* No. 519, Gloucester Roll.

Upper Avon, Stratford, 29 December, 1910.

JOHN GERMON states:—I am a dairyman, residing at Upper Avon, Stratford; I remember the 14th October last; the State Elections were held on that day; some twelve months ago Constable Haddon put my name on the State Roll for Stratford, I believe; on the 14th October last I went to Stratford to record my vote; I was shown the name John Germon on the roll by Mr. Bridger, and I voted accordingly; I did not vote at Gloucester on that day, or anywhere else; there is another man I know (my cousin) by the name of John Germon, and he lives about 5 miles out of Gloucester, on the Barrington River; I think Gloucester Polling-booth would be the nearest place for him to record his vote.

Witness:—M. HOLLAND, Constable.

JOHN GERMON.

*Vide* No. 519, Electorate of Gloucester, Stratford and Gloucester Polling-places.

JOHN STEPHEN WILLOCOT GERMON states:—I voted at Gloucester Polling-booth on the 14th October last; I was asked my name when I went to vote, and I said John Germon; I only, as a rule, use my first name, John; I have a cousin named John Germon living at Stratford; I did not vote at Stratford or any other polling-place except Gloucester on the 14th October last; I have resided in Gloucester district during the past five years continuously; I have voted on one occasion only at the State Election, three years previously to the 14th October last, also at the last Federal Elections; I am a married man, residing at Barrington River.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

J. GERMON,  
2/1/1911.

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*Vide* Nos. 171, 191, 192, Electorate of Gloucester, Ganghat and Gloucester Polling-places  
(Supplementary Roll).

CHARLES JOSEPH SKINNER states:—I was Deputy Returning Officer at Gloucester polling-booth No. 2 on the 14th October last; Mr. Lloyd was my poll clerk; I do not remember persons by the name of Thomas Welsh, Catherine Welsh, or John Purcell voting at my booth on the 14th of October last; I know a man named Bowler Welsh, and I understand his name is Thomas Welsh; I do not remember whether he voted at my booth on the 14th October last or not; I do not know his wife, Catherine Welsh, nor do I know a man named John Purcell; I do not know a man named Michael McGann at all.

Witness:—N. HADDON, Senior Constable.

CHARLES J. SKINNER,  
15/1/1911.

*Vide* No. 171, Electorate of Gloucester, Ganghat Polling-place.

JOHN PURCELL states:—I am a farmer, and reside at Khatumbhul Creek, Manning River; I have lived there about twenty-eight years; the police took my name for the electoral roll about six months before the last State election; I voted at Cundle Flat polling-booth, on the 14th October, 1910, about 11 a.m., I did not sign a declaration in the booth before I voted; I did not vote at Ganghat polling-booth on the 14th October last; previous to election day I was home for some days, and after I voted at Cundle Flat polling-booth, which is about 3 miles from my home, I went straight home and never left there for a week after the election; I know a navvy named John Purcell; he was working in Harry May's cutting at the 34-mile camp; he voted at Ganghat polling-booth on the 14th October last.

Witness:—WILLIAM McVICAR, First-class Constable.

JOHN PURCELL,  
17/1/11.

*Vide* No. 171, Electorate of Gloucester, Ganghat Polling-place.

JOHN PURCELL states:—I am a farmer, and reside at Khatumbhul Creek, Manning River; I have lived there about twenty-eight years; the police took my name for the electoral roll about six months before the last State election; I voted at Cundle Flat polling-booth on the 14th October, 1910, about 11 a.m.; I did not sign a declaration in the booth before I voted; I did not vote at Ganghat polling booth on the 14th October last; previous to election day I was home for some days, and after I voted at Cundle Flat polling-booth, which is about 3 miles from my home, I went straight home and never left there for a week after the election.

Witness:—WILLIAM McVICAR, First-class Constable.

JOHN PURCELL,  
17/1/11.

*Subject*:—*Re* apparent Double Voting at Nos. 1 and No. 2 Polling-booths, Stroud, Gloucester State Election, on the 14th October last, by George Vernon Collins, No. 137 on roll, Stroud Polling-place.

Police Station, Stroud, 10 March, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE ASHWOOD reports that George Vernon Collins, above referred to, was presiding officer at No. 2 polling-booth, Stroud, on the 14th October last. He has been interviewed on the matter, and a statement obtained from him which is attached hereto. Mr. Collins bears a very good character, and although there appears to have been some error and bungling in the way in which he recorded his vote, the Senior-Constable feels confident that he did not vote twice.

James Charles McIntyre, the presiding officer at No. 1 booth, is now the licensee of an hotel at Homeville, near West Maitland, and the Senior-Constable respectfully suggests that a statement be obtained from him on the matter.

M. ASHWOOD,  
Senior Constable.

The Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.

Forwarded to Mr. Bear for inquiry and report. A statement might be obtained from Mr. McIntyre, who is now licensee of "Homeville Hotel."—JOSEPH BEAR, Sub-Inspector (in absence of Superintendent), West Maitland, 12/3/11. Sub-Inspt. Bear, West Maitland.

Referred to Constable Kennedy for very careful attention and report. Please obtain a written statement from Mr. McIntyre.—JOSEPH BEAR, Sub-Inspector, 13/3/11, W. Maitland. Constable Kennedy, West Maitland.

*Vide* No. 137, State roll of Electors, Stroud Polling-place (No. 2 booth), Gloucester Electorate.

GEORGE VERNON COLLINS states as follows:—

1. I am a solicitor, residing and practising in Stroud, in the State of New South Wales.
2. I was presiding officer at No. 2 polling-booth, at Stroud aforesaid, on 14th day of October last, the polling day of the last State General Election.
3. The two booths (No. 1 and No. 2) were situated in the main hall of the Stroud School of Arts; they were divided by a row of forms running the full length of the hall.
4. I took No. 2, L to Z, and James Charles McIntyre No. 1, A to L; consequently I should have voted in No. 1 booth.
5. By mistake I voted in my own, No. 2, booth, and checked my roll accordingly.
6. When I found I should have voted in No. 1 booth I spoke across the hall to the presiding officer of that booth and told him of my error, when he suggested putting his own ballot-papers into his own box instead of into mine, and I checked him off on my roll.
7. He marked my name off as I having voted in his booth, and I omitted to erase my erroneous marking off by myself of my name on my own roll.
8. This error, I am positive, is the cause of my apparent double voting, which was not done, as I did not record my vote twice on that day; and this, my positive assertion, can be easily verified by a recount of the ballot-papers used that day in Nos. 1 and 2 booths at Stroud, and a check of the rolls used by each presiding officer and poll-clerk in those booths.

Witness:—M. ASHWOOD, Senior Constable.

G. V. COLLINS,  
Stroud, 10 March, 1911.

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*Subject* :—*Re* apparent Double Voting at No. 2 Polling-booth, Stroud and Bohane's Camp Polling-booth, Gloucester State Election, on 14th October last, by William Wallace, No. 798, on Roll, Stroud Polling-place.

Police Station, Stroud, 10 March, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE ASHWOOD reports that there are two William Wallace's (father and son) residing in this district, and were enrolled by Stroud Police, early last year upon the Gloucester State Electoral Roll, one for Stroud polling-place, the other for Weismantels polling-place. William Wallace, junior, above referred voted at Bohane's Camp polling-place and only voted once; his father voted at No. 2 booth, Stroud polling-place, and is identical with No. 187, William Wallace, on Weismantels polling-place and should have voted accordingly, but appears to have voted in error. He only recorded his vote once on that day. There has not been any double-voting done in this case.

Statements have been obtained, and are forwarded herewith.

M. ASHWOOD,  
Senior Constable.

The Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.

*Subject* :—*Vide* No. 798, State Electoral Roll, Stroud Polling-place, Gloucester Electorate.

Police Camp, Washpool, 9 March, 1911.

WILLIAM WALLACE states as follows :—I am a labourer and have resided at Washpool and Johnson's Creek for the past fifteen months; I remember the 14th October last, the polling-day for Gloucester Electorate; I left Johnson's Creek, where I was camped, and went to Stroud; I voted at the Stroud polling-booth; I did not sign a declaration form; after voting I returned straight to my camp at Johnson's Creek; I was not at Bohane's Camp polling-booth that day, and did not vote there; I have a son William Wallace; he is 32 years of age, and has been residing about Washpool, and working on the North Coast railway construction works about there for the past eighteen months; I did not see him that day, and do not know whether he voted or not; the police took my name for the roll early last year and I voted, believing the name William Wallace on the roll referred to me.

Witness :—M. HUSSEY, Constable.

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*Subject* :—*Vide* No. 798, State Electoral Roll, Stroud Polling-place, Gloucester Electorate.

Police Camp, Washpool, 9 March, 1911.

WILLIAM WALLACE states as follows :—I am a labourer and have resided at the Washpool for the past sixteen months; I remember the 14th October last the polling-day for Gloucester Electorate; I went with my wife, Margaret Wallace, to Bohane's Camp polling-booth, in the morning; I voted, so did my wife; we both signed declaration forms; after voting we went back to our camp at Washpool, and did not go to Stroud and vote, nor did we vote at any other place; my father's name is William Wallace; he has been residing at Johnson's Creek for the past fifteen months and working on the North Coast railway construction works; I did not see him that day and do not know whether he voted or not.

The police took my name for the roll early last year, and I voted believing the name William Wallace on the roll referred to me.

Witness :—M. HUSSEY, Constable.

WILLIAM WALLACE.

*Vide* No. 798, State Roll of Electors, Stroud Polling-place (No. 2 booth), Gloucester Electorate.

GEORGE VERNON COLLINS states :—

1. I was Presiding Officer at No. 2 Polling-booth at Stroud, in the State of New South Wales on 14th October last, the Polling-day of the last State General Election.
2. I do not know any person of the name of William Wallace in the Gloucester Electorate, and cannot now say whether or not any person of that name recorded his vote in my said booth on that day.

Witness :—M. ASHWOOD, Senior Constable.

G. V. COLLINS,  
Stroud, 10 March, 1911.

*Subject* :—*Re* Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with recent Election (Gloucester Electorate).

Police Station, West Maitland, 15 March, 1911.

CONSTABLE A. KENNEDY, No. 8,488, reports that he has obtained a written statement from Mr. James Charles McIntyre, of Homeville, near West Maitland, which is herewith attached.

A. KENNEDY,  
Constable.

Sub-Inspector Bear, West Maitland.

JAMES CHARLES MCINTYRE states as follows :—I am an hotel-keeper, and reside at Homeville, near West Maitland; I was resident at Stroud on the 14th day of October last, the date of the last State election, and was appointed by the Returning Officer for the electorate of Gloucester as Presiding Officer in charge of No. 1 booth, A to L, Stroud polling-booth; Mr. G. V. Collins was appointed to a similar position in charge of No. 2 booth, L to Z, Stroud polling-booth; the booths were erected and the voting held in the main hall of the Stroud School of Arts; the division of the booths were constructed by a row of forms running down the centre of the hall, and in such a manner as to allow of free conversation, if desired, between each Presiding Officer; during the course of the voting I asked Mr. Collins if he wished to record his vote; he informed me he had already done so, and deposited his papers in his own, No. 2 booth ballot-boxes; I explained to Mr. Collins the error he had made by so doing; to rectify matters I suggested that as I had not yet recorded my own vote I would do so by using ballot-papers issued from my own booth, and deposit them in the ballot-boxes used in No. 1 booth, and at the same time mark off Mr. Collins' name from my roll, and he in turn was to mark off my name from his roll; this was done as suggested, Mr. Collins freely acknowledging his error; I was not aware that Mr. Collins had marked his name off of his roll or that he had neglected to erase some marks from opposite his name after being made aware of his mistake; the only ballot-papers used by Mr. Collins to record his votes were those issued from his own booth; Mr. Collins never during the course of the polling voted in my booth, and could not have recorded his

his votes more than once without the fact being discovered at the close of the poll and the checking of the ballot-papers; this error, undoubtedly, has been brought about by Mr. Collins, in the first place, marking his name off his own roll and then omitting to erase the mark after the error had been discovered by him.

J. C. McJNTYRE,

Witness:—A. KENNEDY, Constable.

West Maitland, 15 March, 1911.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Gloucester Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 22 March, 1911.

Of the sixteen cases of apparent double voting reported by the Returning Officer, the police report that there are eight cases where two persons of the same name have voted on the one enrolment, three where the roll has been incorrectly marked by the booth officials, and five where the persons assert that they only voted once on the 14th October, 1910. The Police add: "There were so many coming and going about the time of the election and using different names that it is almost impossible to locate any one of them unless he happened to be personally known to the Presiding Officers or the police. The police experienced the greatest difficulty in locating them for the purpose of enrolment before the election, and now that the election is over, and numbers of these men have gone away altogether, there would appear little hope of obtaining further information.

"It is doubtful if any double voting occurred at all, and if such did take place the Presiding Officers and poll clerks are unable to establish the identity of any individual herein mentioned about whom doubt may exist."

In view of the above, it is submitted whether any further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted.—F.A.C., U.S., 23/3/1911.

Seen.—F.F., 23/3/1911.

### Gordon Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Gordon, to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

Sir,

Mowbray-road, Chatswood, 25 October, 1910.

I have the honor to inform you that I have despatched packets, addressed to the Clerk of the Assembly and the Minister of Justice, containing parcels of used ballot-papers, unused ballot-papers, and rolls, books, and other papers, in connection with the General Election and the local option vote on the 14th instant, as provided in the Regulations.

Copies of the rolls for the district, properly marked off, so as to indicate every voter who voted at the election, have also been duly forwarded to the Minister of Justice and the Chief Electoral Officer. No irregularities appeared on the rolls when the transfer was made.

The writ has already been returned to you for transmission to His Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.,

CLAUDE H. LYONS,

Returning Officer.

### Gough Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Glen Innes, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Glen Innes, 22 October, 1910.

I have to report that I have completed my scrutiny of the General and Supplemental Rolls used at the various polling-places in this electorate on the 14th instant, and forward the checked rolls by this day's post.

The following facts were disclosed as a result of the scrutiny:—

1. No. 2350, Webber Elizabeth, Lamb's Valley, Glen Innes polling place. This number was voted at Glen Innes, and also at Lamb's Valley. It appears that there is a mother and daughter, both of the same Christian name, and both of whom were entitled to be enrolled; one of them voted at Glen Innes and the other at Lamb's Valley.
2. No. 1214, Kratz John Louis, Glen Innes. This number was voted at No. 2 booth, Glen Innes, and also at No. 1 booth, Emmaville; Kratz signed the necessary declaration at the latter place.
3. No. 438, Cook William, Glen Innes. This number was voted at No. 1 booth, Glen Innes, and also at No. 1 booth, Inverell. It would appear that No. 79 on Glen Innes Roll voted as W. Cook instead of William Cook Barlow. He has been generally known as Cook.
4. No. 117, Inverell. Bates Christina, voted at Inverell, No. 1 booth, and also at Swan Vale.
5. No. 143, Seagrott Henry George, Gilgai, voted at Inverell, No. 4 booth, also at Gilgai.
6. No. 27, Locksey Margaret Maud, Brodie's Plains. This number was voted both at Brodie's Plains and Stannifer.

I have also to state that my attention has been drawn to the fact that several persons have been enrolled for more than one polling-place; and that the names of persons who are not 21 years of age are enrolled. Those particularly brought under my notice are:—

Enrolled for two places—

No. 5, Backwater, is identical with No. 7, Glencoe.

No. 55, Dundee, is identical with No. 967, Glen Innes.

Not qualified, but enrolled—

No. 10, Glen Ross: Foster, Alice A. H.

This person informed my deputy that she would not vote as she was not yet 21 years of age, and should not have been enrolled.

I have, &c.,

JOHN A. MARTIN,

Returning Officer.

Ack., and steps will be taken to object to the persons named. Inform E.R. of same. Done,  
28/10/10.

The Principal Electoral Registrar to The Electoral Registrar, Glen Innes.

28 October, 1910.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Returning Officer has reported that his attention has been drawn to the fact that several persons have been enrolled for more than one polling-place, and that the names of certain persons who are not yet 21 years of age have been enrolled. Those particularly brought under his notice are as follow :—

Enrolled for two places :—No. 5 Backwater is identical with No. 7 Glencoe; No. 55 Dundee is identical with 967 Glen Innes.

Not qualified, but enrolled :—No. 10 Glen Ross; Foster, Alice A. H. This person informed the Deputy that she would not vote, as she was not 21 years of age, and should not have been enrolled.

I am accordingly to request that you will be so good as to cause inquiries to be made, and, if the statements are found to be correct, take the prescribed action for the removal of the names from the Roll.

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 28 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Actg. U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 28/10/10.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Le Boutillier.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Le Boutillier for careful inquiries and report.

T.G.,

I.G. Police.

For very careful inquiries and report; then forward papers to Inverell for similar attention as far as the sub-district is concerned.—F. LE BOUTILLIER, Superintendent, 1/11/10. Senior-Sergeant Cook, Glen Innes.

The Inspector-General of Police to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Double Voting, Gough Electorate.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 12 December, 1910.

POLICE reports herewith for information.

THOMAS GARVIN,

Inspector-General of Police

(per E.C.O.).

Re alleged Double Voting under the name of John Louis Kratz at Glen Innes, No. 2 Booth, and also at Emmaville Booth.

Police Station, Glen Innes, 24 October, 1910.

CONSTABLE SMALL, No. 8,681, reports that he has made inquiries re the above. The constable interviewed a family by the name of Kratz, living 7 miles from Glen Innes.

The names of those eligible to vote are John Kratz, Conrad Kratz, and William Kratz.

They informed the constable that they never knew a John Louis Kratz, but that they had a brother named Louis Kratz, who died fifteen years ago.

Louis Kratz had a son named Louis, who is a blacksmith, and who is at the present time living in Emmaville.

None of the Kratz's interviewed by the constable voted on polling-day.

J. W. SMALL,

Constable.

Senior-Sergeant Cook, Glen Innes.

Please inquire at Emmaville. John Louis Kratz voted at Emmaville, also at No. 2 booth, Glen Innes. Ascertain if Kratz, the blacksmith, was at Emmaville all that day, and if he knows any other people named Kratz, except those above mentioned. There has certainly been double voting.—J. COOK, S.-S., Glen Innes, 25/10/10. The Officer-in-Charge Police, Emmaville.

Re alleged Double Voting under the name of John Louis Kratz at Glen Innes and Emmaville.

Police Station, Emmaville, 26 October, 1910.

CONSTABLE J. H. CORNISH, No. 4,888, begs to report that he saw Mr. E. Britz, a blacksmith at Emmaville, for whom J. L. Kratz is working for. Mr. Britz informed the constable that Kratz worked all day on the 14th instant.

John Louis Kratz was also interviewed. He states that he voted during his dinner hour at Emmaville. His name is on the Glen Innes Roll. He does not know of any other John Louis Kratz about this or Glen Innes districts. His father's name was John Louis Kratz, but he died some years ago.

J. H. CORNISH,

Constable.

The Officer-in-charge of Police, Emmaville.

Forwarded. John Louis Kratz did not leave Emmaville on polling-day.—WM. A. KELLY, Senior-Constable, Emmaville, 26/10/10. The Officer-in-charge of Police, Glen Innes.

Re

*Re Double Voting at Glen Innes on 14th October, 1910, in the name of John Louis Kratz; also duplication of names on rolls.*

Police Station, Glen Innes, 4 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT COOK reports that inquiries have been made with reference to the vote of John Louis Kratz being taken at Emmaville and Glen Innes at the recent election. Kratz lived at Glen Innes for years, and recently removed to Emmaville. The police at Emmaville report that he was at work there all day on polling day and voted there, so that he could not have voted at Glen Innes. There is only one family of that name at Glen Innes, and they say that none of the family voted at all. Careful inquiries have been made with a view to trace the offender, but no evidence can be got.

It is possible that a mistake has been made in recording the vote by reason of most of the voters coming into the booth with a ticket bearing a number which is obtained outside the booth. These numbers are often found to be wrong, and the elector, honestly believing he is voting on the right number; in the confusion, an elector has been known to give wrong replies, not intentionally, but because he or she is confused.

In this case, the officers taking the votes have no recollection of it, and can give no assistance.

With reference to the duplicated names, the Registrar has already objected to the names, and they will be duly struck off. The name on the Glen Ross Roll is in the Guyra district.

Papers forwarded to Inverell, as directed.

J. COOK,  
Senior Sergeant.

The Officer-in-charge of Police, Inverell.

*Re Double Voting in Inverell District on the 14th October, 1910.*

Police Station, Inverell, 8 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE KEMP, No. 8,390, begs to report having made very careful inquiries *re* the above voting. The constable interviewed Christina Bates, of Urabatta-street, Inverell, who states that she voted at No. 1 Booth, Inverell, and was not near Swan Vale, as she was sick on the 14th October, and had to be driven to the Court-house to vote. Mrs. Bates does not know of any other Christina Bates except herself in the district. Perhaps, when inquiries are made at Swan Vale, some information may be gained as to whom the person was that personated Mrs. Bates' name.

The constable could gain no information against William Cook, who is not known to the police at Inverell. The Returning Officer at Inverell informed the constable that he could not by memory remember what sort of a man Cook was.

From inquiries from the Returning Officer at Brodie's Plains, who states that he is quite sure that Margaret Maud Lockery did not vote at Brodie's Plains, as she is well known to him, and probably there was a mistake made in marking the names off, as Alice Maud Lockery is commonly known as Maud.

Harry George Seagrott states that on the 14th October he worked at the mine at Gilgai up till 12 noon, and then went and voted at Gilgai, and did not go to Inverell until after the votes were given out at Gilgai. Seagrott informed the constable that his father voted at Inverell. The constable interviewed Seagrott's father, whose name is Henry Joseph Seagrott, and appears on Stannifer Roll. He states that he voted at Inverell on the 14th October. Mr. Mellvecn, who was in charge of No. 4 booth, gave the constable a description of Seagrott, which is identical with him as being the person that voted at Inverell.

ROBT. J. KEMP,  
Constable.

Forwarded for inquiries at Gilgai, Stannifer, and Swan Vale. Report.—J. N. O. COWIE, Senior Sergeant (abs. Sub-Inspector), Inverell, 9/11/1910. Senior-Constable Ryan, Tingha.

*Re alleged Double Voting in Inverell District on 14th October, 1910.*

Police Station, Tingha, 4 December, 1910.

CONSTABLE SCHRADER, No. 8,670, reports that he has made careful inquiries at Swan Vale, and ascertained that Christina Bates was not there on 14th October last, nor is there any person of that name known about there, and no information can be gained as to whom the person was who impersonated Mrs. Bates. The Returning Officer for Swan Vale polling booth was Mr. Edwards, of Glen Innes. Perhaps, if he were interviewed, he could throw some light on the matter.

L. C. SCHRADER,  
Constable.

Senior-Constable Ryan, Tingha.

Forwarded.—C. F. RYAN, S. C., Tingha, 4/12/10. Sub-Inspector Miller, Inverell.

*Re alleged Double Voting in Inverell District on 14th October, 1910.*

Police Station, Tingha, 4 December, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE RYAN reports that he has made careful inquiries at Stannifer, and ascertained that Margaret Maud Lockery voted at Stannifer only, and was not at Brodie's Plains on election day, she being at Stannifer the whole of the day.

The Senior-Constable also made careful inquiries, and ascertained that Harry George Seagrott voted at Gilgai only. He worked at the mine until 12 noon on election day, and did not leave Gilgai until after the polling booth had closed.

C. F. RYAN,  
Senior Constable.

Sub-Inspector Miller, Inverell.

*Alleged Double Voting at recent Election, Gough Electorate.*

Police Department, Northern District, Sub-Inspector's Office, Inverell, 6 December, 1910.

I BEG to report that careful inquiries have been made herein.

William Cook is not known at Inverell. The Returning Officer at the booth at which he voted does not remember the man or name, and cannot give any description of him.

Christina



Christina Bates voted at Inverell but not at Swan Vale. The police have not been able to ascertain who voted in her name at the latter place. Glen Innes police asked to interview Mr. Edwards who presided at Swan Vale polling-booth.

Harry George Seagrott voted at Gilgai but not at Inverell. George Allen Seagrott and Joseph Seagrott voted at Inverell. Harry George Seagrott's name may have been marked in place of one of these names in mistake. An examination of the roll used would show if this occurred.

Margaret Maud Lockrey voted at Stannifer but not at Brodie's Plains. She is known to the Presiding Officer who states a mistake may have been made in marking off the name, as Alice Maud Lockrey is known as Maud Lockrey.

The Superintendent of Police, Armidale.

J. H. MILLER,

Sub-Inspector.

Will Senior-Sergeant Cook be good enough to have Mr. Edwards interviewed *re* person who voted at Swan Vale in name of Christina Bates, and then forward papers to Armidale?—J. H. MILLER, Sub-Inspector, Inverell, 6/12/10. Senior-Sergeant Cook, Glen Innes.

Police Station, Glen Innes, 9 December, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT COOK reports that Mr. Edwards, who presided at Swan Vale Booth, can give no assistance.

He says the poll clerk called out the name and he could not find it on the Swan Vale List, but found it on Inverell List, and the clerk said that was right. He then took the vote. He saw the woman, who looked like one living in the bush, but he could not identify her.

He thinks it possible there was some mistake in giving the name, as she appeared shy in manner. The poll clerk can throw no light on the matter.

J. COOK,

Senior Sergeant.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—ROBERT E. HOOD, Sgt., (asst. Supt.), Armidale 10/12/10.

### Minute by the Principal Electoral Registrar.

Gough Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the papers be referred to the Returning Officer for his perusal and any comment he may wish to make.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

J. A. Martin, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Glen Innes.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 17/12/10.

It would appear, from the attached reports, that the possibility of securing a conviction is remote. Nevertheless, I feel convinced, in my own mind, that there has been some illegal practice in connection with the voting. To reduce the chance of a person being enrolled more than once, and to prevent a person of the same name in a different locality voting on another's name, would be, in compiling the roll, to have in this district two general alphabetical lists—one for Glen Innes, and one for the Inverell portion. It would also expedite the recording of votes at an election, as a person could see at a glance the whole of the A's or B's, as the case might be, without the necessity, as now, in wading through twenty-seven lists.—JOHN A. MARTIN, Returning Officer, Glen Innes, 5/1/11. Sub. herewith, 4/1/11. Mr. Pinnington, 11/1/11.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Gough Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 January, 1911.

THE Returning Officer, in commenting on the apparent double voting, remarks: "It would appear from the attached reports that the possibility of securing a conviction is remote. To reduce the chance of a person being enrolled more than once, and to prevent a person of the same name in a different locality voting on another's name, would be, in compiling the roll, to have in this district two general alphabetical lists—one for Glen Innes, and one for the Inverell portion. It would also expedite the recording of votes at an election, as a person could see at a glance the whole of the A's and B's, as the case might be, without the necessity, as now, in wading through twenty-seven lists."

Submitted that no further action be taken with regard to the double voting, and that the Returning Officer be informed that to compile rolls as he suggests cannot be carried out, as rolls for divisions of districts were abolished under the Act 41, 1906, and separate rolls for polling-places adopted.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 21/1/11.  
Pinnington, 23/1/11.

Approved.—D.M., 21/1/11.

Mr.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Glen Innes.

Sir,

24 January, 1911.

I have the honor, by direction of the Chief Secretary, in reply to your suggestion that two general alphabetical lists be compiled—one for the Glen Innes portion, and one for Inverell portion, of the Gough electorate—and thereby reduce the chance of a person being enrolled more than once, and prevent a person of the same name in a different locality voting on another person's enrolment, to inform you that rolls for divisions of electorates were abolished under the Act 41, 1906, and separate rolls for polling-places adopted.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

The

## The Gwydir Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Moree, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Moree, 12 November, 1910.

By this day's post I am forwarding you a marked copy of Electoral Roll, which I transferred from the various deputies' certified copies used on the 14th October, 1910. I regret to say that I accidentally missed doing the Cherry Tree Roll, and did not discover the omission until after the despatch of the rolls to Sydney.

I beg to report that No. 191, Lydia Mabel Moore, Pallamallawa Division, was marked off the rolls as having voted at Pallamallawa and Warialda.

No. 101, Herbert William Reeves, Coolatai Division, was marked off roll as having voted at Coolatai, and that he made a declaration, and voted at Gunyerwarildi.

No. 45, Stephen Hobbs, junior, Sapphire Division, was marked off there as having voted, and signed declaration, and voted at Pindari. I enclose replies from the deputies *re* Lydia Mabel Moore, also from the deputies of the divisions where the declarations were not made, and, so far as I can ascertain, persons of the same name voted, thinking they were entitled to the vote, and the two votes were not given by the same person.

I have, &amp;c.,

D. B. SUTTIE,

Returning Officer, Gwydir Electorate.

Warialda, N.S.W., 25 October, 1910.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favours of the 24th instant, covering cheque for £3 19s., being payment for Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk at Warialda.

I regret the circumstance of persons voting at Warialda who were enrolled for other divisions; I knew there were some who got away without signing, and I feel sure I could get them, if required.

With reference to Mrs. Lydia Moore, she is living in Warialda, and recently came from Mosquito Creek, near Pallamallawa, so I feel sure she is all right—at any rate, I do not think there was any intent.

If there is anything I can do to clear matters up, or make any explanation, please let me know.

D. B. Suttie, Esq., Returning Officer, Moree.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. A. MCGREGOR.

Moree, 26 October, 1910.

Dear Sir,

In checking rolls, find Herbert William Reeves, No. 101 on Coolootai Division, is marked off by you as having voted. I also find that he made a declaration and voted at New Gunyerwarildi. Please inform me by return post if you think you made a mistake in taking him off your roll, or any information you can give me in the matter.

I have, &amp;c.,

D. B. SUTTIE,

Returning Officer.

J. R. Mitchell, Esq., Deputy Returning Officer, Coolootai.

Dear Sir,

Coolootai, 2 November, 1910.

Yours of 28th October with cheque £3 2s. to hand. *Re* Herbert William Reeves. There are two Herbert William Reeves, but only one on the Coolootai Roll, No. 101, and one voted here—also William Henry Reeves.

I have, &amp;c.,

JAS. R. MITCHELL.

D. B. Suttie, Esq.

Sir,

Moree, 26 October, 1910.

In checking rolls I find Stephen Hobbs, junior, on roll, No. 45, for Sapphire, voted there, and also voted at Pindari after signing declaration form. Will you please inform me by return post if you think you made a mistake in ticking him off both the Sapphire rolls, and any information you can give me, and oblige.

I have, &amp;c.,

D. B. SUTTIE,

Returning Officer.

S. F. Gamble, Esq., Deputy Returning Officer, Sapphire.

Sir,

Sapphire, 4 November, 1910.

Yours of last week to hand *re* Hobbs voting. That is all right; Steve Hobbs at Pindari is another man; same name.

I have, &amp;c.,

A. F. GAMBLE,

Deputy Returning Officer,

Sapphire.

D. B. Suttie, Esq.,

Deputy Returning Officer, Moree.

Sir,

Pallamallawa, 30 October, 1910.

Yours of the 24th to hand, *re* L. M. Moore. I beg to state there are two—one in the Warialda and one in the Pallamallawa Division—one voted at Pallamallawa booth.

I have, &amp;c.,

C. BROUGHTON.

D. B. Suttie.

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Gwydir Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 19 November, 1910.

The Returning Officer has reported three cases of apparent double-voting in connection with the recent election. He states that, as a result of inquiries, he finds that in each case the double-voting was due to the fact that there were two persons of the same name, only one of whom was enrolled.

Submitted that the Returning Officer be asked to make further inquiries, and furnish a report as to why the Deputy Presiding Officers, officiating at the polling-place other than that for which the names were enrolled, allowed the persons to vote when they were not enrolled.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Approved.—F.A.C., U.S., 21/11/10.

The

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Moree.

Sir, State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 21 November, 1910.  
With reference to the cases of apparent double voting reported by you in connection with the recent election, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to make further inquiries in connection therewith, and supply me with a report as to why the Deputy Presiding Officers, officiating at the polling-places other than those for which the names were enrolled, allowed the persons to vote when they were not enrolled. The papers are forwarded herewith for your information, and I am to ask that you will return them with your report.

I have, &c.,

F. A. COGHLAN,  
Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

The Returning Officer, Moree, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Further Report *re* Irregular Voting.

Sir, Moree, 25 November, 1910.  
In reply to your letter, No. 10/33,408, of 21st November, asking for further report *re* persons voting at places other than which their names were enrolled.

I beg to state that persons on the roll are entitled to vote at any place in the electorate by signing a declaration. It appears to me that persons of the same name, living in the same localities, would naturally think that the name on the roll was theirs, and, knowing they were entitled to a vote, they had no hesitation in doing so. The places being so distant from Moree, it might be as well to ask the Police authorities to make inquiries on the matter, because they enlisted the persons mentioned on the roll.

I have, &c.,

D. B. SUTTIE.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Moree.

Sir, State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 2 December, 1910.  
In reply to your letter of the 25th November, I have the honor to inform you that people who are not enrolled are not entitled to vote; and where the names are similar to those enrolled, as in the cases of Herbert William Reeves and Stephen Nobbs, the Presiding Officers at Gunyerwarildi and Pindari should have satisfied themselves that the enrolment applied to the persons who tendered the vote. The Deputy Returning Officer for Pallamallawa states there are two persons of the name of Lydia Mabel Moore; but the Deputy for Warialda reports that the one that voted there came from Mosquito Creek, near Pallamallawa. Did two persons of the same name vote under the one enrolment, or did one person vote on the one enrolment at two places?

I have, &c.,

F. A. COGHLAN,  
Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

Two persons voted, evidently of the same name, under the one enrolment in each case, but at different polling-places.—D. B. SUTTIE, 12/12/10.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Gwydir Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 December, 1910.  
SUBMITTED, in view of the statement of the Returning Officer on a perusal of the police reports, that in each of the cases there were two persons of the same name who voted on the one enrolment, no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 19/12/10. Approved.—D.M., 20/12/10. Mr. Pinnington, 21/12/10.

Hartley Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Lithgow, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir, Lithgow, 2 February, 1911.  
Under separate cover I have posted to you the marked rolls showing the result of my scrutiny of the votes recorded in my district at the recent General Election.  
The following persons have apparently voted twice, but some are easily explained away as per my remarks:—

Clarence, No. 508—John O'Brien, labourer, voted at Clarence and at Lithgow, but as there are two John O'Briens on the Clarence Roll, one a labourer and the other a miner, and as the miner did not vote it is to be presumed the two voted as labourers.

No. 638—Edward Smith voted as a labourer at Clarence and at Lithgow, but there are two Edward Smiths on the Clarence Roll, one a labourer and the other a ganger, and as the ganger did not vote I consider it is similar to the case previously quoted.

No. 669—John Sullivan voted at Clarence and at Newnes polling-booth No. 2.

Katoomba, No. 278—Lewis John Duff voted at Katoomba, also at Clarence.

Laura, No. 2—Ehemerich Phillip Andreas voted at Laura, also at Sydney.

Lithgow, Booth 1, No. 696—Frederick Cox voted at Lithgow, also at Airly.

Lithgow, Booth No. 6, No. 3942—Annie Jane Wilson voted at Lithgow, also at Sydney.

Portland,

Portland, No. 888—Henry John Louis Smith voted at Portland, also at Lue.

Wallerawang, No. 200—Mary Ann Hoy voted at Wallerawang, and also at Lithgow.

No. 406—Jane Tweedie voted at Wallerawang, also at Piper's Flat, but the Presiding Officer at Wallerawang added another Christian name to hers on his roll.

A number of persons whose name appeared on the roll of persons objected to were allowed to vote at Sydney, Leura, Clarence, Portland, Newnes, and Lithgow polling-place No. 1.

I am, &c.,

EDWARD BURNS,

Returning Officer.

Mr. Pinnington, 8/2/11. Sub. memo. herewith, 9/2/11.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Hartley Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 9 February, 1911.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police, with a view to inquiry as to the evidence available, for proceeding under section 90 of Act 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 2/2/11. Police reports herewith for information.—ERNEST C. DAY, I.-G. Police. The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 2/3/11. Retd., C.S.O., 4/3/11. Mr. Pinnington.—6/3/11. Sub. memo. herewith, 9/3/11.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Johnston.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 10 February, 1911.

REFERRED to Superintendent Johnston for inquiries and report.

E. C. DAY,

I.-G. Police,

(per D.McC.).

Forwarded to Senior-Sergeant Mackenzie for very careful inquiries by police concerned and reports. Papers to be returned through Dubbo.—ALEX. JOHNSTON, Superintendent of Police, Bathurst, 13/2/11. Sen.-Sergt. Mackenzie, Lithgow. Forwarded to Newnes and other stations concerned for inquiry and report.—A. MACKENZIE, Senior-Sergt., Lithgow, 17/2/11. Senior-Const. McRae, Newnes.

*Subject*:—Hartley Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

Police Station, Lithgow, 17 February, 1911.

SERGEANT BURN begs to report that careful inquiry has been made in connection with the cases of apparent double voting at the Lithgow and Clarence polling-places, but owing to the length of time that has lapsed, Returning Officers and other officials connected with the Polling-places have no recollection of the individual cases, and the only information obtainable in the several cases are as follows:—

Clarence, No. 508.—John O'Brien, labourer, said to have voted at Clarence and Lithgow; neither of the O'Brien's are now residing at Clarence, nor can their address be ascertained; inquiries were made at the Returning Officers at both the Lithgow and Clarence Polling Booths, but they have no recollection of either of the O'Brien's.

Clarence, No. 638.—Edward Smith; there is no one of that name now residing at Clarence, but Edward Smith, ganger, is now said to be working at Springwood; the address of the other Edward Smith cannot be ascertained here, nor has the Presiding Officer at Lithgow polling-place any recollection of the declaration of the declaration being made.

Clarence, No. 669.—John Sullivan; there is no John Sullivan now residing at Clarence, but he is believed to be identical with a man of that name now said to be residing at Newnes; the Presiding Officer has no recollection of any one of that name voting at Clarence.

Katoomba, No. 278.—Lewis John Duff, who is said to have voted at Clarence; there is no one of that name now residing at Clarence, although several of the name of Duff were residing there at the time of the election, but their christian names were not known; the Presiding Officer at Clarence has no recollection of the declaration being made.

In the above-mentioned cases, perhaps, Senior-Constable McRae, of Newnes, who was on duty at the Polling-place at Clarence, may have some recollection of them.

Lithgow, Booth No. 1, No. 696.—Frederick Cox, said to have voted at Lithgow and Airly; the Sergeant interviewed Mr. Cox, who states that he voted at Lithgow, but not at Airly, and was not at that place on the date of the election; this is borne out on inquiry, as the appearance book at Eskbank Station shows that he was on duty on that date from 8 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., and it would thus be impossible for him to have voted at Airly; his usual signature and full name, written in the presence of the Sergeant, attached for comparison, with signature of declaration form.

Lithgow, Booth No. 6, No. 3,942.—Annie Jane Wilson, who is said to have voted at Lithgow and Sydney; when interviewed, Mrs. Wilson said that she voted at the Lithgow booth, but not at Sydney; inquiries prove that she was not out of Lithgow on the day of the election; her usual signature attached for comparison with that on declaration.

*Annie Jane Wilson*

Wallerawang,

Wallerawang, No. 200.—Mary Ann Hoy, who is said to have voted at Wallerawang, and also at Lithgow; from inquiries made, the Sergeant is satisfied that the voter was not in Lithgow on the day of the election, and she states that she recorded her vote at Wallerawang; neither the Presiding Officer at the Lithgow booth nor his assistant, however, have any recollection of the person who made the declaration at the Lithgow booth.

JOHN BURN,  
Sergeant.

Senior-Sergeant Mackenzie, Lithgow.

Forwarded to the officer in charge of police Newnes, who will, on completion of inquiries at that place, forward papers from there to Katoomba, thence to Springwood, Portland, and Wallerawang, for inquiries at those places.—A. MACKENZIE, Senior-Sergeant. Senior-Const. McRAE, Newnes.

*Subject* :—Hartley Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

Police Station, Newnes, 20 February, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE McRAE begs to report that he has made careful inquiries in reference to the under-mentioned cases of apparent double voting, viz :—John O'Brien, Edward Smith, John Sullivan, and Lewis John Duff.

Clarence, No. 503.—The Senior-Constable begs to state that he was stationed at Clarence for some months previous to the General State Election, and was on duty at the polling-booth at Clarence Tunnel on election day. There were two men named John O'Brien employed on the deviation works near Clarence in October last, but the senior-constable cannot now recollect if either of these men voted at Clarence.

Clarence, No. 638.—There were two men named Edward Smith employed on the deviation works at Clarence on the date of last election, the man, Edward Smith, described as a ganger, was working at Dargan's Creek, and the senior-constable is of opinion that he voted at Clarence, the other man, described as a labourer, usually worked at Bottom Points, near Lithgow.

Clarence, No. 669.—John Sullivan, at present residing at Newnes, but previously employed on the deviation works at Clarence, has been interviewed, he stated that he had his name put on the Electoral Roll for Clarence Tunnel Polling-place when residing there, and voted at No. 2 polling-booth at Newnes on election day; he also stated that he signed the prescribed form of declaration before Mr. A. McDonald, Presiding Officer at the polling-booth. The senior-constable has no recollection of any person named John Sullivan voting at Clarence, and did not know any man of that name residing in that locality during September or October last, but he is confident that the man John Sullivan, now of Newnes, who is well known to him, did not vote at Clarence.

Katoomba, No. 278.—A man named Lewis John Duff, who was employed on the deviation works at Clarence, came to the Police Station at Clarence a few days previous to the election to inspect the Electoral Roll, and stated he was identical with Lewis John Duff whose name appeared on the Electoral Roll for Katoomba Polling-place, and that he usually resided at Katoomba. The senior-constable is of opinion that this man voted at Clarence, but cannot now recollect positively. Duff is well known to Mr. James Montgomery of Blackheath, who was at the polling booth as scrutineer for Mr. Innis-Noad, and may recollect if he recorded his vote.

Papers forwarded to Katoomba in accordance with instructions.

C. C. McRAE,  
Senior Constable.

Senior-Constable Yates, Katoomba.

*Re* apparent Double Voting in the Hartley Electorate.

Police Station, Katoomba, 21 February, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE R. W. YATES begs to report that he interviewed Lewis John Duff, of Lurline-street, Katoomba, in reference to the above matter to-day, and he states that his name appeared on the Electoral Roll for the Katoomba polling-place, and he voted at that place on last election day.

The Senior-Constable has since ascertained that a cousin of the above-named, who previously resided at Katoomba, was employed at Clarence at the time. His name is John Lewis Duff, 30 years of age, 6 feet high, strong medium build, fair complexion, fair hair and moustache. Believed now to be employed in one of the mines at Bulli. If this is the offender he has committed the offence wilfully, as he knew perfectly well that the name on the roll referred to his cousin, Lewis John Duff, of Katoomba, who voted as stated.

The Scrutineer, James Montgomery, referred to in Senior-Constable McRae's report attached as being the person able to identify the person who voted at Clarence, is now living at "Monaville," Malakoff-street, Marrickville.

Perhaps Mr. Bedingfeld may please cause inquiry and report.

R. W. YATES,  
Senior Constable.

Mr. Inspector Bedingfeld, Parramatta.

Perhaps the Superintendent might be pleased to cause the Scrutineer, referred to in the above report by Senior-Constable Yates, to be interviewed in respect to this matter by the Sydney police.—F. W. BEDINGFELD, Inspector of Police, Parramatta, 22/2/11. A. A. Sykes, Esq., Supt. of Police, Depôt, Sydney.

Forwarded to Superintendent Sherwood for favour of necessary inquiries and report.—A. A. SYKES, Superintendent, Depôt, Sydney, 23/2/11. Supt. Sherwood, Sydney. Mr. Macintosh.—A.R.S., Supt., 23/2/11.

*Re* apparent Double Voting in the Hartley Electorate.

No. 12 Police Station, Marrickville, 24 February, 1911.

SENIOR-SERGEANT BRUCE reports that the Scrutineer, James Montgomery, referred to in attached reports has left Marrickville. He now resides at "Avondale," Clarendon-road, Petersham.

R. BRUCE,  
Senior Sergeant.

Inspector Macintosh, No. 12 Station.

Forwarded to Sub-Inspector Brooks.—J. MACINTOSH, Inspector, 24/2/11. Sub-Inspector Brooks, No. 11 Station, Petersham. For inquiry and report.—M. BROOKS, Sub-Ins., 24/2/11. Sen.-Const. Robertson.

*Re*

*Re* Apparent Double Voting in the Hartley Electorate.

No. 11 Police Station, Petersham, 27 February, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE ROBERTSON reports that on the 26th instant he interviewed James Montgomery, of Albion-street, Surry Hills, the person referred to in the attached file, who states that he did not know any one by the name of Lewis John Duff working on the deviation works, nor has he any recollection of any person of that name voting at the Clarence polling booth at the last election.

He knew four brothers named Duff living at Blackheath, but he is positive that not one of them voted at Clarence.

Sub Inspector Brooks, Petersham.

W. ROBERTSON,  
Senior Constable.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Sydney.—M. BROOKS, Sub-Inspector, 27/2/11.  
Forwarded.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Supt., 27/2/11. Supt. Sykes, Police Depôt. Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. A. SYKES, Superintendent of Police, Eastern District Depôt, 1/3/11.

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Hartley Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 9 March, 1911.

FROM reports by the Police it would appear that in most cases the apparent double voting as disclosed in the Scrutiny Roll is due to errors in marking the Roll in use by the booth official, and the remaining cases are those where two persons of similar names have voted on the one enrolment. The latter includes the case of Lewis John Duff, on which the Senior-Constable at Katoomba reports "If this is the offender, he has committed the offence wilfully, as he knew perfectly well that the name on the roll referred to his cousin."

The Senior-Constable cannot say positively that the man voted, and on the Scrutineer, to whom the Police looked for proof, being interviewed, he did not know anyone by the name of Lewis John Duff, nor does he recollect any person by that name voting at "Clarence," and though he knew four brothers named Duff living at Blackheath, he is positive that not one of them voted at "Clarence."

The circumstances do not appear to warrant the application to a Court for the production of the declarations, and it is submitted whether any further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval of no further action being taken.—F.A.C., U.S., 10/3/11. Approved.—F. F., 13/3/11.

## The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Lithgow.

Sir,

14 March, 1911.

In connection with the cases of apparent double voting within the Hartley Electorate, as reported by you on the 2nd February, 1911, I have the honor, by the direction of the Chief Secretary, to inform you that, in view of the police reports thereon, it has been decided that no further shall action be taken.

I have, &amp;c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

## Kahibah Electorate.

## The Returning Officer, Kahibah, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Regent-street, New Lambton, 6 February, 1911.

In reply to your circular of this morning, I beg to inform you I had quite forgotten the reply due to you, as I have been very ill for the last month, and your letter was forgotten by me till this morning, and I was quite surprised that I had not answered it; but I beg to state that I sent a marked roll and report to the Minister of Justice, and there was no double-voting in my electorate, and I overlooked marking and sending you one, which I am very sorry for, but everything was quite correct.

I am, &amp;c.,

THOMAS HETHERINGTON,  
Returning Officer, Kahibah.

Mr. Pinnington, 7/2/11. Letter, 8/2/11.

## The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, New Lambton.

Sir,

8 February, 1911.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th February, intimating that there were no cases of double voting in the Kahibah Electorate during the recent General Election.

It is to be regretted that you failed to carry out the provisions contained in Rule 63, Pamphlet to Returning Officers.

I have, &amp;c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

King

## King Electorate.

## The Returning Officer, King Electorate, to The Acting Under Secretary.

Sir,

272 Pitt-street, Sydney, 25 October, 1910.

In compliance with your request contained in letter of the 15th inst., I have the honor to enclose herewith a general and supplementary roll showing marks against the names of persons enrolled thereon who voted at the election on the 14th inst.

After a careful checking of the deputies' certified lists, I have to inform you that there are only two cases of apparent dual voting, the following of which are particulars:—

3918, main roll, Castlereagh-street polling-place, Sharp, Bessie, 19 Seale-street, domestic duties.—Marks appear against the name of Bessie Sharp on the certified list of voters used at each place indicating that a vote was recorded. The usual declaration was made at Plunkett-street.

2742, main roll, Plunkett-street.—O'Connor, Mary, 92 Cathedral-street, domestic duties. Marks appear against the name of Mary O'Connor on the certified list of voters used at each place indicating that a vote was recorded. The usual declaration was made at Castlereagh-street.

Awaiting your instructions of to whether I shall forward the various parcels to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. I have, &c.,

CHARLES LOVELY,

Returning Officer, King Electorate.

Yes, forward, except the two declaration referred herein. Mr. Pinnington, Oct. 26, 1910. Ackl. and sub., 27/10/10.

## The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, King.

Sir,

27 October, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th October, reporting certain cases of apparent double voting; and I am to state that the question of taking further action in regard to such cases is now receiving consideration. In reply to your inquiry, I have to state that the papers in connection with the recent election should be forwarded by you to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and the local option papers to the Justice Department. The two declarations mentioned in your communication should, however, be retained until the cases of apparent double voting have been investigated.

I have, &amp;c.,

Acting Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the Recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under Section 90 of Act 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F.A.C., Actg. U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 17/10/10.

## The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Sherwood for careful inquiry and report by an intelligent non-commissioned officer.

T. G.,

I.-G. Police.

Mr. Sobyte.—A.R.S., Supt., 1/11/10.

## Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Double Voting, King Electorate.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 22 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, and Chief Electoral Officer.

THOMAS GARVIN,

Inspector-General of Police

(per E.C.D.).

Mr. Pinnington, 24/11/10. Letter to R.O., 2/12/10.

Re Apparent Double Voting by Mary O'Connor and Bessie Sharp, on the 14th October, 1910.

No. 1 Police Station, Clarence-street, Sydney, 21 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE LINEGAR reports that he has made careful inquiries relative to the apparent double voting of the abovenamed persons in the Electoral District of King, on the 14th October, 1910.

The only available evidence in support of the allegation against Mrs. Bessie Jackson (*nee* Bessie Sharp, late of 16, Seale-street), of 36, Nicholson-street, City, is that a mark thus — appears against her name on the official check roll used in the Castlereagh-street booth, alphabetical division S-T, on the 14th

October

October, 1910. The Presiding Officer, Claude F. Pope, and his clerk, John Christopher Coogan, both of whom have been shown the check roll, state they have no recollection of a person named Bessie Sharp having voted, and cannot, therefore, identify her. (Statements herewith attached.)

It is a usual practice for Presiding Officers and their poll-clerks to place on the roll against the name of each person supplied with a ballot paper, a mark similar to that referred to above, as an indication that the person has voted.

On the 4th instant the Senior-Constable interviewed Mrs. Bessie Jackson (*nec* Bessie Sharp), who said, "On polling-day, in the afternoon, I went over to mother's house (36, Nicholson-street, City), where I met my husband. He said to me, 'Have you voted?' I said, 'No, I don't think I will bother about it, it is too far to go to Castlereagh-street.' My mother (Mrs. Mary Sharp) who was present, said, 'You need not go there, you can vote at Plunkett street school; I voted there myself by signing a declaration; you had better vote; I will show you where to go.' My mother and I then went to Plunkett-street booth, where I signed a paper and voted."

The Senior-Constable then showed Mrs. Jackson the official declaration bearing her signature. She said, "Yes, that is my signature, and I signed that paper before I voted. I can swear I did not vote anywhere else that day, and I was not in any other polling-booth. No agent or candidate solicited my vote. I did not go to the booth with any one except my mother."

Shortly before interviewing Mrs. Jackson at 593, George-street, the Senior-Constable had interrogated her mother at 36, Nicholson-street, as to their movements on polling-day. Mrs. Jackson's statement, detailed above, agrees with the explanation her mother gave.

With respect to Mary O'Connor, of 92 Cathedral-street, the circumstances tends to a case of personation.

In consequence of the temporary absence of Miss Mary O'Connor from Sydney, the Senior-Constable was unable to interview her before the 19th instant. She then said, in answer to his questions, "I voted on polling day at the Plunkett-street polling-booth. I went there with my mother, Hannah O'Connor, and my sister, Mrs. McSweeney. I did not vote anywhere else, or go to any other polling place." The Senior-Constable then requested her to write the words on the attached slip marked "A," and after comparing the writing with similar words on the declaration form, M to Q, Castlereagh-street polling place, he showed her the declaration form, and pointing to the name Mary O'Connor, said, "Did you write this name?" She said, "No, I am willing to swear I did not. I could not write like that if I was to try."

Mary O'Connor

The Senior-Constable could not detect any similarity in the style of writing. He also interviewed Mrs. H. O'Connor and Mrs. McSweeney separately. Their statements with respect to voting concurred with the facts related by Mary O'Connor.

The Presiding Officer, Mr. Mark Leon Levy, who accepted the declaration, was also seen by the Senior-Constable and his attention drawn to the name Mary O'Connor. He said he had not the slightest recollection of the person who had signed the declaration. Mr. Lovely, the Returning Officer, and several of the scrutineers who represented the candidates, were also seen on the subject, but no information as to the identity of Mary O'Connor could be obtained.

The Deputy Returning Officer, J. J. Murphy, who presided over the M to Q section at the Plunkett-street booth, and his poll clerk, Mr. Edward McEncroe (statements herewith) were shown the check roll by Mr. Lovely, and the name, Mary O'Connor, brought under their notice with a view of assisting their memories, but neither of them had any recollection of the person who voted under that name.

H. LINEGAR,

Sub-Inspr. Soby, No. 1 Division.

Senior Constable.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Sydney.—W. SOBYE, Sub-Inspector, Nov. 21, 1910.  
Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent, Nov. 22, 1910.

Sydney, 12 November, 1910.

I REMEMBER the 14th October last; I was Presiding Officer of Booth S-T, Castlereagh-street, King Electorate. I do not remember a person of the name of Bessie Sharp voting at my booth, and could not identify the person. The check roll has been exhibited to me by Mr. Charles Lovely, which shows that a person of the name of Bessie Sharp has voted.

CLAUDE F. POPE,  
Church-street, Ryde.

Sydney, 12 November, 1910.

On the fourteenth day of October, 1910, I was engaged as poll-clerk at the Castlereagh-street polling-place (King Division), Booth S to T. The Returning Officer for King Division, Mr. Charles Lovely, has shown me the check roll used in that booth on the above-mentioned date, wherein it shows that a person named Bessie Sharp voted. I have no recollection of such a person having voted, and cannot identify her.

JOHN CHRISTOPHER COOGAN,  
53 Barcom-avenue, Darlinghurst.

Sydney,



Sydney, 12 November, 1910.

On the fourteenth day of October, 1910, I was engaged as Deputy Returning Officer at Plunkett-street polling-place, King Division. I presided over M to Q booth; the check roll used in that booth has been shown me by Mr. Lovely, the Returning Officer for King Division, wherein a person named Mary O'Connor voted. I have no recollection of such a person having voted, and cannot identify her.

JNO. J. MURPHY,  
295 Pitt-street.

Sydney, 12 November, 1910.

I REMEMBER the 14th of October last, I acted as poll clerk at Booth M to Q, Plunkett-street, King Division. I do not remember Mary O'Connor voting at the booth. I would not be able to recognise anyone supposed to have voted in that name. Mr. Lovely has shown me the check roll which shows that she voted at the above booth.

EDWD. McENCROE.  
115 Arundel-street, Forest Lodge.

The Returning Officer, King Electorate, to The Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, Sydney.

King Electorate.

Sir,

272 Pitt-street, Sydney, 5 December, 1910.

In reply to your communication of the 2nd instant, No. 10-23,649, I beg to enclose herewith two declarations, Schedule 9, in connection with apparent two cases of double voting in the Electoral District of King.

I have, &amp;c.,

CHARLES LOVELY,  
Returning Officer, King Electorate.

State Elections.—Acts No. 33, 1902, and No. 41, 1906. [Section 48.]

Form of Declaration to be signed by a Voter before voting at any Polling-place for the same District other than the Polling-place for which he is enrolled.

Plunkett-street Polling-place.

I DECLARE that I am the person whose name appears on the Polling-place Roll for the Electoral District of King, as set out opposite my signature, and that I have not voted either here or at any other Polling-place at this Election; and I promise that, if I am permitted to vote here, I will not vote at this Election at any other Polling-place.

Declared before me, the 14th day of October, 1910.

CHARLES TALL, Presiding Officer.

Signature of Elector.	Place of Residence.	No. on Roll.	Polling-place.
James Satchwell	103 Cathedral-street	3851	Castlereagh-street
Annie Millicent Smith	339 Dowling-street	3995	Castlereagh-street
Robert Nicholas Sadlear	22 Burton-street	3832	Castlereagh-street
Harry Smith	48 Stanley-street	4019	Castlereagh-street
Charles Augustus Ralph	89 Crown-street	3580	Castlereagh-street
Charles Tall	270 Pitt-street	4210	Castlereagh-street
Margaret Roche	15 Stream-street	3724	Castlereagh-street
G. Sims	227 Liverpool-street	3964	Castlereagh-street
John Sinnott	4 Little Burton street	3975	Castlereagh-street
Ethel Roberts	122 William-street	3674	Castlereagh-street
Jane Henrietta Tripp	83 Stanley-street	4329	Castlereagh-street
Catherine Spurrier	154 Riley-street	4109	Castlereagh-street
Alma Shephard	4 Chapel-street	3939	Castlereagh-street
Sarah Shephard	4 Chapel-street	3941	Castlereagh-street
Annie Elizabeth Stevens	8 Burnell-lane, Woolloomooloo	4144	Castlereagh-street
Alfred J. Rock	116 Riley-street, Woolloomooloo	3726	Castlereagh-street
Robert Russell	7 Stream-street	3798	Castlereagh-street
Adam J. Scott	9 Charlotte-lane	3876	Castlereagh-street
Ellen Thompson	16 Little Burton street	4529	Castlereagh-street
Annie Ralph	89 Crown-street	3579	Castlereagh-street
Charles E. Ralph	89 Crown-street	3581	Castlereagh-street
Fanny Thatcher	18 Yurong-street	4239	Castlereagh-street
C. T. Rice	St. Mary's School	3643	Castlereagh-street
Hilda Satchwell	44 Yurong-street	3850	Castlereagh-street
William Taylor	15 Stream-street	4227	Castlereagh-street
Edward Tweddle	10 Yurong-street	4356	Castlereagh-street
Alice Speerin	152 Liverpool-street	4091	Castlereagh-street
Mary Sharp	Nicholson-street	3920	Castlereagh-street
Addie Raby	240 Crown-street	3563	Castlereagh-street
Margaret Russell	7 Stream street	3795	Castlereagh-street
Bessie Sharp	36 Nicholson-street	3918	Castlereagh-street
Bessie Simmons	11 Hargrave-street	3959	Castlereagh-street

State Elections.—Acts No. 33, 1902, and No. 41, 1906. [Section 48.]

Form of Declaration to be signed by a Voter before voting at any Polling-place for the same District other than the Polling-place for which he is enrolled.

Booth M to O, Castlereagh-street Polling-place.

I DECLARE that I am the person whose name appears on the Polling-place Roll for the Electoral District of King, as set out opposite my signature, and that I have not voted either here or at any other Polling-place at this Election; and I promise that, if I am permitted to vote here, I will not vote at this Election at any other Polling-place.

Declared before me, the 14th day of October, 1910.

MARK LEON LEVY, Presiding Officer.

Signature of Elector.	Place of Residence.	No. on Roll.	Polling-place.
Augustus Morris	Globe Hotel, Forbes-street	2565	Plunkett-street
W. Maloney	15 Pring-street	2400	Plunkett-street
Grace Nesbit	244 Crown-street	2661	Plunkett-street
Mary Morrison	45 Stanley-street	2571	Plunkett-street
G. R. Matthews	81 Crown-street	2444	Plunkett-street
Mary Gertrude O'Brien	152 Crown-street	2727	Plunkett-street
Julia O'Brien	115 Cathedral-street	2723	Plunkett-street
Mary O'Connor	92 Cathedral-street	2742	Plunkett-street
H. Miller	4 Bland-street	2485	Plunkett-street
Gus. Oliver	133 Riley-street	2803	Plunkett-street
L. Marshall	84 Cathedral-street	2421	Plunkett-street
Harriet Mantle	159a Palmer-street	2415	Plunkett-street
Harry Mantle	159a Palmer-street	2416	Plunkett-street
William Mansfield	21 Burton-street	2414	Plunkett-street
T. R. S. Muriel	62 Stanley-street	2616	Plunkett-street
E. Mountney	71 Crown-street	2585	Plunkett-street
J. Melly	162 Cathedral-street	2470	Plunkett-street
F. O'Donnell	61 Stanley-street	2756	Plunkett-street
F. S. New	2 St. Mary's terrace	659	Plunkett-street
R. E. Mason	154 Cathedral-street	633	Plunkett-street
John E. T. O'Donnell	139 Cathedral-street	2760	Plunkett-street
E. Neal	261 Liverpool-street	2645	Plunkett-street
James Mooney	118 William-street	2535	Plunkett-street
John Joseph O'Donnell	5 St. John's crescent	665	Plunkett-street
Joseph Murphy	101 William-street	2623	Plunkett-street

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

King Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the papers be referred to the Returning Officer for his perusal, and any comment he may wish to make.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Charles Lovely, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, 272 King-street, Sydney.—F. A. COGLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 17/12/10. Mr. Pinnington, 28/12/10. Retd. C.S.O., 28/12/10.

The accompanying papers, which were referred to you for perusal and comment, have been returned to this Office without any notation that they were received by you.—F. A. COGLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 4/1/1911. Charles Lovely, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, 272 King-street, Sydney.

### The Returning Officer, King, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Re Apparent Double Voting by Mary O'Connor and Bessie Sharp, on 14th October, 1910.

Sir,

272 Pitt-street, 6 January, 1911.

In view of the inquiries made by the police, and the statements by the various officials, in reference to above matters, I have to inform you that I do not see how it would be possible to take any further action.

On perusal of the police report, it does not appear to me that there was any dual voting by the parties concerned.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES LOVELY,

Returning Officer, King Electorate

P.S.—Enclosed please find all papers received by me in connection with the matter.—C.L.

Mr. Pinnington, 9/1/11. Sub. herewith, 9/1/11.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

King Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 9 January, 1911.

THE Returning Officer reports "that in view of the inquiries made by the police, and the statements by the booth officials, I do not see how it would be possible to take any further action. It does not appear to me that there was any dual voting."

Submitted that no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 11/1/11.

Approved.—D.M., 11/1/11.

Mr.

Pinnington, 11/1/11.

The

**The Lachlan Electorate.**

**The Returning Officer, The Lachlan, to The Chief Electoral Officer.**

REPORT to the Chief Electoral Officer, Sydney, from the Returning Officer, The Lachlan Electorate showing result of scrutiny of the Electoral Rolls used at the General Election held on the 14th October, 1910.

Sir,

Condobolin, 10 January, 1911.

I have the honor to report that I have made a scrutiny of the electoral rolls used at each polling-place in the Lachlan Electorate at the General Election held on 14th October, 1910.

I found, with a few exceptions, everything was in order, the exceptions being:—

- No. 346, Barmedman, is marked as voting at Barmedman and also at Kildary.
- No. 525, Barmedman, is marked as voting at Barmedman and Wyalong.
- No. 2, Marsdens, is marked as voting at Marsdens and Billy's Lookout.
- No. 25, Wheatacre, is marked as voting at Wheatacre and Gobothery.
- No. 263, West Wyalong, is marked as voting at West Wyalong and Ungarie.
- No. 1064, West Wyalong, is marked as voting at West Wyalong and Mildil.

I have, &c.,

JAMES F. GAVEL,

Returning Officer, The Lachlan, Condobolin.

No. 25, Wheatacre, Una May, I am in a position to know, voted only at one booth.—J.F.G.

**The Returning Officer, The Lachlan, to The Chief Electoral Officer.**

Sir,

Condobolin, 10 January, 1911.

I have this day posted to you, under separate cover, one parcel containing one fair copy of electoral roll and one fair copy of supplemental roll for the Electorate of The Lachlan, which I have marked, with a distinguishing mark, to indicate every voter who voted at the State Election, held in The Lachlan Electorate on 14th October, 1910, and I enclose herewith my report upon the result of the scrutiny of the rolls.

I have, &c.,

JAMES F. GAVEL,

Returning Officer, The Lachlan.

Mr. Pinnington, 11/1/11. Scrutiny rolls received, 11/1/11. Sub. herewith, 13/1/11.

**Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.**

The Lachlan Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 13 January, 1911.

SUBMITTED that the papers be referred to the Inspector-General of Police, with a view to inquiries being made regarding the cases of apparent double voting referred to in the report of the Returning Officer for The Lachlan Electorate.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 13/1/1911. Police reports herewith for information.—ERNEST C. DAY, I.-G. Police. The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.—D.McC., B.C., 24/2/11. Retd. C.S.O., 27/2/11. Mr. Pinnington, 28/2/11. Sub. memo. herewith, 1/3/11.

**The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Walker.**

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 16 January, 1911.

REFERRED for very careful inquiries and report.

ERNEST C. DAY,

Inspector-General of Police.

For inquiry and report.—ALEX. H. WALKER, Supt., 18/1/11. Sub-Inspector Flynn, Young.

State General Election, 14th October, 1910.—Apparent Double Voting in The Lachlan Electorate.

Police Department, Young, 19 January, 1911.

THE attached papers of the scrutiny of the Electoral Rolls used at the General Elections held on the 14th October, 1910, are forwarded for very careful inquiries and report from each member of the Police Force making the inquiry.

Papers to be forwarded to each station where supposed irregularities have taken place, and all papers to be returned to me from Wyalong with police reports.

J. P. FLYNN,

Sub-Inspector.

Senior-Sergeant Clifford, Wyalong.

Re State General Election, 14th October, 1910.—Apparent Double Voting in The Lachlan Electorate.

Police Station, Wyalong, 11 February, 1911.

SENIOR-SERGEANT CLIFFORD begs to submit reports by Senior-Constable Gooch, Constable Boyd, and himself, from which it will be noted (*vide* Senior-Constable Gooch's report) that No. 346, Maria Mooney, voted at Barmedman, and Sarah Maria Mooney, her daughter, voted at Kildary. Both are named Sarah Maria, but only gave the name of Maria.

No. 520, John William Wilson, voted at Barmedman, but only gave his name as John.

John Wilson, No. 525, voted at Wyalong.

No.

No. 2, Marsden Roll.—Constable Boyd reports that Elizabeth Bird states that she voted at Billy's Lookout. He was on duty at Marsdens, and is quite sure that Elizabeth Bird, who is personally well known to him, did not vote there, or anyone for her. This is either an error by the poll-clerk or impersonation.

In regard to No. 263, West Wyalong, there are two persons of the name of Rebecca Dooner, both widows and both with the same qualification to vote. There is only one on the roll. One went to Ungarie and voted, the other voted at West Wyalong. Both persons are well known.

No. 1064, Alice Jane Thomas, has been interviewed. Her house was used as the polling-booth at Mildil, where she recorded her vote. Neither she nor her husband left the house during polling hours. This case is probably an error on the part of the poll-clerk.

Sub-Inspector Flynn, Young.

L. J. CLIFFORD,  
Senior Sergeant.

Forwarded.—J. HANNA, Sgt. (abs. Sub-Inspr.), Young, 14/2/11. The Superintendent of Police, Goulburn.

Police Station, Wyalong, 6 February, 1911.

MEMO :—Papers herewith for careful inquiry and report.

The No. 2 on Marsden Roll is Elizabeth Bird, cook, of Lake Cowal. Please return papers here with your report. Kindly expedite the matter.

L. J. CLIFFORD,  
Senior Sergeant.

First-class Constable Boyd, Marsden.

Re Elizabeth Bird, Lake Cowal, Cook.

Police Station, Marsden, 8 February, 1911.

CONSTABLE BOYD, No. 7,630, reports that he interviewed Mrs. Elizabeth Bird, of Lake Cowal, who states that she recorded her vote at Billy's Lookout polling-booth on 14th October, 1910.

The constable was on duty at the Marsden polling-booth, and saw all the electors who voted, and is quite certain that Mrs. Bird did not vote at Marsden, and that no other elector voted under that name, and the name being marked as voting at Marsden is evidently an error.

S. BOYD,  
First-class Constable.

Senior-Sergeant Clifford, Wyalong.

Police Station, Wyalong, 6 February, 1911.

PAPERS herewith for careful inquiry and report as far as the Barmedman portion is concerned. One John Wilson voted at Wyalong. Roll under separate cover. Kindly expedite matters, and send roll and your reports here.

L. J. CLIFFORD,  
Senior Sergeant.

Senior-Constable Gooch, Barmedman.

Re State General Election, 14th October, 1910. Apparent Double Voting in the Lachlan Electorate.

Police Station, Barmedman, 9 February, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE GOOCH respectfully reports that, from careful inquiry made, the Senior-Constable was informed that, as follows :—

No. 346, Maria Mooney, voted at Barmedman, and Sarah Maria Mooney, daughter, voted at Kildary, she being at Arianh Park at the time she was driven there to vote; both these Mooneys are named Sarah Maria, but only give the name of Maria Mooney, so therefore a mistake could easily be made at the polling-booth by them only giving the name of Maria, they being both on the Barmedman Roll.

No. 520, Wilson, John William, voted at Barmedman, who also goes by the name of John, not using the name of William, therefore, when voting, only gave the name of John. Wilson, John, No. 525, who was at Wyalong at the time, voted at Wyalong.

The Senior-Constable is of opinion that where the mistake has been made is that the above-named persons have only given the one name when at the polling-booth.

CHAS. A. GOOCH,  
Senior Constable.

Senior-Sergeant Clifford, Wyalong.

Re State General Election, 14th October, 1910.—Apparent Double Voting in The Lachlan Electorate.

Police Station, Wyalong, 11 February, 1911.

SENIOR-SERGEANT CLIFFORD reports having made inquiry respecting the above matter, and found that No. 263 on Roll for West Wyalong is Rebecca Dooner. She was interviewed. It appears there are two females named Rebecca Dooner, both being widows. One of them was at Bolygamy, living with a man named Hodge, but formerly living at West Wyalong. On the 14th October, 1910, Hodge and Rebecca Dooner, the woman he is living with, went to Ungarie, and the woman voted at Ungarie polling-booth, owing to her name being on the West Wyalong Roll. The other woman, Rebecca Dooner, was interviewed. She stated that on the 14th October, 1910, she voted at the West Wyalong polling-booth in the name of Rebecca Dooner. It will, therefore, be seen by the foregoing how two persons of the same name recorded their votes at different polling-booths, when only one of their names were on the roll.

No. 1064, Alice Jane Thomas, of Mildil, 12 miles from West Wyalong, was interviewed. She stated she voted at the Mildil polling-booth on the 14th October, 1910. Her house was used as the polling-booth for the Mildil portion. She did not leave her house on that date; therefore, she could not have recorded her vote at West Wyalong.

Phillip Harry Thomas, husband of Alice Jane Thomas, was also interviewed. He stated that neither he nor his wife left home on polling day while the polling was on, as he had to remain at home and, after the poll closed, convey the papers, &c., to West Wyalong. Neither of the persons acting as Returning Officers at West Wyalong can remember any person voting at the booth as Alice Jane Thomas.

Alice Jane Thomas is a respectable woman, and the Sergeant is quite satisfied that what she states is correct. It may be a case of impersonation, or more probably an error by the poll-clerk, but not a case of double voting.

L. J. CLIFFORD,  
Senior Sergeant.

Sub-Inspector Flynn, Young.

MEMO.

MEMO.

15 February, 1911.

The files of papers minuted from this office, No. 11/240 of 18/1/11, and No. 11/390 of 28/1/11 must be treated as separate and distinct, and separately reported upon. It should have been observed by the police concerned that one lot of papers came from the Chief Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, and the other from the Department of the Minister of Justice.

ALEX. B. WALKER,  
Supt.

O.I.C. Police, Young.

Re State General Election, 14th October, 1910—Apparent Double Voting in The Lachlan Electorate.

Police Station, Young, 16 February, 1911.

SENIOR-SERGEANT CLIFFORD will read the Superintendent's memo. of the 15th instant, and have reports, made as directed.

J. HANNA, Sgt.,  
(abs. Sub-Inspr.)

Senior-Sergeant Clifford, Wyalong.

Forwarded separate reports, made as directed.—L. J. CLIFFORD, Senior-Sergeant, 20/2/11. Sub-Inspector Flynn, Young. Forwarded as directed.—J. HANNA, Sgt. (abs. Sub-Inspr.), Young, 22/2/11. The Superintendent of Police, Goulburn. Forwarded.—ALEX. B. WALKER, Supt., 23/2/11. The Inspector-General of Police.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Lachlan Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 1 March, 1911.

By the report of the police the cases mentioned by the Returning Officer in his letter of the 10th January, 1911, are certainly not cases of double voting. In three instances two persons of the same name have voted on the one enrolment, and in the other two cases there may have been impersonation, but the opinion of the local police is that the booth officials erred in marking the rolls.

In view of the above, it is submitted that no further action be taken regarding the cases of apparent double voting, and that the Returning Officer be so informed.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted.—F.A.C., U.S., 2/3/11.  
Letter to R.O., 6/3/11.

Approved.—F.F., 3/3/11. Mr. Pinnington, 3/3/11.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Condobolin.

Sir,

6 March, 1911.

In connection with the cases of apparent double voting referred to in your letter of 10th January, 1911, I have the honor, by direction of the Chief Secretary, to inform you that in view of the report of the police on the same, it has been decided that no further action shall be taken.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### Lane Cove Electorate.

#### The Returning Officer, Lane Cove, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

GENERAL ELECTION, 1910.—Lane Cove Electoral District.

Sir,

"Tenterden," 189 Lane Cove road, North Sydney, 3 November, 1910.

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Chief Secretary on that behalf, I have the honor to inform you that I have transferred from the Rolls received from the various Deputy Returning Officers to a fair copy of the Electoral Roll for the district, the distinguishing mark to indicate every voter who voted at the said Election, and now forward herewith the said Roll, as directed.

I find that in the following cases the persons named have been marked as having voted at two places, viz:—

1856	Crow's Nest	John Madden	Also marked at Sydney.
1339	do	E. M. Hogan	" " " "
2189	do	Jessie Offwood	" " " "
702	Gladesville	G. Rigney	" " " "
426	Greenwich	P. N. Johnson	" " " "
792	do	Ruby Turner	" " " Lane Cove Road.
832	do	Mary E. White	" " " Crow's Nest.
839	Naremburn	C. Riddle	" " " "

I have investigated to some extent the above cases, and my opinion is that they are clerical errors, arising from similarity of names, or simply mistakes on the part of the poll clerks during the rush of polling, by placing the mark opposite the wrong name.

I do not think that any fraudulent attempt at double voting was made in this electorate. The election was conducted in a very orderly manner, without a hitch of any kind.

I have, &c.,

A. B. ARMSTRONG,  
Returning Officer, Lane Cove Electorate.

Ack. and submission herewith, 9/11/10.

The

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Lane Cove.

Sir,

9 November, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, and to inform you that the papers in connection with the apparent double voting which you mention, will be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for investigation.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of alleged Double Voting in the Lane Cove Electorate during the recent Parliamentary Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 9 November, 1910.

SUBMITTED—That the attached communication from the Returning Officer for the Lane Cove Electorate, with reference to certain cases of alleged double voting, be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for report as to what evidence is available, upon which proceedings, under Section 90, Act 33, 1902, may be based.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police,—For favour of your report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 9/11/10.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 10 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Sherwood for careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.G. Police  
(per E.C.D.).

Mr. West.—A.R.S., Supt., 10/11/10.

Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Double Voting, Lane Cove.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 21 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, Chief Secretary's Department.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police  
(per E.C.D.).

Submitted that these papers be referred to the Returning Officer for perusal, and any comment he may desire to make.—S. J. PINNINGTON, Principal Electoral Registrar. A. B. Armstrong, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Lane Cove road, North Sydney.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 3/12/1910.

Re Alleged Double Voting in Lane Cove Electorate, at the last General Election, 14th October, 1910.

No. 6 Police Station, North Sydney, 19 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT BARRY reports that he has inquired into the undermentioned cases of alleged double voting at the various polling places in Lane Cove Electorate during the progress of the last General Election; but he has been unable to elicit any information likely to sustain these allegations. On the contrary, there is every reason to believe that they are due solely to inadvertence or other causes on the part of poll clerks engaged at the booths. Taking the cases as they appear on the attached list, the Senior-Sergeant ascertained that:—

1. John Madden, Christie-street, contractor, Crow's Nest polling-place, is ticked off as having voted at the Crow's Nest. His son, also John Madden, same address, labourer, No. 87 on Supplemental Roll, voted at Sydney, after signing the prescribed form of declaration; but the father's name is ticked off on the General Roll as having cast that vote.
2. Edward Michael Hogan, "St. Clare," Atchison-street, labourer, is ticked off as having voted at Crow's Nest polling-place; but there is no declaration and no evidence to show that he also voted at Sydney, as alleged.
3. Jessie Offwood, Hayberry-street, domestic duties, Crow's Nest polling-place, is ticked off on Crow's Nest roll as having cast her vote there; but there is no declaration, and, so far as the Senior-Sergeant can find, no evidence to prove that she also voted at Sydney.
4. Gertrude Rigney, Jordon-street, Gladesville, artist, Gladesville polling-place. In this case, Mr. Heesh, Deputy Returning Officer at Gladesville, knows the family; he spoke to her father and mother at the booth when they came to record their votes. Miss Rigney did not vote at Gladesville; she made the usual declaration at the Sydney booth, where she cast her vote.
5. Percy Norwood Johnson, St. Leonards Point, draper, Greenwich polling-place. In this case, Henry Charles Gilbert, poll-clerk at Greenwich, admits ticking off this name in mistake for Francis Horwood Johnson, same address and qualification. Percy Norwood Johnson signed the prescribed declaration and voted at Sydney.
6. Ruby Turner, St. Lawrence street, Greenwich. In this case, Mr. Gilbert saw Mrs. Turner at the Greenwich booth, where she recorded her vote. There is no declaration and no evidence to prove that she also voted at Lane Cove Road polling-place.

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7. Mary Elizabeth White, Berry's-road, domestic duties, voted at Crow's Nest polling-place, where she signed a declaration. There is no evidence to show that she also voted at Greenwich.
8. Charles Riddle, Willoughby-road, brickmaker. In this case, a declaration was signed and a vote recorded at Crow's Nest polling-place; but none of those engaged at Naremburn booth can prove that Riddle voted there also.

The Officer-in-Charge, No. 6 Division.

R. H. BARRY,  
Senior-Sergeant.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police.—W. J. WEST, Sub-Inspector, Sydney, 20/11/10.  
Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent, 21/11/10.

Persons who signed Declarations, and who are marked elsewhere :—

Gladesville, 702, Gertrude Rigney, at Sydney.  
Greenwich, 426, Percy Norwood Johnson, at Sydney.  
Crow's Nest, 1856, John Madden, at Sydney.  
Greenwich, 832, Mary Elizabeth White, at Crow's Nest.  
Naremburn, 837, Charles Riddle, at Crow's Nest.

The above is the information you require.

A. B. ARMSTRONG,  
Senior-Sergeant Barry, North Sydney. Returning Officer, Lane Cove, 18/11/10.

The Returning Officer, Lane Cove, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Alleged Double Voting, Lane Cove.

5 December, 1910.

PAPERS read. The report by Senior-Sergeant Barry confirms my first impression that the marking of the rolls in the manner described was accidental, and that none of the persons referred to actually voted twice.

A. B. ARMSTRONG,  
Returning Officer, Lane Cove.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Officer.

Lane Cove Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that, "in view of the statement of the Returning Officer, on a perusal of the Police report, that "the report by Senior-Sergeant Barry confirms my first impression that the marking of the rolls in the manner described was accidental, and that none of the persons referred to actually voted twice," no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 17/12/1910. Approved.—D.M., 19/12/1910. Mr. Pinnington, 19/12/1910.

Leichhardt Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Leichhardt, to The Acting Under Secretary,  
Chief Secretary's Department.

Sir,

Leichhardt, 21 October, 1910.

I beg to inform you that I am forwarding a marked copy of the General and Supplemental Roll of all persons who voted at the election on the 14th October, 1910. I find that—

2123 Presdee, Sophia, Commercial-road, domestic duties (Lilyfield Roll)—Voted at Lilyfield (an open vote), and at Leichhardt in the usual way. She signed the declaration by making her mark.

7867 Stewart, Charles, 41 John-street, labourer.—Signed declaration and voted at Sydney, and is marked as voted at Leichhardt.

HENRY TAYLOR,  
Returning Officer for Electoral District of Leichhardt.

Mr. Pinnington, Oct. 24, 1910. Ackgd. and subd., 27/10/10.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under Section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COCHLAN, Acty. U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

The

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Sherwood for careful inquiry and report by an intelligent non-commissioned officer.

T. G.,  
I-G., Police.

Mr. Brooks.—A.R.S., Supt., 1/11/10. Senior-Constable Robertson and Const. Saunders.—  
M. Brooks, S.-Inspr., 1/11/10.

Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Double Voting at Leichhardt.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 17 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department

T. GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police.

Re apparent Double Voting at Leichhardt, by Sophia Presdee and Charles Stewart, at the recent State Election. *Vide* attached file.

No. 11 Police Station, Petersham, 15 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE ROBERTSON reports that he has interviewed Sophia Presdee, Commercial-road, Leichhardt, in connection with the above matter, who states that she made her mark to a declaration and voted an open vote, at Leichhardt Town Hall. She also states that she was not at Lilyfield polling-booth on the day of the election, and has no idea of the person who voted in her name there.

The Senior-Constable has also interviewed the Deputy Returning Officer, H. C. Johnson, E. Meskill, Poll-clerk, and the Scrutineers, and not one of them can give a description of the person who voted an open vote in the name of Sophia Presdee at Lilyfield polling-booth.

The Senior-Constable has also made inquiries and interviewed Charles Stewart, of 41 John-street, Leichhardt, who states that he made a declaration and voted in Sydney, and was not at the Leichhardt Booth on the day of the Election, and he has no knowledge of any person who would be likely to vote in his name.

The Senior-Constable has also interviewed the Deputy Returning Officer, A. R. Pidgeon; C. T. O'Neil, Poll-clerk, who state that they are unable to furnish a description, nor have they any knowledge of the person who voted in the name of Charles Stewart at the Leichhardt polling booth.

In the latter case there are twenty-four persons by the name of Stewart on the Leichhardt Roll, and it is just possible that it was a clerical error when ruling off.

The Senior-Constable has been unable to obtain any evidence that would warrant a prosecution in these cases.

Sub-Inspector Brooks, Petersham.

W. ROBERTSON,  
Senior Constable.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Sydney.—M. Brooks, Sub-Inspector. 16/11/10.  
Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent, Nov. 17, 1910.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Leichhardt Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 23 November, 1910.

THE Returning Officer reported that 2123, Lilyfield Polling-place Roll, Sophia Presdee, voted at Lilyfield, an open vote, and at Leichhardt in the usual way. She signed the declaration by making her mark. The Police report that Sophia Presdee made her mark to a declaration, and voted an open vote at Leichhardt Town Hall, and she states she was not at Lilyfield polling-booth on the day of the election. The statements regarding the voting at Leichhardt do not agree. The vote at Lilyfield was an open one according to the Returning Officer, and the Presiding Officer, Poll-clerk, or Scrutineer should be able to identify the person who tendered that vote, unless the open votes recorded were exceptionally numerous.

Submitted that the papers be referred to the Returning Officer for further consideration and report.  
Approved U.S., 23/11/10.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., Nov. 23, 1910. Approved.—D.M., Nov. 25, 1910  
Henry Taylor, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Balmain-road, Leichhardt,—For favour of your report.—  
F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 29/11/10. Sub. herewith, 21/6/11.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Leichhardt Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 21 June, 1911.

PAPERS in connection with the apparent double voting at the last General Election were forwarded to the Returning Officer for Leichhardt, under B.C. dated 29th November, 1910, for his report.

They were returned to this office on the 20th June, 1911, by the Returning Officer, on his being reminded by 'phone that they were still noted to him, without comment.

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As the time allowed by the Electoral Act for action regarding any offence has now expired, it is submitted whether any further action be taken.

By the confidential report, Mr. Taylor (Returning Officer for Leichhardt), "is about 70 years of age, has become somewhat destitute of physical strength, and not sufficiently bright or strong to carry out the duties."

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted that this case be considered with others when replies received from Returning Officer over 65 as to whether they desire to continue.—F.A.C., U.S., 26/6/11. Approved—F.F., 26/6/11. Mr. Pinnington, 27 June, 1911.

### Liverpool Plains Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Liverpool Plains, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Quirindi, 31 October, 1910.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a complete roll of the electoral district of Liverpool Plains, checked by me, also my report on same. I am also forwarding a copy of such report, with a complete set of rolls, to the Minister for Justice, in connection with the Local Option vote.

Please forward me by return post a fifty-cheque book, as I have used all the forms I have, and there is still a number of officers to pay.

I have, &c.,

W. P. B. HUNGERFORD,  
Returning Officer.

Recd., 3/11/10. Mr. Patterson, Nov. 4, 1910. Treasury asked to send book.—S.F. Ackd. and subd., 5/11/10.

### Returning Officer's Report of Scrutiny of Roll.

Sir,

31 October, 1910.

In checking the rolls received from my deputies for the several polling-places within the electoral district of Liverpool Plains, at General Election, held 14th October, 1910, I find as follows:—

Bundella Roll.—No. 35, James Cunningham is ticked off as having voted at Bundella; he has also signed Declaration Schedule 9, and voted at Caroon.

Binnaway Roll.—No. 95 is ticked off as having voted, and Anne Miller is ticked off the Binnaway roll and signed Schedule 9 as having voted at Warkton. There is an error in the name, anyhow.

Bugaldi Roll.—No. 38, William Holder Keeping, is ticked off as having voted at Bugaldi; he has also signed Schedule 9, and is ticked off as having voted at Coonabarabran.

Gunnedah Roll.—No. 384, Henry Francis Corcoran, is ticked off as having voted at Gunnedah; he has also signed Schedule 9, and is ticked off as having voted at Mullaly.

Mendooran Roll.—No. 104, Thomas Hugh Marchant, is ticked off as having voted at Mendooran; he has also signed Schedule 9, and is ticked off as having voted at Merrygoen.

Quirindi Roll.—No. 478, Robert Hines, is ticked off as having voted at Quirindi; he has also signed Schedule 9, and is ticked off as having voted at Ardglen.

Spring Ridge Roll.—No. 61, James Ewart Lawrence, is ticked off as having voted at Spring Ridge; he has also signed Schedule 9, and did vote at Quirindi.

In checking the rolls with Schedule 9, I notice that at Oakfield, Uarbry, Coolah, and Werris Creek several persons away from their polling-place were allowed to vote without signing the schedule referred to.

The Gunnedah rolls were so badly marked by the deputies that I had considerable difficulty in checking them.

In several instances the rolls were not signed by the deputies.

I might add that the polling-places where the alleged double voting occurred are so situated that it could be done, with the exception of Binnaway and Wharkton.

I have, &c.,

The Under Secretary,  
Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney.

W. P. B. HUNGERFORD,  
Returning Officer.

The Returning Officer, Liverpool Plains, to The Under Secretary of Justice.

Report re Scrutiny of Local Option Rolls (several cases of Double Voting).

Sir,

Quirindi, 31 October, 1910.

I am enclosing complete set of Rolls as checked by me, also a copy of my report to the Chief Electoral Officer on such checking, in connection with the recent General Election.

I am sending per rail to-day all the used, unused ballot-papers, and other papers, used at the Local Option Vote taken in my Electorate on the 14th instant. There are no Rolls, as the used Rolls are being forwarded to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in connection with the Election for that House.

I have, &c.,

W. P. B. HUNGERFORD,  
Returning Officer.

The Inspector-General of Police for favour of inquiry and report.—J. L. WILLIAMS, U.S. (per G.W.), B.C., 2/11/10.

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Mundooran Roll.—No. 104, Thomas Hugh Marchant, is ticked off as having voted at Mundooran; he has also signed Schedule Nine and is ticked off as having voted at Merrygoen.

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I have, &amp;c.,

The Under Secretary,  
Justice Department, Sydney.

W. P. B. HUNGERFORD,  
Returning Officer.

## The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Evans.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 3 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Evans for very careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.-G. Police  
(per E.C.D.).

For very careful inquiries and report by Senior-Sergeant Borthistle.—JOHN EVANS, Superintendent, Tamworth, 4/11/1910. Senior-Sergeant Borthistle, Gunnedah.

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Liverpool Plains Electorate.—Cases of Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 5 November, 1910.

THE Returning Officer has reported certain cases of apparent double voting in connection with the recent election.

Submitted that the papers be referred to the Inspector-General for favour of report.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F.A.C., U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 5/11/10.

## The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Evans.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 7 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Evans for careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.-G. Police  
(per E.C.D.).

For careful inquiries and report.—JOHN EVANS, Superintendent, Tamworth, 8/11, 1910. Senior-Sergeant Borthistle, Gunnedah.

## The Inspector-General of Police to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Double Voting, Liverpool Plains.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 30 November, 1910.

POLICE reports herewith, for information. Perhaps the file might be forwarded for the information of the Justice Department.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police  
(per E.C.D.):

Re

*Re* alleged Double Voting in the Electoral District of the Liverpool Plains at the General Election held on the 14th October, 1910.

Police Station, Gunnedah, 28 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT BORTHISTLE begs to report that inquiries have been made by the police at Gunnedah, Coonabarabran, Quirindi, Tambar Springs, Blackville, and Mundooran, *re* alleged double voting at the places referred to in the report of the Returning Officer for the Liverpool Plains Electoral District (attached), and reports from the police of these stations are forwarded herewith. According to these reports no double voting occurred. In each case a satisfactory explanation is given.

W. BORTHISTLE,  
Senior Sergeant.

Superintendent Evans, Tamworth.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—JOHN EVANS, Superintendent. Tamworth, 29/11/1910.

Police Station, Gunnedah, 7 November, 1910.

EXTRACT from Returning Officer's report to Under Secretary, Department of Justice, *re* Electoral District of Liverpool Plains, General Election, 14th October, 1910 :—

"Quirindi Roll.—No. 478, Robert Hines, is ticked off as having voted at Quirindi. He has also signed Schedule 9, and is ticked off as having voted at Ardglan.

"Spring Ridge Roll.—No. 61, James Ewart Lawrence, is ticked off as having voted at Spring Ridge. He has also signed Schedule 9, and did vote at Quirindi."

For very careful inquiry and report by Sergeant Woods.

W. BORTHISTLE,  
Senior Sergeant.

Sergeant Woods, Quirindi.

*Re* alleged Double Voting.

Police Station, Quirindi, 11 November, 1910.

SERGEANT WOODS reports that there are two persons residing at Quirindi named Robert Hines, but the name of only one of them is on the Electoral Roll. From inquiries made it appears one of them was at Quirindi on election day, voted at Quirindi, and did not leave the town during the day; the other person of the same name was employed on the railway work at Ardglan and voted there. So far as can be ascertained neither of the men voted twice, and both of them thought that their name was on the roll.

James Ewart Lawrence voted at Quirindi, and Constable Hawkins, who was on duty at the Spring Ridge Polling-booth, states that he saw him enter the polling-booth there, but cannot say whether he voted or not. Perhaps Senior-Constable Clark will have the necessary inquiries made and furnish a report to Senior-Sergeant Borthistle.

E. S. WOODS,  
Sergeant.

Senior-Constable Humphris-Clark, Blackville.

From careful inquiries, Senior-Constable Humphris-Clark has ascertained that James Ewart Lawrence, who is a saw-mill proprietor, was working at his mill, Spring Ridge, 33 miles from Quirindi, till noon on the 14th ultimo, when he went to the Spring Ridge Polling-booth, where he voted, and remained till the declaration of the poll.

There was a young man named James Lawrence, who was working at Spring Ridge some months ago—other christian names, if any, not known—who is now said to be working at Quirindi or Tamworth, who may be, perhaps, the voter referred to. The Senior-Constable is unable to obtain a specimen of his writing to compare with the Schedule 9 referred to in Senior-Sergeant Borthistle's report.

W. H. HUMPHRIS-CLARK,  
Senior-Constable,  
Blackville, 14/11/10.

Senior-Sergeant Borthistle, Gunnedah.

Police Station, Gunnedah, 7 November, 1910.

EXTRACT from Returning Officer's report to Under Secretary, Department of Justice, *re* Electoral District of Liverpool Plains, General Election, 14th October, 1910 :—

"Mundooran Roll, No. 104, Thomas Hugh Marchant, is ticked off as having voted at Mundooran; he also signed Schedule Nine and is ticked off as having voted at Merrygoen.

Will the Officer-in-Charge of Police, Mudgee, please cause inquiries and report to be made at Mundooran?

W. BORTHISTLE,  
Senior Sergeant.

The Officer-in-Charge of Police, Mudgee.

Forwarded to Senior-Constable Tracey for very careful inquiries, and report.—JONATHAN ATKINSON, Mudgee, Nov. 9, 1910. Senior-Constable Tracey, Mundooran.

*Subject* :—Attached paper, dated Police Station, Gunnedah, 7/11/10. Inquiries to be made at Mundooran *re* Mundooran Roll, No. 104, Thomas Hugh Marchant, ticked off as having voted at Mundooran, and he also signed Schedule 9 and is ticked off as having voted at Merrygoen.

Police Station, Mundooran, 13 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE TRACEY begs to report that the name on Mundooran roll, No. 104, Thomas Hugh Marchant, farmer, Glenrock, is the name of the son of No. 103, Thomas Marchant, labourer, Mundooran, which should be No. 103, Thomas Hugh Marchant, senior, labourer, Mundooran.

The son, No. 104, Thomas Hugh Marchant, farmer, Glenrock, voted at Merrygoen by signing schedule 9, and the father, No. 103, Thomas Marchant, labourer, Mundooran, voted at Mundooran as No. 104, Thomas Hugh Marchant, farmer, Glen Rock.

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Thomas Hugh Marchant (senior's) home is at Mundooran, but he spends most of his time at Glenrock, which is situated about 5 miles from Mundooran, and about 2 miles from Merrygoen.

Mr. T. P. Manusa, the Returning Officer, knows Thomas Hugh Marchant, senior, very well, and he remembers him voting as Thomas Hugh Marchant, and No. 104 was ticked off. He also knows Thomas Hugh Marchant, junior, well, and he did not attend the polling-booth to vote.

Senior-Constable Tracey was present at the polling-booth, and saw Thomas Hugh Marchant, senior, enter the polling-booth, but he did not see Thomas Hugh Marchant, junior, at the polling-booth.

As each person voted at the Mundooran polling-booth, his or her name was written on a list. (Please see copy attached hereto.)

Mr. Sub-Inspector Atkinson, Mudgee.

E. TRACEY,  
Senior Constable.

Forwarded to Senior-Sergeant Borthistle.—JONATHAN ATKINSON, Mudgee, Nov. 15th, 1910.  
Senior-Sergeant Borthistle, Gunnedah.

MALES.

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Sceiflet, James F.   | 23. Bowler, B. V.        | 45. Hatton, W. G.       |
| 2. Aldridge, Henry John | 24. Truskett, A. A.      | 46. Ryan, E. E.         |
| 3. Fenton, Thomas       | 25. Jennings, W. J.      | 47. Edwards, Edward     |
| 4. Monk, John Quinn     | 26. Digges, Daniel S.    | 48. Walker, John Edward |
| 5. Monk, Richard N.     | 27. Hobbs, Henry         | 49. Head, Thomas J. W.  |
| 6. Tracey, Edward       | 28. Hedger, George H.    | 50. Marchant, Thomas H. |
| 7. Morrison, Andrew R.  | 29. Luckie, William      | 51. Truskett, Alexander |
| 8. Ellis, Samuel George | 30. Hennessy, M. J.      | 52. Sullivan, Daniel    |
| 9. Cusack, C. J.        | 31. Byrnes, J. H. P.     | 53. Monk, Joseph        |
| 10. Manusa, T. P.       | 32. Luckie, Thomas       | 54. Lucke, A. E.        |
| 11. Hatton, James       | 33. Luckie, Alfred J.    | 55. Morrison, James A.  |
| 12. Hobbs, Frederick    | 34. McEwen, Arthur R.    | 56. Travers, James      |
| 13. Truskett, Thomas    | 35. Digges, James Robert | 57. Travers, Joseph     |
| 14. Jackman             | 36. Yeomans, Francis A.  | 58. Dykes, Edward       |
| 15. Digges, Thomas John | 37. Quinton, Francis     | 59. Greenhalgh, John    |
| 16. Luckie, Albert      | 38. Smith, John Francis  | 60. Digges, C. E.       |
| 17. Hobbs, Joseph       | 39. Richardson, K. L.    | 61. Donnelly, G. W.     |
| 18. Davis, William      | 40. Wilson, William      | 62. Greenhalgh, G. H.   |
| 19. Taylor, Frederick   | 41. O'Brien, Con.        | 63. Dinsdale, Harold    |
| 20. Hedger, Albert      | 42. Hatton, Samuel A.    | 64. Quinton, James      |
| 21. Beames, George      | 43. Elliss, Walter       | 65. Luckie, Peter       |
| 22. McKechnie, Thomas   | 44. Cribb, B. S.         | 66. Quinton, James R.   |

FEMALES.

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| 1. Sceiflet, Ethel M.    | 14. Wessell, Elsie Hilda  | 27. Luckie, Mary Agnes |
| 2. Fenton, Sarah Jane    | 15. Hedger, Martha Polina | 28. Luckie, Christina  |
| 3. Monk, Susan S.        | 16. Sullivan, Annie       | 29. Luckie, Ellen      |
| 4. Monk, Sarah E.        | 17. Hobbs, Fanny          | 30. Byrnes, M. A.      |
| 5. Hatton, Blanche E.    | 18. Truskett, Annie       | 31. Dougherty, E. E.   |
| 6. Luckie, Millicent M.  | 19. Hobbs, Florence M.    | 32. Carmody, L.        |
| 7. Morrison, M. E.       | 20. Hedger, Jane Eliza    | 33. Greenhalgh, Eliza  |
| 8. Luckie, J. C.         | 21. Hedger, Amelia        | 34. Digges, G. R.      |
| 9. Luckie, M. A.         | 22. McEwen, Jane M. A.    | 35. Mason, F. M.       |
| 10. Luckie, Ethel M.     | 23. Luckie, L. J.         | 36. Manusa, S. S.      |
| 11. Luckie, Elizabeth C. | 24. Luckie, Marianne      | 37. Donnelly, J. E.    |
| 12. Truskett, Rebecca    | 25. Cameron, Mary Ann     | 38. Quinton, Kato      |
| 13. Taylor, Jane         | 26. Tracey, M. Jane       |                        |

Police Station, Gunnedah, 7 November, 1910.

EXTRACT from Returning Officer's report to Under Secretary, Department of Justice, *re* Electoral District of Liverpool Plains, General Election, 14th October, 1910:—

"Bundella Roll, No. 35, James Cunningham, is ticked off as having voted at Bundella; he has also signed declaration, Schedule Nine, and voted at Caroonah."

For very careful inquiries and report by Constable Cronin.

First-class Constable Cronin, Tambar Springs.

W. BORTHISTLE,  
Senior Sergeant.

*Subject:—Re* James Cunningham, who voted at Bundella, and also at Caroonah, on the 14th October, 1910.

Police Station, Tambar Springs, 16 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE CRONIN, No. 6,215, begs to report that James Cunningham, entered No. 35 on the Bundella Roll as labourer, Rockgedgiel, voted at Bundella on the 14th October last, on the occasion of the General Elections. Cunningham did not vote at Caroonah also on the same day, as it would have been impossible for him to have done so. Cunningham was at Rockgedgiel for 12 o'clock dinner on polling day and worked all afternoon. He had the morning off to go to Bundella and vote, and he was frequently seen during that time. For Cunningham to have voted at Caroonah would have meant a ride for him, there and back, of about 80 miles.

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The constable is perfectly confident that the person who voted at Caroonah is another James Cunningham, who is generally on the roll for Bundella by the name of James Thomas Patrick Cunningham, and who about three years ago was working for a time on Rockgedgiel, when his name was taken by the constable for the roll. This Cunningham's name is at present on the Federal Roll as James Thomas Patrick Cunningham, labourer, Bundella.

The constable believes that James Thomas Patrick Cunningham voted at Caroonah in all good faith, believing the name appearing on the Bundella Roll as James Cunningham to be meant for his. Cunningham was in the vicinity of Caroonah shortly before the elections. Cunningham was seen drinking in Quirindi about a week ago.

G. F. CRONIN,  
First-class Constable.

Senior-Sergeant Borthistle, Gunnedah.

Police Station, Gunnedah, 7 November, 1910.

EXTRACT from Returning Officer's report to Under Secretary, Department of Justice, re Electoral District of Liverpool Plains, General Election, 14th October, 1910:—

"Binnaway Roll, No. 95, is ticked off as having voted, and Ann Miller is ticked off the Binnaway Roll, and signed Schedule Nine as having voted at Warkton. There is an error in the name anyhow."

"Bugaldi Roll, No. 38, William Holder Keeping, is ticked off as having voted at Bugaldi; he has also signed Schedule Nine, and is ticked off as having voted at Coonabarabran."

For very careful inquiries and report by Senior-Sergeant Nies.

W. BORTHISTLE,  
Senior Sergeant.

Senior-Sergeant Nies, Coonabarabran.

*Subject:—*Alleged Duplicate Voting, Annie Miller and William Holder Keeping, Coonabarabran and Warkton.

Police Station, Coonabarabran, 20 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT NIES begs to report that the persons referred to above admit voting at the places stated in attached memo:—

Mrs. Annie Miller of Spring Creek, No. 476, on the Warkton Polling-place List (Supplemental Roll) voted at Warkton Polling-place, so did her husband, shown on the Binnaway List No. 96.

Mrs. Eveline Honora Miller, who appears on the Binnaway List, No. 95, voted at Binnaway, as also her husband, No. 97, on same list.

In reference to William Holder Keeping, No. 38 on the Bugaldi List, he voted at Bugaldi, and a nephew, also of the same name, voted at Coonabarabran. When interviewed, he admitted voting at Coonabarabran and making the necessary declaration, believing at the time the name on the roll was intended for him, as he knew he was on previous rolls, and voted at Bugaldi at the last Federal Election, when both his name and his uncle's name appeared on that roll, and that he has been a resident of the district for many years (which is true to a great extent, but being a labourer and absent from the district at times, was apparently absent or missed at the time the police were collecting the roll). He said he did not look at any roll at the time of recording his vote, but took it for granted his name was on the roll, and was the one referred to, No. 38, or would not have voted under any consideration.

The Senior-Sergeant believes Keeping's statement is true and voted in ignorance, believing at the time his name was on the roll, and not giving it a thought that the name might be intended for his uncle's name, or that both names were not on the roll.

THEO. NIES,  
Senior Sergeant.

Senior-Sergeant Borthistle, Gunnedah.

*Re* Alleged Double Voting by Henry Francis Corcoran, of Gunnedah.

Police Station, Gunnedah, 28 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE DAVIS reports that he interviewed Henry Francis Corcoran, No. 384 on the Gunnedah roll, and he stated that he was not at Gunnedah on the 14th October, 1910; that he and a boy named Bloomfield was driving a team for Thomas Burke, a carrier, and on polling day Burke, Bloomfield and himself camped at Mullaley, and that he (Corcoran) voted at Mullaley, and signed a declaration. The senior-constable also interviewed Thomas Burke, and he states that Corcoran, Bloomfield, and himself were camped at Mullaley on the 14th October, 1910, in charge of their teams; that Corcoran did not go to Gunnedah on that day.

The senior-constable interviewed the mother of Francis Henry Corcoran, a resident of Gunnedah, who is at present out of the district, and she states that her son was in Gunnedah on polling-day, and went with her to the polling-booth to vote (he cannot read or write); he voted openly, believing that to be his name on the Gunnedah roll.

C. G. S. DAVIS,  
Senior Constable.

Senior-Sergeant Borthistle, Gunnedah.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Liverpool Plains Electorate.—Alleged Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 6 December, 1910.

In connection with the alleged double voting by James Ewart Lawrence, Sergeant Woods, of Quirindi, in his report states that Lawrence voted at Quirindi; and Senior-Constable Clark, of Blackville, in his report states that James Ewart Lawrence voted at Spring Ridge.

Submitted

Submitted that the papers be again referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to whether the above reports are correct, and, if so, what evidence is available for proceeding under Section 90 of Act 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer,  
B.C., 6/12/10.

**The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Evans.**

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 7 December, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Evans for further inquiries and full report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police  
(per E.C.D.).

For attention and report.—JOHN EVANS, Superintendent, Tamworth, 9/12/10. Sergeant Woods,  
Quirindi.

**The Inspector-General of Police to The Chief Electoral Officer.**

Re Double Voting, Liverpool Plains.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 15 December, 1910.

POLICE reports herewith for information.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police  
(per E.C.D.).

Re alleged Double Voting by James Ewart Lawrence, on the 14th October, 1910.

Police Station, Quirindi, 12 December, 1910.

SERGEANT WOODS reports that from further inquiries made it has been ascertained that the man named James Ewart Lawrence, who voted at Quirindi, is not identical with the man of the same name who voted at Spring Ridge. His name is not on the roll, but a man of the same name, who resides at Spring Ridge, has his name on the roll, and when he made a declaration on Schedule 9, he probably thought that the name on the roll was his name, and that he was entitled to vote. So far as can be ascertained he only voted once, and no evidence can be obtained to prove that he wilfully made a false statement under Schedule 9.

E. S. WOODS,  
Sergeant.

The Superintendent of Police, Tamworth.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—JOHN EVANS, Superintendent, Tamworth, 13/12/10.

**Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.**

Liverpool Plains Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the papers be referred to the Returning Officer for his perusal and any comment he may wish to make.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

W. P. B. Hungerford, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Quirindi.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 17/12/10.

**The Returning Officer, Liverpool Plains, to The Chief Electoral Officer.**

Liverpool Plains Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

Office of the Returning Officer, Electoral District of Liverpool Plains,  
Quirindi, 20 December, 1910.

THE Returning Officer, having perused the attached papers, is of the opinion that nothing further in the matter can be done. The several cases of alleged double voting appears to be satisfactorily explained.

W. P. B. HUNGERFORD,  
Returning Officer.

Mr. Pinnington, 21 Dec., 1910. Sub. herewith, 23/12/10.

**Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.**

Liverpool Plains Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 23 December, 1910.

ON inquiry by the Police, two persons were found to have voted on the one enrolment in five cases, and in the remaining two cases the rolls were wrongly marked by the booth officials. The Returning Officer states, on perusal of the Police reports, that the several cases of alleged double voting appear to be satisfactorily explained.

In view of the above, it is submitted that no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 28 Dec., 1910. Approved.—D.M., 29 Dec., 1910.  
Mr. Pinnington, 30 Dec., 1910.

## The Macquarie Electorate

## The Returning Officer, The Macquarie, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir, Electoral Chambers, Church-street, Dubbo, 17 October, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of Saturday evening last, stating:—"In view of representations double voting in your electorate, most important that all rolls should be examined without delay, and scrutinised rolls forwarded immediately after investigation; letter following, but act at once."

I am also in receipt of your letter of 15th October (instant), marked immediate, confirming same.

I have the honor to inform you that out of 2,134 votes recorded at Dubbo polling-place only three persons complained that their votes were taken by others of the same name, who voted earlier in the day. I refused to allow them to vote, although of the same name, the votes having been recorded. The names of the persons in the Dubbo Division were on the roll:—No. 76, Ada Jane Atkinson; No. 263, Alice Brown; 266, Catherine Brown.

In No. 6 booth, my deputy, Mr. Nelson, refused to allow a woman named Emily Woods to vote, not being on the roll.

The six Presiding Officers at Dubbo were:—No. 1 booth, G. H. Taylor, Returning Officer; No. 2 booth, Mr. H. B. Pinnington, J.P.; No. 3 booth, Mr. W. F. Macmanamey, solicitor; No. 4 booth, Mr. Booth, solicitor; No. 5 booth, Mr. Ritter, Mayor; No. 6 booth, Mr. Nelson, solicitor.

They all inform me that there were no complaints made to any of them. I have not heard of any complaints throughout the electorate respecting the conduct of the election; everything in connection with it passed off very satisfactory.

I will attend to your instructions to have the rolls scrutinised as soon as possible, but it will take some time to complete them.

I had great difficulty in obtaining the services of competent persons, as I had to conduct the election.

I heard that Mrs. Ada Jane Atkinson and Mrs. Catherine Brown, on my refusing to allow them to vote on account of others of the same name having taken the votes, went to Delroy polling-place, stated they had not voted, made the declaration, and voted there.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE H. TAYLOR,  
Returning Officer, Macquarie Electorate.

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Acting U.S. & C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

## The Returning Officer, The Macquarie, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir, Electoral Chambers, Church-street, Dubbo, 29 October, 1910.

I have the honor to forward you, under separate cover, the scrutinised rolls, taken from the Electoral Rolls used at the different polling-places in the Electorate of The Macquarie, on the 14th October instant.

As you instructed me, I have had all the rolls examined, and have scrutinised same, and find in the whole of the electorate fourteen electors of the same name have voted at different polling-places, viz. :—

No. 175, Bodangora—Horton, William.	Also same name, vote recorded at Gilgandra.
" 76, Dubbo—Atkinson, Ada Jane.	" " " Delroy.
" 266, Dubbo—Brown, Catherine.	" " " Delroy.
Nos. 76 and 266—The above are the same persons, voted at Delroy. I informed you claimed these votes of me at the Dubbo polling-booth, but others having voted bearing the same name earlier in the day, I declined to allow them to vote. They then went to Delroy and voted, although only the one name on the roll. I believe there should have been two names, as they were old residents of Dubbo.	
No. 1732, Wellington—Owen, William.	Also same name, vote recorded at Geurie.
" 269, Wellington—Brown, John.	" " " Ima Bella.
" 1474, Wellington—Madden, James.	" " " Dalston.
" 133, Bodangora—Harrison, Fettel.	" " " Wellington.
" 150, Bodangora—Gleeson, Martha.	" " " Wellington.
" 151, Bodangora—Gleeson, Patrick.	" " " Wellington.
" 61, Wooloman—Kelly, Evelyn Grace.	" " " Dicky Gundy.
" 3052, Dubbo—Wilson, Annie.	" " " Sydney Town Hall.
" 2184, Wellington—Brownhill, George Washington.	" " " Sydney Town Hall.
" 1270, Wellington—Laby, Millicent Agatha.	" " " Sydney Town Hall.
" 1415, Wellington—Macdonald, Millie.	" " " Sydney Town Hall.
No. 2243 on roll for Dubbo—Power, Cornelius Joseph—is said to be serving a sentence in gaol. The vote was recorded at Bournwood.	

I have, &c.,

GEORGE H. TAYLOR,  
Returning Officer for the Electorate of The Macquarie.

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The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Johnston.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.  
REFERRED to Superintendent Johnston for careful inquiries and report.

T. G.,  
I.-G. Police.

Forwarded to Sub-Inspector Cameron for careful inquiries and report, please.—W. J. ANDERSON, Sub-Inspector (in absence of Superintendent of Police), Bathurst, 1/11/1910. Sub-Inspector Cameron, Dubbo.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Dubbo.

Sir,

3 November, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th October, furnishing a report concerning certain cases of apparent double voting, which, I am to state, will be investigated. With regard to your statement that you declined to permit certain persons to vote, as votes had been previously tendered in their names, I have to invite your attention to Instruction No. 52 of the "Duties of Officers," which specifies that such persons may be permitted to vote, but that their votes should not be placed in the ballot-box.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

Minute by The Chief Electoral Officer.

The Macquarie Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 3 November, 1910.

FORWARDED to the Inspector-General of Police for favour of investigation and report. B.C., 3/11/10.

F.A.C.,  
U.S. and C.E.O.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Johnston.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 4 November, 1910.  
REFERRED to Superintendent Johnston for very careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.-G. Police  
(per E.C.D.).

Forwarded for most careful attention and report, please.—ALEX. JOHNSTON, Superintendent of Police, Bathurst, 7/11/1910. Sub-Inspector Cameron, Dubbo.

Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 23 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, and Chief Electoral Officer.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police  
(per E.C.D.).

Mr. Pinnington, Nov. 25, 1910. Submitted that these papers be referred to the Returning Officer for perusal of the police reports and any further comment he may wish to make.—S. J. PINNINGTON, Principal Electoral Registrar. G. H. Taylor, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Dubbo.—F. A. COGLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 2/12/1910.

*Subject* :—Macquarie Electorate. Cases of apparent Double Voting. *Vide* papers 10-23,281.

Police Department, Sub-Inspector's Office, Dubbo, 19 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT HAYES begs to forward reports from Police at Dubbo, Wellington, Geurie, and Bodan- gora in connection with this matter. The cases of Ada Jane Atkinson and Catherine Brown have been reported upon in papers No. 10-23,604.

J. S. HAYES,  
Senior Sergeant  
(in absence of Sub-Inspector).

The Superintendent of Police, Bathurst.

Forwarded for information of the Inspector-General. The cases of Ada Jane Atkinson and Catherine Brown are reported upon in separate file forwarded this date.—ALEX. JOHNSTON, Superintendent of Police, Bathurst, 22/11/1910. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

*Subject* :—Macquarie Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting.

Police Station, Wellington, 13 November, 1910.

SERGEANT NIES reports that William Owen, of Wellington, voted on No. 1732. He states that when the police were collecting the rolls he requested them to make an alteration—that his name appeared as William Henry Owens on roll, whereas it should be William Owen. He thought the alteration had been carried out; for that reason voted as he did. The No. 1732 belonged to the William Owen who voted at Geurie,

No. 269, John Brown.—He voted at Terrabella, but a man (aborigine), of Curra Creek, Wellington, by name Victor Henry Brown, voted under the name of John Brown. He is known by name John Brown throughout the district.

No.



No. 1474, James Madden.—There are two by same name. James Madden, senior, voted at Wellington. James Madden, junior, voted at Dalston.

No. 133, Harrison Fettell, of Bodangora, voted at Wellington. There is a William Harrison Fettell, of Wellington, hawker. He did not record his vote here. He is known as Harrison Fettell, and may have voted at Bodangora.

Nos. 150 and 151, Maria Gleeson, Patrick Gleeson.—Both, for certain, voted at Wellington; it could be possible for them to vote at Bodangora, but not at all likely.

No. 284 and No. 1270, George Washington Brownhill and Millicent Agatha Lahy, for certain, voted in Sydney. The scrutineers' books show that no person voted at Wellington under either of these two names.

No. 61, Evelyn Grace Kelly, for certain, voted at Wooloman, and could not have voted at Dicky Gundy.

No. 1415, Millie McDonald, voted at Wellington. She was not away from Wellington that day.

The aborigine, by name Victor Henry Brown, who voted as John Brown, No. 269, appears on the Supplemental Roll as John Brown, No. 712. It will be seen that the name has not been ticked off, and that there was no intention to do wrong.

P. NIES,

Sub-Inspector Cameron, Dubbo.

Sergeant.

*Subject*:—Cases of apparent Double Voting at State Election for the Electorate of The Macquarie, on 14 October, 1910.

Police Station, Geurie, 14 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE TAIT reports that William Owen, who voted at Geurie as William Owen, No. 1732 on the roll for Wellington polling-place, is well-known at Wellington by the name of Taffy Owen. This man has lived at Wellington for a number of years, and usually resides at the "Commonwealth Hotel" when he is not employed on road work about the district. At election time Owen was employed by Mr. Henry Masonwells on road work near Geurie, and attended the polling-booth about 5 p.m. in company with Henry and John Masonwells, and several of Mr. H. Masonwells' employees.

John Brown, who voted at Terrabella, is identical with John Brown, No. 269 on Wellington roll. He was at the time employed by Mr. Lane, a farmer living near Terrabella, and is still employed there.

James Madden, who voted at Dalston, is identical with James Madden, junior, No. 1475 on roll for Wellington polling-place. This man was, and is still employed by the Cobbora Shire Council near Dalston. No person voted at Wellington as James Madden junior, No. 1475, and it is clear that the presiding officer at Dalston polling-place made an error in ruling out No. 1474 instead of No. 1475.

EDWARD W. TAIT,

The Sub-Inspector of Police, Dubbo.

Senior Constable.

*Subject*:—The Macquarie Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting.

Police Station, Bodangora, 15 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE C. J. CULLEN, No. 7,201, respectfully reports that he has made careful inquiries *re* apparent double voting at Bodangora and Wellington, referred to in attached papers, and that it was No. 176, Horton, William Henry, Jawbone, labourer, that voted at Bodangora, giving an open vote. This man does not know his own second Christian name. No. 175, Horton, William, Jawbone, labourer, voted at Gilgandra, having travelled from Breealong that day to record his vote. No. 133, Fettell, Harrison, senior, Bodangora, farmer, did not vote at Bodangora, but voted at Wellington. Fettell, Arthur, No. 132, Bodangora, grocer, voted at Bodangora. No. 150, Gleeson, Maria, Bodangora, voted at Bodangora. No. 151, Gleeson, Patrick, Bodangora, labourer, voted at Bodangora, giving an open vote.

No. 12, Gleeson, Maria, Drill Creek, Forest Vale polling-place, and No. 13, Patrick Joseph Gleeson, Drill Creek, farmer, Forest Vale polling-place, The Macquarie Electorate, voted at Wellington. These two electors reside about 9 miles from Bodangora. Perhaps this is where the duplication occurred. According to the two scrutineers' rolls, No. 133, Fettell, Harrison, senior, name was or is not checked as voting that day.

Dalston polling-place is the Geurie police patrol.

C. J. CULLEN,

Sub-Inspector Cameron, Dubbo.

First-class Constable.

*Subject*:—Macquarie Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting. *Vids* papers, 10-23,281, Dicky Gundy Polling-place.

Police Station, Dubbo, 17 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT HAYES reports that he has carefully inquired into the report that Evelyn Grace Kelly had voted at Wooloman and Dicky Gundy polling-places. There is nothing to support such a statement. The poll clerk and the two scrutineers are quite clear that no vote was recorded in that name at the Dicky Gundy booth.

J. S. HAYES,

The Sub-Inspector of Police, Dubbo.

Senior Sergeant.

*Subject*:—Vote alleged to have been recorded at Bournwood; name, C. J. Power, on Dubbo Roll.

Police Station, Dubbo, 17 November, 1910.

SERGEANT NIES has not reported on the vote given at Bournwood polling-place, Cornelius J. Power. This elector was serving a sentence in Bathurst Gaol on the 14th October. Did any person record a vote under that name? What do the scrutineers' rolls disclose? Report fully with the least possible delay.

J. S. HAYES,

Sergeant Nies, Wellington.

S.S. (abs. Sub-Inspr.).

*Subject*:—

*Subject* :—C. J. Power, said to have voted at Bournwood on 14th October last.

Police Station, Wellington, 19 November, 1910

SERGEANT NIES reports that the number on roll for C. J. Power is 2245, not 2243. The poll-clerk states that he has no recollection of anyone claiming the name of Power voting at Bournwood. The scrutineers' book is not to be had. He feels certain that no person voting at Bournwood claimed to be on the Dubbo roll. There is evidently a mistake somewhere. Further inquiries will be made, and if any trace, a report will be forwarded by Monday morning's mail.

P. NIES,  
Sergeant.

Sub-Inspector Cameron, Dubbo.

### Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 23 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, and Chief Electoral Officer.

T. GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police.

*Subject* :—Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Elections. *Vide* papers No. 10/23,604 of 18/10/10 attached.

Police Department, Sub-Inspector's Office, Dubbo, 19 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT HAYES begs to forward reports in connection with the votes recorded by Alice Brown, Catherine Brown, and Ada Jane Atkinson. The last-named lady is very well known to the presiding officer, poll-clerk, and scrutineers at that particular booth. She being the only person of that name on the roll it seems strange that any other person could record a vote for her under the circumstances.

J. S. HAYES,

The Superintendent of Police, Bathurst.

Senior Sergeant (in absence of Sub-Inspector).

Forwarded for information of the Inspector-General. The Dubbo Police are unable to trace the person who voted as Ada Jane Atkinson, No. 76, Dubbo Polling-place. The name of Alice Brown was voted upon by Alice Gertrude Brown. Both ladies are qualified, and neither of them voted more than once. Mrs. Catherine Brown, an old resident, whose name, and also that of her husband do not appear on the roll. Mrs. Catherine Brown believed she was the elector No. 266 on the roll, and voted as such.—ALEX. JOHNSTON, Superintendent of Police, Bathurst, 22/11/1910. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

*Subject* :—Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

Police Station, Dubbo, 17 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT HAYES reports that No. 263 on Dubbo polling-place, Alice Brown, was voted upon by Alice Gertrude Brown, No. 264. Both ladies are qualified, and neither of them voted more than once. Catherine Brown is an old resident of Dubbo, but whose name, together with her husband's, do not appear upon the roll. She voted early in the day as No. 266, honestly believing she was entitled to vote. This accounts for the vote having been recorded when the other Catherine Brown arrived at the booth to record her vote.

J. S. HAYES.

The Sub-Inspector of Police, Dubbo.

Senior Sergeant.

*Subject* :—Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

Police Station, Dubbo, 19 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE R. MEAGHER begs to report that he has made every possible inquiry in connection with the matter of some woman voting in the name of an elector named Ada Jane Atkinson, No. 76, Dubbo polling-place.

None of the six officials, including the Returning Officer, at the booth where the vote was recorded can throw any light on the matter, only that the vote was recorded in the rush in the afternoon. The inquiry is being kept up, and a report will be made if the person who voted can be traced.

R. MEAGHER,

The Sub-Inspector of Police, Dubbo.

Senior Constable.

### The Returning Officer, The Macquarie, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

*Re* Double Voting.

Sir,

Electoral Chambers, Church-street, Dubbo, 9 December, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 2nd December instant—reports from the Inspector-General of Police and other officers respecting double voting at the last election, held on 14th October last—and beg to thank you for your courtesy in forwarding me them for perusal.

I have read all the reports and note the remarks of the police officers at the various polling-places. In the case of Mrs. Catherine Brown, I know both Mrs. Catherine Brown's are old residents of Dubbo, and either could legally claim the vote in their name on the roll, both being qualified to vote, but only one Catherine Brown's name was on the roll. I much regret that in the hurry of polling, there having been a number of voters waiting for their ballot-papers at the time, I did not think of Instruction 52 of Duties of Officers, and omitted to allow Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Atkinson to vote and not place their ballot-papers in the box. Neither claimed their vote under that rule.

In carefully scrutinising the rolls with my poll clerks, I could only take those names ticked off as electors having voted at the different polling-places.

I have no further comment to make, and do not consider it necessary for any further steps to be taken.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE H. TAYLOR,

Returning Officer for the Electorate of The Macquarie.

Minute

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Macquarie Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 19 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that, as it appears from the police reports that there was no double voting, and the Returning Officer states in his letter of 9th December, "I do not consider it necessary for any further steps to be taken," no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON.

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 20/12/1910. Approved.—D.M., Dec. 20, 1910. Mr. Pinnington, Dec. 21, 1910.

### Monaro Electorate.

#### The Returning Officer, Cooma, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

20 October, 1910.

I have the honor to report that I have completed a scrutiny of the Electoral and Supplementary Rolls for the Electoral District of Monaro, used at the State General Election on the 14th instant, and find in checking the roll for Craigie polling-place that an elector, No. 143, Hawkins, John, M, Delegate, labourer, voted at Craigie after making the necessary declaration before Deputy Returning Officer Charles Harold Burton, at Craigie polling-booth, on the 14th instant. This same person, John Hawkins, No. 143, Delegate, voted also at Delegate booth, presided over by Deputy Returning Officer Arthur Henry Jeffreys, J.P. This appears to me to be a case of double voting, and also a case of making a false declaration under the Electoral Act. Your advice is sought. I sent word by a constable for Mr. Sub-Inspector Clarke to come and see me at 10 a.m. this morning, but probably he was out of town on business and will call later on. Let me have your instructions at once. I further find that No. 1143, Alexander Sloan, M, Coolringdon, labourer, enrolled at Cooma polling-place, voted at Cooma in booth S to Z, presided over by Deputy Returning Officer Harry Hyam Solomon, solicitor, and that the Deputy Returning Officer at Jimenbuan, Charles Crisp, allowed one Robert Alexander Sloan to vote at Jimenbuan by him making the necessary declaration as No. 1143, Alexander Sloan, enrolled at Cooma, and he, the Deputy Returning Officer, writing in the name Robert before the printed name Alexander, and witnessing the declaration made by Robert A. Sloan. Under the circumstances shall I forward all papers at once on to you as usual for State election, and all papers in connection with the Local Option vote to the Honorable Minister of Justice as usual (by papers I mean used and unused ballot-papers, rolls, papers, &c.), as everything is now complete.

I have, &c.,

I. A. SHANNON,

Returning Officer.

#### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Cooma.

Sir,

27 October, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th October, and I am to state that the cases of apparent double-voting, reported therein, will be investigated. In reply to your inquiry, I have to inform you that the papers in connection with the recent election should be forwarded by you to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and the Local Option papers to the Justice Department. The declarations mentioned in your communication should, however, be retained until the cases of apparent double voting have been finally dealt with.

I have, &c.,

Acting Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Acting U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

#### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Walker.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Walker for careful inquiries and report.

T. G.,

I.-G. Police.

For attention and report.—ALEX. B. WALKER, Supt., 1/11/10. Sub-Insp. Clarke, Cooma. For careful inquiry and report in connection with papers forwarded you 1st instant.—T. H. CLARKE, Sub-Inspector, Cooma, 2/11/10. Senior-Constable Clarke, Dalgety.

Minute

## Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Double Voting at Cooma, Delegate, &amp;c.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, 17 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

THOMAS GARVIN,

Inspector-General of Police

(per E.C.D.).

*Subject*:—*Re* supposed Case of Double Voting at Cooma, Delegate, Craigie, and Jimenbuan.

Police Station, Cooma, 15 November, 1910.

With reference to this matter, I have caused careful inquiries to be made, and attach herewith reports from Sergeant Barnes, Senior-Constable Clarke, and Constable Ellis. It will be seen from Sergeant Barnes and Constable Ellis' reports with regard to Hawkins that there are two men of that name—John (No. 143) and John Thomas (No. 144) Delegate—and that they voted one at Delegate and the other at Craigie, and that an error has been made in ticking off the number on the electoral roll.

With regard to the allegations against Sloan, inquiries made by Senior-Constable Clarke tend to show that in this case Robert Alexander Sloan voted at Jimenbuan, and his father, Alexander Sloan, of Coolringdon, voted at Cooma. In this case the error appears to have been made by the Deputy Returning Officer at Jimenbuan in allowing the Christian name "Robert" to be added.

T. H. CLARKE,

Sub-Inspector.

The Superintendent of Police, Goulburn.

Forwarded.—ALEX. B. WALKER, Superintendent, 16/11/10. The Inspector-General of Police.

*Subject*:—Case of supposed Double Voting at recent State Election by Robert Alexander Sloan, Cooma and Jimenbuan.

Police Station, Dalgety, 4 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE CLARKE reports having interviewed Robert Alexander Sloan, at Jimenbuan Station, on the 4th instant, with reference to supposed double-voting by him at the recent election, under the number 1143, Cooma Polling-place, and again under the same number at Jimenbuan Polling-place.

Sloan informed the Senior-Constable that his full name is Robert Alexander Sloan; and the son of Alexander Sloan, of Coolringdon, near Cooma, and that on the 14th of October last he made a declaration before Mr. Charles Crisp, the Deputy Returning Officer at Jimenbuan, in the name of Robert Alexander Sloan, and then recorded his vote for the State election and Local Option vote, being under the impression at the time that the name Alexander Sloan, No 1143, Cooma Polling-place, was intended for his name, and that by an omission his first name, Robert, had been left out in error.

The first Christian name, Robert, was inserted by the Deputy Returning Officer, and he then recorded his vote.

He further stated that he was 24 years of age on the 22nd of July last, and voted at Cooma Court-house at the last Federal election.

His father, Alexander Sloan, voted the same day.

He states the only vote he recorded on the 14th ultimo was at Jimenbuan Polling-place.

Mr. Charles Crisp, the Deputy Returning Officer at Jimenbuan, informed the Senior-Constable that Robert Alexander Sloan did not leave the station on the day of the election; and is prepared to make a declaration to that effect if required.

The person that voted at Cooma in the name of Alexander Sloan is, no doubt, the father of Robert Alexander Sloan, who voted at Jimenbuan.

L. J. CLARKE,

Senior Constable.

The Officer-in-Charge of Police, Cooma.

*Re* Supposed Case of Double Voting at Craigie and Delegate.

Police Station, Delegate, 11 November, 1910.

SERGEANT BARNES respectfully reports that very careful inquiries into the alleged double voting at Craigie and at Delegate have been made.

There is a man named John Hawkins, a labourer, of Delegate, and a man, whose correct name is said to be John Thomas Hawkins, labourer, of Delegate, and he is known by the nickname of "Butty."

Mr. Arthur H. Jeffreys, who was Deputy Returning Officer at Delegate on the 14th ult., states he remembers the man John Hawkins voting at Delegate, and whose number on the roll was, he believes, 143, but he has no recollection of the other man, whose correct name is said to be John Thomas Hawkins, "Butty," voting here.

Mr. A. J. Ashby, who was poll-clerk at Delegate on the 14th ult., states he distinctly remembers John Hawkins, whose number on the roll is 143, voting here, and he is positive the other man, Hawkins, known as "Butty," did not vote here at Delegate.

Mr. Charles Maxwell Burton, who was Deputy Returning Officer at Craigie on the 14th ult., states he remembers the man named John Hawkins, whose name is "Butty," voting at Craigie, and he voted as John Hawkins, M, labourer, Delegate, No. 143, and made a declaration before him as such; but he states further that he was the only John Hawkins who voted at Craigie that day.

Constable Ellis's report on the matter is attached hereto, and he states there was only the one Hawkins, namely, the man known as "Butty," voted at Craigie that day.

The man John Hawkins, labourer, of Delegate, has been interviewed by the Sergeant, and he states he voted at Delegate on the 14th ult. under the name of John Hawkins; that he did not vote at Craigie that day, and further that he was at Delegate all that day, and he is certain his cousin, "Butty," whose real name is, he states, John Thomas Hawkins, was never in Delegate that day.

The man whose full name is said to be John Thomas Hawkins, known as "Butty," has not been interviewed, as he is said to be now near Bombala shearing.

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From the statements made by the Deputy Returning Officer, Messrs. Jeffreys, Burton, Poll-clerk Ashby, and report of Constable Ellis, it would appear that the two men Hawkins voted, one at Craigie, the other at Delegate, but that the two voted at neither place, and that an error has been made in ticking off the number 143 at both places.

Sub-Inspector Clark, Cooma.

EDW. BARNES,  
Sergcant.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Monaro Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

Chief Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 22 November, 1910.

THE police report, in the case of John Hawkins, that two votes were not recorded at the one polling-place, but that two persons of the same name voted at different polling-places, and that the rolls were incorrectly marked by the booth officials.

In the case of Alexander Sloan, the police are satisfied that it was father and son that voted under the one enrolment (1143, Cooma roll), and that the fault lay with the presiding officer at Jimenbuan in allowing the vote.

Submitted that the Returning Officer be so informed, and that no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Approved.—F.A.C., U.S., 22/11/10.

Letter to Returning Officer, 23/11/10.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Cooma.

Sir,

23 November, 1910.

In connection with your letter of the 20th October, reporting two cases of apparent double-voting, I have the honor to inform you that, after very careful inquiries, the police report that John Hawkins voted at Delegate, and John Thomas Hawkins at Craigie, the booth officials marking 143 on the rolls twice instead of marking 143 and 144. In the other case, the deputy at Jimenbuan wrongly allowed Robert Alexander Sloan to vote on Alexander Sloan's enrolment, 1143 Cooma Polling-place roll.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### The Murrumbidgee Electorate.

#### The Returning Officer, Wagga Wagga, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Wagga Wagga, 8 November, 1910.

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your favour of the 5th, and thank you for it.

Under the scrutiny made for the Liquor Amendment (Local Option) Act, I have to report that the persons named on the accompanying sheet have double-voted, or been represented by others at one or the other of the polling-places. The first, Cross, Yabtree and Coolamon polling-booths, were from 40 to 50 miles apart. The other five voters' polling-places were from 6 to 17 miles apart.

When forwarding the scrutinised electoral rolls to the Minister of Justice, I mentioned those who had double-voted.

By carriers Thompson & Co., I am to-day forwarding a case containing the certified copies of the electoral rolls, books, and ballot-papers to the Clerk of the Assembly, and a case containing the Local Option ballot-papers to the Minister of Justice.

I have, &c.,

P. HANN,  
Returning Officer.

On scrutinising the General and Supplemental Electoral Rolls the following persons have double-voted, or been represented by others, at one or other of the polling-places:—

Wagga Wagga.—No. 891, Cross, George—Yabtree and Coolamon.

Lake Albert.—No. 103, Jewell, Ethel Josephine—Lake Albert and Wagga, I-M. No. 96, Jackson, Annie—Lake Albert and Wagga, I-M.

Narrandera.—No. 31, Allen, Thomas—Narrandera and Berembed Weir. No. 869, Johnston, Catherine, —Narrandera and Berembed Weir.

Betric.—No. 109, Priest, Saraiah Henry—Betric and Coolamon.

P. HANN,  
Returning Officer, Wagga Wagga, 7/11/10.

#### The Returning Officer, Wagga Wagga, to The Minister of Justice.

The Murrumbidgee Electorate.

Sir,

Wagga Wagga, 8 November, 1910.

I have the honor of reporting that I have scrutinised all the electoral rolls used at the polling-places in this electorate, and that I am now, under separate cover, sending you the certified copies of my scrutiny, and also the Form 1 with the total Local Option voting at each place sent me by the Deputy Returning Officers.

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The result of the scrutiny has been that I have to report that six persons, as per enclosed list, have double-voted or been represented at two polling-places. In the first case the polling-places are 40 to 50 miles apart, and in the remaining five from 6 to 17 miles.

A case containing the ballot-papers has been sent you to-day per R. Thompson & Co., carriers,  
I have, &c.,

P. HANN,  
Returning Officer.

On scrutinising the General and Supplemental Electoral Rolls, the following persons have double-voted or been represented by others at one or other of the polling-places:—

Wagga Wagga, No. 891, Cross, George, Yabtree and Coolamon.  
Lake Albert, No. 103, Jewell, Ethel Josephine, Lake Albert and Wagga, I-M; No. 96, Jackson, Annie, Lake Albert and Wagga, I-M.  
Narandera, No. 31, Allen, Thomas, Narandera and Berembled Weir; No. 869, Johnston, Catherine, Narandera and Berembled Weir.  
Bectric, No. 109, Priest, Saraiah Henry, Bectric and Coolamon.

P. HANN,  
Returning Officer, Wagga Wagga, 7/11/10.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of inquiry and report.—J. L. WILLIAMS (*per* G.W.),  
B.C., 9/11/10.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Elliott.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 10 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Elliott for careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.-G. Police  
(*per* E.C.D.).

For careful inquiries and report.—W. R. ELLIOTT, Superintendent, 12/11/10. Sub-Inspector Musgrave, Wagga Wagga.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Wagga Wagga.

Sir,

11 November, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th November, furnishing a report as to certain cases of apparent double voting in connection with the recent Election, and I am to state that the cases mentioned will be investigated.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Murrumbidgee Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 11 November, 1910.

THE Returning Officer has reported certain cases of apparent double voting in connection with the recent election.

Submitted that the papers be referred to the Inspector-General of Police, with a view to inquiry being made as to whether there is sufficient evidence to warrant proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F.A.C., U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 11/11/10.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Elliott.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 12 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Elliott for careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.-G. Police  
(*per* E.C.D.).

For prompt careful inquiry by Narrandera police, and report; papers then to be sent to Wagga for similar action.—W. R. ELLIOTT, Superintendent of Police, Nov. 14, 1910. Sub-Inspector Somerville, Narrandera.

Mr. Police Sub-Inspector Musgrave to Mr. Police Sub-Inspector Somerville.

*Re* supposed Double Voting, Murrumbidgee Electorate.

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 13 November, 1910.

WOULD Mr. Somerville please have inquiries made as far as Thomas Allen and Catherine Johnston are concerned.

A. MUSGRAVE,  
Sub-Inspector.

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## The Inspector-General of Police to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Double Voting, Murrumbidgee.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 8 December, 1910.

POLICE reports herewith, for information.

T. GARVIN,

Inspector-General of Police.

*Re* alleged Double Voting, Murrumbidgee Electorate—State Elections, 14th October, 1910.

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 6 December, 1910.

I BEG to report that careful and searching inquiries have been made with a view of ascertaining whether the persons referred to in attached list from P. Hann, Esq., Returning Officer, Murrumbidgee Electorate, have been guilty of double voting, but in no instance has it been found that any of the persons named recorded their vote more than once at the State elections on 14th October last. In the case of George Cross, No. 891, on the roll for Wagga Wagga Polling-place, it would at present appear as if some person had personated him and voted at Coolamon, as the genuine George Cross was undoubtedly at Yabtree, 50 miles distant, on election day, and did not leave there after he recorded his vote. Probably some elucidation of the matter could be obtained by referring to the declaration made at Coolamon by the person professing to be George Cross. None of the officials who were at the Coolamon booth are able to throw any light on the matter. In all the other cases referred to by Mr. Hann, an explanation which I have summarised on a form attached, is forthcoming. Statements made by various persons are submitted.

A. MUSGRAVE,

Sub-Inspector.

The Superintendent of Police, Albury.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—WILLIAM PARK, S.S., Abs. Superintendent, 7 Dec 1910.

Police Station, Wagga Wagga Wagga, 6 December, 1910.

*Re* alleged Double Voting, Murrumbidgee Electorate, State Elections, 14th October, 1910. *Précis* of inquiries made by Police.

Name.	On roll for Polling-place.	No.	Polling-place voted at.	Also alleged to have voted Polling-place.	Result of inquiry made by the Police.
Cross, George .....	Wagga Wagga...	891	Yabtree .....	Coolamon .....	This voter did not leave Yabtree, 50 miles from Coolamon, on election day. If any person voted in his name at the latter place the declaration made, now in possession of the Chief Electoral Officer, would probably afford a clue to his identity.
Jewell, Ethel Josephine	Lake Albert.....	103	Wagga Wagga...	Lake Albert .....	A mistake was made by the Deputy-Returning Officer at Lake Albert in marking off the name of this person as having voted at that booth. This is borne out by an examination of scrutineers books and statements of several persons.
Jackson, Annie.....	Lake Albert.....	96	Lake Albert.....	Wagga Wagga...	A mistake was made by the Deputy Returning Officer at "J" booth, Wagga Wagga, in marking off No. 96 on the roll, instead of No. 97, Annie Honora Jackson (Lake Albert). The latter voted at Wagga Wagga and signed the declaration "Annie Jackson."
Allen, Thomas .....	Narrandera .....	31	Narrandera .....	Berembed Weir	The person who voted at Berembed Weir was Thomas Allen, junior, No. 329 on Supplementary Roll, Narrandera Polling-place List. Deputy Returning Officer apparently marked off No. 31 on principal roll as having voted.
Johnston, Catherine.....	Narrandera .....	869	Narrandera .....	Berembed Weir	The person who voted at Berembed Weir is a woman named Catherine Johnston who resides there, who was qualified to have her name on the roll, but it had been omitted. This woman was under the impression that she was the person referred to, No. 869, Narrandera.
Priest, Sardiam Henry	Bectric .....	109	Coolamon.....	Bectric .....	There is no person named Sardiam Henry Priest. There is a Sarah Priest, and a William Henry Priest. These names and some others on the same page of the roll, Bectric Polling-place, have been made "pic" of by the printer, and, as a consequence, there has been some mistake made in marking off by the Deputy Returning Officers.

A. MUSGRAVE,

Sub-Inspector.

The Superintendent of Police, Albury.

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*Re George Cross and Sardiam Henry Priest, supposed Double Voting.*

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 13 November, 1910.

FOR inquiry and report; ascertain whether these persons voted personally at the booths mentioned, together with all particulars necessary to clear the matter up.

Senior Constable Nickson, Coolamon.

A. MUSGRAVE,  
Sub-Inspector.

Police Station, Coolamon, 1 December, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE NICKSON reports that George Cross, of Wagga Wagga, whose name appears on the Wagga Wagga polling-place list, appears to have voted personally at this (Coolamon) booth, as his name, No. 891, is marked off the list as having voted, but neither the Deputy Returning Officer nor the polling-clerk have any recollection of the elector.

There does not appear to be any such person as Priest, Sardiam Henry. The Returning Officer remembers a William Henry Priest, from Bectric, recording his vote at the Coolamon booth, which appears on the Bectric list, No. 109, Priest, Saraïam Henry, and he concluded there was a mistake in the spelling of his name, as several mistakes appear in that column of Christian names on the Bectric list.

Mr. Phillip White, who acted as Deputy Returning Officer at Bectric, has been interviewed by the Coolamon police in the matter, and he distinctly states that Priest, Saraïam Henry, No. 109 on the Bectric list, did not record his vote at the Bectric polling-booth.

Bectric is 25 miles from Coolamon, which accounts for the delay in furnishing this report.

E. NICKSON,  
Senior Constable.

The Sub-Inspector of Police, Wagga Wagga.

*Re Supposed Double Voting.*

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 13 November, 1910.

FOR inquiry and report; ascertain if George Cross voted personally at Yabtree, and if he did so whether he left the place and is likely to have gone to Coolamon.

Constable Pye, Tarcutta.

A. MUSGRAVE,  
Sub-Inspector.

Police Station, Tarcutta, 17 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE E. H. PYE, No. 6,870, reports, in reference to the attached paper, he made diligent inquiries at Yabtree Station, and the within-named George Cross voted personally at Yabtree polling-place, making the required declaration before the Deputy Returning Officer before doing so, and he never left the station after recording his vote; he is employed there up to the present.

Sub-Inspector Musgrave, Wagga Wagga.

E. H. PYE,  
First-class Constable.

*Re Cases of alleged Double Voting in Murrumbidgee Electorate at General Election, 14th October, 1910.*

Police Station, Narrandera, 18 November, 1910.

I BEG to report that I have made inquiry with reference to alleged double voting in names of Thomas Allen and Catherine Johnson.

Thomas Allen.—There are two voters of this name on the roll for the Murrumbidgee, father and son, the father being No. 31 on the Principal Roll, and the son No. 329 on the Supplementary Roll, both for Narrandera polling-place. The father voted at Narrandera and the son at Berembred Weir, so that unless three men of the name voted there seems to have been no mistake except that the officials at Berembred Weir marked off No. 31, Principal Roll, instead of No. 329, Supplementary Roll. No information can be got at present of any other Thomas Allen having voted.

Catherine Johnson.—Catherine Johnson, whose name appears on the roll, voted at Narrandera. A woman named Catherine Johnson, whose name is not on the roll, but which should have been, voted at Berembred Weir. This latter person once lived at Ferrier Town, Narrandera, so that a *bona fide* error seems to have occurred, especially as her name appeared on the Federal Roll and she voted in April last, though it has been omitted by some means from the State roll, though she is fully qualified. Statements attached.

The papers are forwarded to Sub-Inspector Musgrave, as directed.

Sub-Inspector Musgrave, Wagga Wagga.

J. SOMERVILLE,  
Sub-Inspector.

Narrandera, 16 November, 1910.

THOMAS ALLEN, labourer, at present residing at Tattersall's Hotel, Narrandera, states:—I am a son of Thomas Allen, fisherman, Yanco Creek, and I am the person whose name appears on the Supplementary Electoral Roll for Narrandera polling-place, Murrumbidgee electorate, and numbered 329; at the time of the election I was employed at Deepwater shearing-shed, near Berembred, and on 14th October last I proceeded to the polling-place at Berembred Weir, the nearest to Deepwater, and recorded my vote on the local option question as an elector of Murrumbidgee; all electors got two hours off for the purpose of voting, and I returned to Deepwater as soon as I voted; I came in with James Edmonds, of Wagga Wagga, who was shearing at Deepwater; I told the Returning Officer I was on the Narrandera roll, and he gave me a paper, which I signed; I do not know whether the Returning Officer looked for my name in the Original or Supplementary Roll; I did not vote anywhere else; I do not know of any other Thomas Allen except my father and myself.

Witness:—J. SOMERVILLE, Sub-Inspector.

THOMAS ALLEN.

Thomas Allen, mentioned above, is the person enrolled as No. 329, Murrumbidgee Supplementary Roll, Narrandera polling-place.—J. SOMERVILLE, Sub-Inspector.



Yanco Creek, Narrandera, 16 November, 1910.

THOMAS ALLEN, fisherman, Yanco Creek, states :—I remember election day—14th October, 1910 ; on that day I went to Narrandera and voted on the local option question, along with my wife ; it would be about 11 o'clock when we voted ; after voting, we returned to Yanco Creek ; I was not at Berembled Weir on election day—14th October, 1910.

Witness :—J. SOMERVAILE, Sub-Inspector.

THOMAS ALLEN.

The above is the person enrolled as No. 31 on Murrumbidgee General Electoral Roll, Narrandera polling-place.—J. SOMERVAILE, Sub-Inspector.

Yanco Creek, Narrandera, 16 November, 1910.

SUSAN ALLEN, Yanco Creek, states :—I am the wife of Thomas Allen, fisherman ; on election day—14th October, 1910—he and I went to Narrandera and recorded our votes on the local option question, after which we returned to Yanco Creek. Thomas Allen was not at Berembled Creek on election day—14th October, 1910.

Witness :—J. SOMERVAILE, Sub-Inspector.

SUSAN ALLEN.

Narrandera, 16 November, 1910.

CATHRINE JOHNSON, Chartilly-street, Ferrier Town, Narrandera, states :—I am the wife of Martin Johnson, machine expert ; on the 14th October, 1910, in company with my sister, Mrs. Emily Lewis, I visited the polling-booth at the Council Chambers, Narrandera, and recorded my vote ; it would be about half-past four o'clock in the afternoon ; my name appears on the roll as No. 869, Narrandera polling-place, Murrumbidgee electorate ; I was never away from Narrandera on that date ; I do not know any other Catherine Johnson, and I have never been at Berembled Weir.

Witness :—J. SOMERVAILE, Sub-inspector.

Mrs. CATHRINE JOHNSON.

Berembled Weir, Narrandera, 17 November, 1910.

HERBERT JOHNSON, ganger, canal works, Berembled, states :—I am the person enrolled as No. 93, Berembled Weir polling-place, Murrumbidgee electorate ; I have been employed on canal works in the Narrandera District since May, 1908 ; the name is misspelt on the roll, but there is no other ganger of the name on the canal works ; my wife's name is Catherine Johnson, and she is now residing at No. 9 Moffatt-street, South Yarra, Melbourne ; she left here three weeks ago to-day for Melbourne with the children ; she has been with me on the works since May, 1908, and is entitled to vote ; from about June to August, 1909, we lived in Ferrier Town, Narrandera, in a house near the railway crossing on the Grong Grong road, owned by Mr. McLean ; I remember election day, 14th October last, I voted at Berembled Weir, my name being on the roll ; a canvasser was round on election morning and remarked my wife's name was not on the roll ; when voting I asked about it and said her name should have been on as she voted at the Federal election ; on looking in the Narrandera list I found the name Catherine Johnson, and as we had lived in Ferrier Town I thought it was hers and she went up and voted ; I do not know why her name is not on the list, as she is fully qualified ; we have lived at Berembled since August, 1909.

Witness :—J. SOMERVAILE, Sub-Inspector.

H. JOHNSON.

Re Cases of alleged Double Voting in Murrumbidgee Electorate at the General Election on 14 October, 1910.

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 21 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE J. BATH reports that he has made careful inquiries with reference to the alleged double voting in the names of Annie Jackson, No. 96, and Ethel Josephine Jewell, No. 103 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place.

In the case of Annie Jackson.—There are two voters of that name on the roll for Lake Albert polling-place, whose first Christian name is Annie, Nos. 96 and 97. Annie Jackson, No. 96, voted at Lake Albert, and Annie Honora Jackson, No. 97, voted at Wagga Wagga, and signed a declaration there as Annie Jackson, omitting the second Christian name ; so that it may be possible that the two voters were ticked off as voting on the one number on the rolls used at both polling-places.

In the case of Ethel Josephine Jewell, No. 103 on the roll.—No information can be obtained of a person of that name having voted at Lake Albert. Albert Jewell, No. 102, and his wife, Ethel Josephine Jewell, No. 103 on the roll, both state that they signed declarations, and voted at Wagga Wagga, and not at Lake Albert. Statements relative to the matter referred to above have been obtained from Arthur Graham, poll-clerk ; Christopher J. Annison, scrutineer, at Lake Albert polling-booth ; Annie Jackson, Annie Honora Jackson, Emily Amelia Jackson, Albert Jewell, and Ethel Josephine Jewell, and are attached herewith.

The senior-constable has examined the roll referred to in Mr. Christopher J. Annison's statement, and finds that there are no marks opposite the numbers 97 and 103 on the roll indicating that those persons had voted at the Lake Albert polling-booth.

J. BATH,

Sub-Inspector Musgrave, Wagga Wagga.

Senior Constable.

Wagga Wagga, 19 November, 1910.

ARTHUR GRAHAM, Lake Albert, dairyman, No. 60 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place, states :—On the 14th day of October, 1910, I was poll-clerk at the Lake Albert polling-booth ; I remember Annie Jackson, No. 86 on the General Roll, voting at Lake Albert on that day, but Annie Honora Jackson, No. 97 on the General Roll, did not vote there.

Ethel Josephine Jewell, No. 103 on the General Roll, did not vote at Lake Albert polling-booth on that day.

Witness :—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

ARTHUR GRAHAM.

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Wagga Wagga, 20 November, 1910.

CHRISTOPHER ISAAC ANNISON, Rosebank, dairyman, states :—On the 14th day of October, 1910, I was at the Lake Albert polling-booth all day, as an outside scrutineer in the Liberal interest ; I had a roll with me, and I put a mark against the name of each person who voted at the booth that day, whose name was on the roll for Lake Albert polling-place ; I also wrote the names out in the book of all persons who voted there from other places ; Annie Jackson, No. 96 on the General Roll, voted at the Lake Albert polling-booth ; but Annie Honora Jackson, No. 97 on that roll, did not vote there.

Ethel Josephine Jewell, No. 103 on the General Roll, did not vote at the Lake Albert polling-booth that day.

I live in the district, and am personally acquainted with the three persons mentioned.

Witness—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

C. ANNISON.

Lake Albert, 20 November, 1910.

ANNIE JACKSON states :—I am the wife of John Jackson, and reside on the Forest Hill road, near Lake Albert ; I am the person whose name appears as No. 96 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place ; on the 14th October, 1910, I went, in company with my sister-in-law, Emily Amelia Jackson, No. 98 on the General Roll, and voted at the Lake Albert polling-booth ; I did not vote at any other polling-booth on that day.

Witness :—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

ANNIE JACKSON.

Lake Albert, 20 November, 1910.

ANNIE HONORA JACKSON states :—I am the wife of Patrick Jackson, and reside with him on the Forest Hill road, near Lake Albert ; I am the person whose name appears as No. 97 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place ; on the 14th October, 1910, I voted at the Wagga Wagga polling-booth ; I signed the declaration as Annie Jackson ; I did not vote at Lake Albert polling-booth on that day.

Witness :—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

ANNIE HONORA JACKSON.

Lake Albert, 20 November, 1910.

EMILY AMELIA JACKSON states :—I am the wife of William Jackson, and reside with him near Lake Albert ; I am the person whose name appears as No. 98 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place ; I am a sister-in-law to Annie Jackson, whose name appears as No. 96 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place ; on the 14th day of October, 1910, I accompanied Annie Jackson to Lake Albert, and we both recorded our votes at the Lake Albert polling-booth ; we did not vote at any other polling-place.

Annie Honora Jackson, whose name appears as No. 97 on the General Roll, and who is another sister-in-law of mine, did not vote at Lake Albert, but said she was going to vote at Wagga Wagga polling-place.

Witness :—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

EMILY AMELIA JACKSON.

Lake Albert, 20 November, 1910.

ALBERT JEWELL, of Lake Albert, farmer, states :—I am the person whose name appears as No. 102 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place ; on the 14th day of October, 1910, I accompanied my wife to Wagga Wagga, and we both signed declarations and voted at the Wagga Wagga polling-booth ; we did not vote at Lake Albert or any other polling-booth ; my wife's Christian name is Ethel Josephine, No. 103 on the roll.

Witness :—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

ALBERT JEWELL.

Lake Albert, 20 November, 1910.

ETHEL JOSEPHINE JEWELL states :—I am the wife of Albert Jewell, and reside with him at Lake Albert ; I am the person whose name appears as No. 103 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place ; on the day of the election, 14th October, 1910, I accompanied my husband to Wagga Wagga ; I signed a declaration and voted at the Wagga Wagga polling-booth ; I did not vote at Lake Albert, or any other polling-booth on that day.

Witness :—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

ETHEL JOSEPHINE JEWELL.

### The Inspector-General of Police to The Under Secretary of Justice.

Alleged Double Voting, Murrumbidgee.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 8 December, 1910.

POLICE reports herewith, for information.

T. GARVIN,

Inspector-General of Police.

Referred to the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, who will, perhaps, cause further inquiry to be made regarding the alleged impersonation of George Cross at Coolamon.—J. L. WILLIAMS, Under Secretary (*per G.W.*), B.C., 14/12/10. Mr. Pinnington, Dec. 15, 1910.

*Re* alleged Double Voting, Murrumbidgee Electorate, State Elections, 14th October, 1910.

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 6 December, 1910.

I beg to report that careful and searching inquiries have been made with a view of ascertaining whether the persons referred to in attached list from P. Hann, Esq., Returning Officer, Murrumbidgee Electorate, have been guilty of double voting, but in no instance has it been found that any of the persons named recorded their vote more than once at the State elections on 14th October last. In the case of George Cross, No. 891 on the roll for Wagga Wagga polling-place, it would at present appear as if some person had

had personated him and voted at Coolamon, as the genuine George Cross was undoubtedly at Yabtree, 50 miles distant on election day, and did not leave there after he recorded his vote. Probably some elucidation of the matter could be obtained by referring to the declaration made at Coolamon by the person professing to be George Cross. None of the officials who were at the Coolamon booth are able to throw any light on the matter. In all the other cases referred to by Mr. Hann, an explanation which I have summarised on a form attached, is forthcoming. Statements made by various persons are submitted.

A. MUSGRAVE,

The Superintendent of Police, Albury.

Sub-Inspector.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—WILLIAM PARK, C.O. (abs. Superintendent), Dec. 7, 1910.

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 6 December, 1910.

Re alleged Double Voting, Murrumbidgee Electorate, State Elections, 14th October, 1910. *Précis* of Inquiries made by the Police.

Name.	On Roll for Polling-place.	No.	Polling-place voted at.	Also alleged to have voted Polling-place.	Result of Inquiry made by the Police.
Cross, George .....	Wagga Wagga	891	Yabtree .....	Coolamon.....	This voter did not leave Yabtree, 50 miles from Coolamon, on election day. If any person voted in his name at the latter place, the declaration made, now in possession of the Chief Electoral Officer, would probably afford a clue to his identity.
Jewell, Ethel Josephine	Lake Albert ...	103	Wagga Wagga	Lake Albert.....	A mistake was made by the Deputy Returning Officer at Lake Albert in marking off the name of this person as having voted at that booth. This is borne out by an examination of scrutineers' books and statements of several persons.
Jackson, Annie .....	Lake Albert ...	96	Lake Albert .....	Wagga Wagga	A mistake was made by the Deputy Returning Officer at "J" booth, Wagga, in marking off No. 96 on the roll, instead of No. 97, Annie Honora Jackson (Lake Albert). The latter voted at Wagga, and signed the declaration "Annie Jackson."
Allen, Thomas .....	Narrandera .....	31	Narrandera .....	Berembed Weir	The person who voted at Berembed Weir was Thomas Allen, junior, No. 329 on Supplementary Roll, Narrandera Polling-place List, Deputy Returning Officer apparently marked off No. 31 on principal roll as having voted.
Johnston, Catherine.....	Narrandera .....	869	Narrandera .....	Berembed Weir	The person who voted at Berembed Weir is a woman named Catherine Johnson who resides there, who was qualified to have her name on the roll, but it had been omitted. This woman was under the impression that she was the person referred to, No. 869, Narrandera.
Priest, Sardiam Henry...	Bectric .....	109	Coolamon.....	Bectric .....	There is no person named Sardiam Henry Priest. There is a Sarah Priest, and a William Henry Priest. These names and some others on the same page of the roll, Bectric polling-place, have been made "pie" by the printer, and as a consequence there has been some mistake made in mark-off by the Deputy Returning Officers.

A. MUSGRAVE,

The Superintendent of Police, Albury.

Sub-Inspector.

Re George Cross and Sardiam Henry Priest, supposed Double Voting.

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 13 November, 1910.

For inquiry and report; ascertain whether these persons voted personally at the booths mentioned, together with all particulars necessary to clear the matter up.

A. MUSGRAVE,

Senior-Constable Nickson, Coolamon.

Sub-Inspector.

Police Station, Coolamon, 1 December, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE NICKSON reports that George Cross, of Wagga Wagga, whose name appears on the Wagga Wagga polling-place list, appears to have voted personally at this (Coolamon) booth, as his name, No. 891, is marked off the list as having voted, but neither the Deputy Returning Officer nor the polling clerk have any recollection of the elector.

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There does not appear to be any such person as Priest, Sardin Henry, from Bectric, recording his vote at the Coolamon booth, which appears on the Bectric list, No. 109, Priest, Saraiam Henry, and he concluded there was a mistake in the spelling of his name, as several mistakes appear in that column of Christian names on the Bectric list.

Mr. Phillip White, who acted as Deputy Returning Officer at Bectric, has been interviewed by the Coolamon police in the matter, and he distinctly states that Priest, Saraiam Henry, No. 109 on the Bectric list, did not record his vote at the Bectric polling-booth.

Bectric is 25 miles from Coolamon, which accounts for the delay in furnishing this report

The Sub-Inspector of Police, Wagga Wagga.

E. NICKSON,  
Senior Constable.

*Re Supposed Double Voting.*

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 13 November, 1910.

For inquiry and report; ascertain if George Cross voted personally at Yabtree, and, if he did so, whether he left the place, and is likely to have gone to Coolamon.

Constable Pye, Tarcutta.

A. MUSGRAVE  
Sub-Inspector.

Police Station, Tarcutta, 17 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE E. H. PYE, No. 6,870, reports, in reference to the attached paper, he made diligent inquiries at Yabtree Station, and the within-named George Cross voted personally at Yabtree polling-place, making the required declaration before the Deputy Returning Officer before doing so, and he never left the Station after recording his vote. He is employed there up to the present.

Sub-inspector Musgrave, Wagga Wagga.

E. H. PYE,  
First-class Constable.

*Re cases of alleged Double Voting in Murrumbidgee Electorate at General Election, 14th October, 1910.*

Police Station, Narrandera, 18 November, 1910.

I BEG to report that I have made inquiry with reference to alleged double voting in names of Thomas Allen and Catherine Johnson.

Thomas Allen.—There are two voters of this name on the roll for the Murrumbidgee—father and son—the father being No. 31 on the Principal Roll, and the son No. 329 on the Supplementary Roll, both for Narrandera polling-place. The father voted at Narrandera and the son at Berembd Weir, so that, unless three men of the name voted, there seems to have been no mistake, except that the officials at Berembd Weir marked off No. 31, Principal Roll, instead of No. 329, Supplementary Roll. No information can be got at present of any other Thomas Allen having voted.

Catherine Johnson.—Catherine Johnson, whose name appears on the roll, voted at Narrandera. A woman named Catherine Johnson, whose name is not on the roll but which should have been, voted at Berembd Weir. This latter person once lived at Ferrier Town, Narrandera, so that a *bona-fide* error seems to have occurred, especially as her name appeared on the Federal roll, and she voted in April last, though it has been omitted by some means from the State roll, though she is fully qualified. Statements attached.

The papers are forwarded to Sub-Inspector Musgrave, as directed.

Sub-Inspector Musgrave, Wagga Wagga.

J. SOMERVAILLE,  
Sub-Inspector.

Yanco Creek, Narrandera, 16 November, 1910.

THOMAS ALLEN, fisherman, Yanco Creek, states:—I remember election day, 14th October, 1910; on that day I went to Narrandera and recorded my vote along with my wife; it would be about 11 o'clock when we voted; after voting, we returned to Yanco Creek; I was not at Berembd Weir on election day, 14th October, 1910.

Witness:—J. SOMERVAILLE, Sub Insp.

THOMAS ALLEN. ;

The above is the person enrolled as No. 31, Murrumbidgee General Electoral Roll, Narrandera polling-place.—J. SOMERVAILLE, Sub-Insp.

Yanco Creek, Narrandera, 16 November, 1910.

SUSAN ALLEN, Yanco Creek, states:—I am the wife of Thomas Allen, fisherman; he and I went to Narrandera on election day, 14th October last, and recorded our vote; after which we returned to Yanco Creek; Thomas Allen was not at Berembd Weir on election day, 14th October, 1910.

Witness:—J. SOMERVAILLE, Sub-Insp.

SUSAN ALLEN.

Narrandera, 16 November, 1910.

THOMAS ALLEN, labourer, at present residing at Tattersalls' Hotel, Narrandera, states:—I am a son of Thomas Allen, fisherman, Yanco Creek, and I am the person whose name appears on the Supplementary Electoral Roll for Narrandera polling-place, Murrumbidgee electorate, and numbered 329.

At the time of the election I was employed at Deepwater shearing-shed, near Berembd Weir, and on 14th October last I proceeded to the polling-place at Berembd Weir, the nearest to Deepwater, and recorded my vote as an elector of the Murrumbidgee; all electors got two hours off for the purpose of voting, and I returned to Deepwater as soon as I voted; I came in with James Edmonds, of Wagga Wagga, who was shearing at Deepwater; I told the Returning Officer I was on the Narrandera roll, and he gave me a paper, which I signed; I do not know whether the Returning Officer looked for my name in the original or supplementary roll; I did not vote anywhere else; I do not know of any other Thomas Allen except my father and myself.

Witness:—J. SOMERVAILLE, Sub-Insp.

THOMAS ALLEN.

Thomas Allen mentioned above is the person enrolled as No. 329, Murrumbidgee Supplementary Roll, Narrandera polling place.—J. SOMERVAILLE, Sub-Insp.

Narrandera

Narrandera, 16 November, 1910.

CATHERINE JOHNSON, Chantilly-street, Ferrier Town, Narrandera, states:—I am the wife of Martin Johnson, machine expert; on the 14th October, 1910, in company with my sister, Mrs. Emily Lewis, I visited the polling-booth at the Council Chambers, Narrandera, and recorded my vote; it would be about half-past 4 o'clock in the afternoon; my name appears on the roll as No. 869, Narrandera polling-place, Murrumbidgee electorate; I was never away from Narrandera on that date; I do not know any other Catherine Johnson, and I have never been at Berembod Weir.

Witness:—J. SOMERVILLE, Sub-Inspector.

Mrs. CATHERINE JOHNSON.

The above Catherine Johnson is the person enrolled as No. 869 on the Narrandera polling-place, Murrumbidgee electorate.—J. SOMERVILLE, Sub-Insp.

Narrandera, 16 November, 1910.

EMILY LEWIS, off Midgeon-road, Narrandera, states:—I am the wife of William Lewis, maintenance-man; I remember election day, 14 October, 1910; on that day I accompanied my sister, Mrs. Catherine Johnson, to the polling-booth at Narrandera; we entered the polling-booth together and voted, and came away together; it would be about half-past 4 o'clock then. I was in Mrs. Johnson's company; and at her house from about 12 o'clock noon till about half-past 5 o'clock in the evening, when I came home; I am positive my sister was never out of Narrandera on 14 October, 1910.

Witness:—J. SOMERVILLE, Sub-Inspector.

EMILY LEWIS.

Berembod Weir, Narrandera, 17 November, 1910.

HERBERT JOHNSON, ganger, canal works, Berembod, states:—I am the person enrolled as No. 93, Berembod Weir polling-place, Murrumbidgee electorate; I have been employed on canal works in the Narrandera district since May, 1901; the name is misspelt on the roll, but there is no other ganger of the name on the canal works; my wife's name is Catherine Johnson, and she is now residing in No. 9 Moffatt-street, South Yarra, Melbourne; she left here three weeks ago to-day for Melbourne, with the children; she has been with me on the works since May, 1908, and is entitled to vote; from about June to August, 1909, we lived in Ferrier Town, Narrandera, in a house near the railway-crossing on the Grong Grong road, owned by Mr. McLean; I remember election day, 14th October, last; I voted at Berembod Weir, my name being on the roll; a canvasser was round on election morning, and remarked my wife's name was not on the roll; when voting, I asked about it, and said her name should have been on, as she voted at the Federal election; on looking in the Narrandera list, I found the name Catherine Johnson, and as we had lived in Ferrier Town, I thought it was her's, and she went up and voted; I do not know why her name is not on the list, as she is fully qualified; we have lived at Berembod since August, 1909.

Witness:—J. SOMERVILLE, Sub Insp.

H. JOHNSON.

*Re* Cases of alleged Double Voting in Murrumbidgee Electorate at the General Election on 14th October, 1910.

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 21 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE J. BATH reports that he has made careful inquiries with reference to the alleged double voting in the names of Annie Jackson, No. 96, and Ethel Josephine Jewell, No. 103, on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place.

In the case of Annie Jackson, there are two voters of that name on the roll for Lake Albert polling-place, whose first Christian name is Annie, Nos. 96 and 97; Annie Jackson, No. 96, voted at Lake Albert, and Annie Honora Jackson, No. 97, voted at Wagga Wagga, and signed a declaration there, as Annie Jackson, omitting the second Christian name, so that it may be possible that the two voters were ticked off as voting on the one number on the rolls used at both polling-places.

In the case of Ethel Josephine Jewell, No. 103 on the roll, no information can be obtained of a person of that name having voted at Lake Albert. Albert Jewell, No. 102, and his wife, Ethel Josephine Jewell, No. 103 on the roll, both state that they signed declarations and voted at Wagga Wagga, and not at Lake Albert. Statements relative to the matter referred to above have been obtained from Arthur Graham, poll-clerk, Christopher J. Annison, scrutineer at Lake Albert polling-booth; Annie Jackson, Annie Honora Jackson, Emily Amelia Jackson, Albert Jewell, Ethel Josephine Jewell, and are attached herewith.

The senior-constable has examined the roll referred to in Mr. Christopher J. Annison's statement, and finds that there are no marks opposite the Nos. 97 and 103 on the roll, indicating that those persons had voted at the Lake Albert polling-booth.

J. BATH,  
Senior Constable.

Sub-Inspector Musgrave, Wagga Wagga.

Wagga Wagga, 19 November, 1910.

ARTHUR GRAHAM, Lake Albert, dairyman, No. 60 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place, states:—That on the 14th day of October, 1910, I was poll-clerk at the Lake Albert polling-booth; I remember Annie Jackson, No. 96 on the General Roll voting at Lake Albert on that day, but Annie Honora Jackson, No. 97 on the General Roll, did not vote there.

Ethel Josephine Jewell, No. 103 on the General Roll, did not vote at Lake Albert polling-booth on that day.

Witness:—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

ARTHUR GRAHAM.

Wagga Wagga, 20 November, 1910.

CHRISTOPHER ISAAC ANNISON, Rosebank, dairyman, states:—On the 14th day of October, 1910, I was at the Lake Albert polling-booth all day, as an outside scrutineer in the Liberal interest. I had a roll with me, and I put a mark against the name of each person who voted at the booth that day whose name was

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on the roll for Lake Albert polling-place. I also wrote the names out in the book of all persons who voted there from other places. Annie Jackson, No. 96 on the General Roll, voted at the Lake Albert polling-booth, but Annie Honora Jackson, No. 97 on that roll, did not vote there.

Ethel Josephine Jewell, No. 103 on the General Roll, did not vote at the Lake Albert polling-booth that day.

I live in the district, and am personally acquainted with the three persons mentioned.

Witness:—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

C. ANNISON.

Lake Albert, 20 November, 1910.

ANNIE JACKSON states:—I am the wife of John Jackson, and reside on the Forest Hill road, near Lake Albert; I am the person whose name appears as No. 96 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place; on the 14th October, 1910, I went, in company with my sister-in-law, Emily Amelia Jackson, No. 98 on the General Roll, and voted at the Lake Albert polling-booth; I did not vote at any other polling-booth on that day.

Witness:—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

ANNIE JACKSON.

Lake Albert, 20 November, 1910.

ANNIE HONORA JACKSON states:—I am the wife of Patrick Jackson, and reside with him on the Forest Hill road, near Lake Albert; I am the person whose name appears as No. 97 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place; on the 14th October, 1910, I voted at the Wagga Wagga polling-booth; I signed the declaration as Annie Jackson; I did not vote at Lake Albert polling-booth on that day.

Witness:—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

ANNIE HONORA JACKSON.

Lake Albert, 20 November, 1910.

EMILY AMELIA JACKSON states:—I am the wife of William Jackson, and reside with him near Lake Albert; I am the person whose name appears as No. 98 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place; I am a sister-in-law to Annie Jackson, whose name appears as No. 96 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling place; on the 14th day of October, 1910, I accompanied Annie Jackson to Lake Albert, and we both recorded our votes at the Lake Albert polling-booth; we did not vote at any other polling-place.

Annie Honora Jackson, whose name appears as No. 97 on the General Roll, and who is another sister-in-law of mine, did not vote at Lake Albert, but said she was going to vote at Wagga Wagga polling-place.

Witness:—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

EMILY AMELIA JACKSON.

Lake Albert, 20 November, 1910.

ALBERT JEWELL, of Lake Albert, farmer, states:—I am the person whose name appears as No. 102 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place. On the 14th day of October, 1910, I accompanied my wife to Wagga Wagga, and we both signed declarations, and voted at the Wagga Wagga polling-booth; we did not vote at Lake Albert or any other polling-booth; my wife's Christian name is Ethel Josephine, No. 103 on the roll.

Witness:—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

ALBERT JEWELL.

Lake Albert, 20 November, 1910.

ETHEL JOSEPHINE JEWELL states:—I am the wife of Albert Jewell, and reside with him at Lake Albert; I am the person whose name appears as No. 103 on the General Roll for Lake Albert polling-place; on the day of the election, 14th October, 1910, I accompanied my husband to Wagga Wagga; I signed a declaration and voted at the Wagga Wagga polling-booth; I did not vote at Lake Albert or any other polling-booth on that day.

Witness:—J. BATH, Senior Constable.

ETHEL JOSEPHINE JEWELL.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Murrumbidgee Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 December, 1910.

The police report that—"It would at present appear as if some person had at Coolamon impersonated George Cross, No. 891 on Wagga Wagga Polling-place Roll, and as none of the officials who were at the Coolamon booth are able to throw any light on the matter, some elucidation of the occurrence could be obtained by referring to the declaration made by the person who voted as George Cross at Coolamon." As this declaration is not available, being with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, it is submitted that the police be asked if the case is strong enough to proceed under section 90 of the Act No. 33, 1902, and obtain an order of the Court for the production of Schedule 9, bearing the signature required.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., Dec. 17, 1910. Approved.—D.M., Dec. 19, 1910. The Inspector-General of Police.—F. A. COGLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 20/12/1910.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Elliott.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 21 December, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Elliot for further careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,

Inspector-General of Police

(per E.C.D.).

For further attention and report.—W. R. ELLIOTT, Superintendent of Police, Dec. 22, 1910. Sub-Inspr. Musgrave, Wagga Wagga.

**Mr. Police Sub-Inspector Musgrave to Mr. Police-Superintendent Elliott.**

Murrumbidgee Electorate.—Apparent Case of Double Voting.

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 3 January, 1911.

I BEG to report that in view of the fact that there is no clue as to the identity of the person who voted as George Cross, at Coolamon, I do not see that there would be any case to proceed with under section 90 of the Act No. 33, 1902, and apparently by section 101, *idem*, such proceedings must be antecedent to the application for the opening and production of the parcel containing the declaration made by the alleged George Cross, at Coolamon booth.

A. MUSGRAVE,

Sub-Inspector.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—W. R. ELLIOTT, Superintendent. 4th January, 1911.  
The Under Secretary, Department of Chief Secretary, Sydney.—ERNEST C. DAY, Inspector-General of Police, Jan. 6, 1911. Mr. Pinnington, Jan. 10, 1911. Sub. herewith, 10/1/11.

**Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.**

The Murrumbidgee Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 10 January, 1911.

In view of the police report, "that there is no clue to the identity of the person who voted as George Cross, at Coolamon, I do not see that there would be any case to proceed with under section 90 of Act 33, 1902," it is submitted that no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., Jan. 12, 1911.

Approved.—D.M., Jan. 12, 1911.

Mr. Pinnington, Jan. 12, 1911.

**The Returning Officer, Wagga Wagga, to The Chief Electoral Officer.**

Sir,

Wagga Wagga, 28 January, 1911.

Replying to your letter of the 24th, No. 11-12,462, I have the honor of stating that on the 8th of November, 1910, in my communication to the Minister of Justice and yourself I reported six cases of apparent double voting, as shown by scrutiny of the electoral rolls used by the Deputy Returning Officers, and herewith I attach a copy of the names so shown.

Some time afterward the police waited on me, making inquiries, but I was unable to refer to the rolls, as these had been sent to the Minister of Justice. The result of the police inquiries made at the polling-places—Yabtree, Lake Albert, Narrandera, Berembed Weir, Bectric, and Coolamon—showed that the Deputy Returning Officers had apparently made mistakes in marking off the names on the rolls, and if the police reports are obtainable I would refer you to them in this matter. From memory only I think that in three cases the voters were personally known to the Electoral Officers, who stated that double voting had not occurred, and in the other three cases the statements or declarations made seemed so feasible that I considered no action would be taken.

Again, referring to Rule 63, Duties of Returning Officers, I at the time considered it only applied to where improper voting was suspected, and not when supposed cases were found by scrutiny for the Liquor Amendment Act. Your reference to this rule shows that I could have considered differently, and I regret not doing so.

I have, &c.,

P. HANN,

Returning Officer.

Copy of Particulars sent to the Minister of Justice.

On scrutinising the General and Supplemental Electoral Rolls, the following persons have double voted or been represented by others at one or the other of the polling-places:—

Wagga Wagga.—No. 891, Cross, George, Yabtree and Coolamon.

Lake Albert.—No. 103, Jewell, Ethel Josephine, Lake Albert and Wagga Wagga, I to M; No. 96.

Jackson, Annie, Lake Albert and Wagga Wagga, I to M.

Narrandera.—No. 31, Allen, Thomas, Narrandera and Berembed Weir; No. 69, Johnston, Catherine, Narrandera and Berembed Weir.

Bectric.—No. 109, Priest, Sardiam Henry, Bectric and Coolamon.

P. HANN,

Returning Officer.

Wagga Wagga, 7/11/10.

**The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Wagga Wagga.**

Sir,

6 February, 1911.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th January, 1911, referring to Rule 63 in Duties of Returning Officers, and to inform you that the cases of apparent double voting reported by you will be sent on to the police for investigation. You will be informed of the result.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

**Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.**

Apparent Double Voting, Murrumbidgee Electorate.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 6 February, 1911.

SUBMITTED that the papers be referred to the Inspector-General of Police, with a view to an investigation into the six cases of apparent double voting mentioned herein.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police,—For favour of your report.—F. A. COGLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 6/2/1911.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Elliott.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 8 February, 1911.  
REFERRED to Superintendent Elliott for careful inquiries and full report.

ERNEST C. DAY,  
I.-G. Police.

For report.—W. R. ELLIOTT, Superintendent of Police, Feb. 10, 1911. Sub-Insp. Musgrave,  
Wagga Wagga.

The Inspector-General of Police to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 22 February, 1911.  
FORWARDED in connection with other papers transmitted to the Chief Secretary's Office on the 7th ultimo.

ERNEST C. DAY,  
Inspector-General of Police.

Re Apparent Double Voting, Murrumbidgee Electorate.

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 20 February, 1911.

I BEG to report that consequent on previous reports by Mr. Hann, Returning Officer, on the same subject, and with reference to the same names, a full report, result of inquiries made by Wagga Wagga, Narrandera, Coolamon, and Tarcutta police, with statements made by a number of persons, and a *précis*, carbon copy of which is attached herewith, was forwarded to the Superintendent on 6th December last, one copy being for the information of the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, the other for the Chief Electoral Officer. Since these reports were furnished, no additional facts or particulars have transpired. I have interviewed Mr. Hann; it appears that the purport of the present report made by him is with reference to the mistakes made by the Deputy Returning Officers, and his action consequent thereon.

A. MUSGRAVE,  
Sub-Inspector.

The Superintendent of Police, Albury.

Submitted. Please see papers in this matter returned on 4th January last.—WILLIAM PARK, C.O. (abs. Superintendent), Feb. 21, 1911. The Insp.-General of Police.

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 6 December, 1910.

Re Alleged Double Voting, Murrumbidgee Electorate, State Elections, 14th October, 1910. *Précis* of Inquiries made by Police.

Name.	On Roll for Polling-place.	No.	Polling-place voted at.	Also alleged to have voted Polling-place.	Result of Inquiry made by the Police.
Cross, George .....	Wagga Wagga	890	Yabtree .....	Coolamon .....	This voter did not leave Yabtree, 50 miles from Coolamon, on election day. If any person voted in his name at the latter place, the declaration made, now in possession of the Chief Electoral Officer, would probably afford a clue to his identity.
Jewell, Ethel Josephine	Lake Albert.....	103	Wagga Wagga	Lake Albert .....	A mistake was made by the Deputy Returning Officer at Lake Albert in marking off the name of this person as having voted at that booth. This is borne out by an examination of scrutiner's books, and statements of several persons.
Jackson, Annie.....	Lake Albert .....	96	Lake Albert.....	Wagga Wagga	A mistake was made by the Deputy Returning Officer at "J" booth, Wagga, in marking off No. 96 on the roll instead of 97, Annie Honora Jackson (Lake Albert). The latter voted at Wagga, and signed the declaration "Annie Jackson."
Allen, Thomas .....	Narrandera .....	31	Narrandera .....	Berembed Weir	The person who voted at Berembed Weir was Thomas Allen, junior, No. 329 on supplementary roll, Narrandera polling-place list. Deputy Returning Officer apparently marked off No. 31 on principal roll as having voted.
Johnston, Catherine ...	Narrandera .....	869	Narrandera .....	Berembed Weir	The person who voted at Berembed Weir is a woman named Catherine Johnston, who resides there, who was qualified to have her name on the roll, but it had been omitted. This woman was under the impression that she was the person referred to, No. 869, Narrandera.
Priest, Sardiam Henry..	Bectric .....	109	Coolamon.....	Bectric .....	There is no person named Sardiam Henry Priest. There is a Sarah Priest and a William Henry Priest. These names and some others on the same page of the roll, Bectric polling-place, have been made "pie" of by the printer, and as a consequence there has been some mistakes made in marking off by the Deputy Returning Officers.

A. MUSGRAVE,  
Sub-Inspector.

The Superintendent of Police, Albury.

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The Chief Electoral Officer to The Inspector-General of Police.

Sir, State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department,  
Sydney, 25 February, 1911.

In continuation of previous correspondence, I have the honor, by direction of the Chief Secretary, to inform you that, in view of Sub-Inspector Musgrave's report in connection with the alleged impersonation at Coolamon of George Cross, of Wagga Wagga, at last General Election, it has been decided that no further action shall be taken.

I have, &c.,

F. A. COGHLAN,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

For information.—ERNEST C. DAY, Inspector-General of Police, Feb. 28, 1911. The Supt., Police, Albany. For information.—W. R. ELLIOTT, Superintendent of Police, Mar. 2, 1911. Sub-Inspr. Musgrave, Wagga Wagga.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Wagga Wagga.

Sir, 25 February, 1911.

In continuation of previous correspondence, I have the honor, by direction of the Chief Secretary, to inform you that in view of the police report in connection with the alleged impersonation at Coolamon of George Cross, of Wagga Wagga, at the last General Election, it has been decided that no further action shall be taken.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

Mr. Police Sub-Inspector Musgrave to Mr. Police-Superintendent Elliott.

Murrumbidgee Election, 1910.—Alleged Impersonation.

Police Station, Wagga Wagga, 5 March, 1911.

DECISION that no further action is to be taken in connection with the alleged impersonation at Coolamon of George Cross, of Wagga, has been noted.

A. MUSGRAVE,

Sub-Inspector.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—W. R. ELLIOTT, Superintendent of Police, Mar. 6, 1911. Noted and returned.—ERNEST C. DAY, Inspector-General of Police, Mar. 7, 1911. The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney.

Newcastle Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Newcastle, to The Acting Under Secretary.

Sir, 9 Laman-street, Newcastle, 19 October, 1910.

In compliance with your instructions, I have made a scrutiny of all the rolls used in my electorate on the 14th inst., and beg to report that the following electors' names have been marked on two rolls:—

- No. 134, Cook's Hill, Catton, Agnes (marked Cook's Hill and Darby-street rolls).
- No. 753, Cook's Hill, Singleton, Mary Ann (Cook's Hill and Hunter-street West).
- No. 729, Darby-street, Metcalfe, Thomas (Cook's Hill and Darby-street).
- No. 438, Darby-street, Hale, Annie (Darby-street and Hunter-street).
- No. 928, Darby-street, Skinner, George Arthur (Scott-street and Darby-street).
- No. 428, Hunter-street West, Moroney, John (King-street and Hunter-street West).
- No. 418, King-street, Wilson, Fanny (King-street and Scott street).
- No. 59, Stockton, Brooks, Eliza (Stockton and Church-street).
- No. 146, Stockton North Township, Foster, Arthur John (New Town and Fullerton Cove).

In my opinion, 134, Cook's Hill, 753, Cook's Hill, and 59, Stockton, have been wrongly marked by the officers, and the others appear to me to be personation of electors. I have no reason to suspect double voting.

One elector, No. 839, Darling-street polling-place, voted under section 84, Act 33.

Copies of general and supplementary rolls, with all voters marked, have been forwarded to you to-day under separate cover.

Yours, &c.,

J. S. RODGERS,

Returning Officer, Electoral District of Newcastle.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Acting U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/11.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Saunders.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.  
REFERRED to Superintendent Saunders for careful inquiries and report.

T.G.,  
I. G. Police.

Forwarded to Inspector Goulder for inquiry and report.—JOHN SAUNDERS, Superintendent of Police, West Maitland, 1/11/10. Inspector Goulder, Newcastle.

Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 17 November, 1910.  
FORWARDED for information of the Chief Electoral Officer, Chief Secretary's Department.

T. GARVIN,  
I.-G. Police.

*Subject* :—Cases of supposed double voting at the recent Parliamentary Election for the Newcastle Electorate.

Police Station, Newcastle, 15 November, 1910.

I BEG to forward herewith report of Sub-Inspector McHardy, above subject.

GEO. E. GOULDER,  
Inspector.

The Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.

Forwarded for information of the Inspector-General.—JOHN SAUNDERS, Superintendent of Police, West Maitland, 16/11/10. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Parliamentary election at Newcastle.

Police Station, Newcastle, 15 November, 1910.

I BEG to report that I have made careful inquiry into the above-mentioned cases, with the following result :—

- No. 134, Cook's Hill, Catton, Agnes.—There are two persons of this name (mother-in-law and daughter-in-law) both enrolled for Cook's Hill (Nos 134 and 135), one of whom voted at Cook's Hill and the other at Darby-street.
- No. 753, Cook's Hill, Singleton, Mary Ann.—There are two persons of this name (mother and daughter), one of whom is enrolled as Mary Ann Singleton (No. 753, Cook's Hill) and the other is incorrectly enrolled as Ann Singleton (No. 752, Cook's Hill), the former of whom voted as Mary Ann Singleton at Cook's Hill, and the latter as Mary Ann Singleton at Hunter-street West.
- No. 729, Darby-street, Metcalfe, Thomas.—There are two persons of this name (father and son), one of whom is enrolled as No. 729, Darby-street, and voted there; the other is enrolled as No. 307, Junction, and voted at Cook's Hill.
- No. 438, Darby-street, Hale, Annie.—There are two persons of this name, one of whom is enrolled as Hale Annie, No. 438, Darby-street, and voted there; the other is enrolled as Hale Eva, No. 569, Church-street, but is also known as Hale Annie, and voted in the latter name at Hunter-street West.
- No. 928, Darby-street, Skinner, George Arthur, voted at Darby-street, and No. 755, Cook's Hill, Skinner George Herbert, voted at Scott-street, and cannot now be found; but there seems very little doubt that he was marked off as identical with Skinner George Arthur, above-mentioned.
- No. 428, Hunter-street West, Moroney, John.—There are two persons of this name, one of whom is enrolled as No. 428, Hunter-street West, and voted at Hunter-street West; the other is enrolled as No. 760, Darby-street, and voted at King-street.
- No. 418, King-street, Wilson, Fanny.—Voted at King-street, and nowhere else; but the most exhaustive inquiry has failed to disclose who was the person who voted in that name at Scott-street. However this is much more likely to be a mistake due to the habit that some women have of occasionally varying their Christian names than to any deliberate offence against the law.
- No. 59, Stockton, Brooks, Eliza.—There are two persons of this name (mother and daughter), the former of whom is enrolled as No. 59, Stockton, and voted at Stockton; and the latter is enrolled as No. 60, Stockton, and voted at Church-street.
- No. 146, Stockton New Township, Foster, Arthur John.—There are two persons of this name, one of whom is enrolled as above and voted at Stockton New Township; and the other, who formerly resided at Stockton New Township but now resides near Fullerton Cove and is not enrolled at all, voted at Fullerton Cove under the *bona fide* impression that he was the person enrolled as above.

C. F. McHARDY,  
Sub-Inspector.

Inspector Goulder, Newcastle.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Newcastle Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 21 November, 1910.

By the police report there are two persons of the same name in eight of the cases mentioned, and no case of double voting occurred; the rolls evidently having been wrongly marked by the booth officials. The case of Fanny Wilson was inquired into by the Sub-Inspector, but no trace of the person who voted at Scott-street could be found.

It is submitted that the Returning Officer be informed, and no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Approved.—F.A.C., U.S., 21/11/10. Letter to R.O., 23/11/10.

## The Chief Electoral Registrar to The Returning Officer, Newcastle.

Sir,

23 November, 1910.

Referring to the cases of apparent double voting in the Newcastle Electorate, reported in your letter of the 19th October, I have the honor to inform you that, as a result of a police inquiry, it has been ascertained that there are two persons of the same name in eight of the cases mentioned, and no case of double voting occurred; the rolls having been wrongly marked by the booth officials. With regard to the case of Fanny Wilson, the police could find no trace of the person who voted at Scott-street.

I may add that, under the circumstances, it is not proposed to take any further action.

I have, &amp;c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

## Newtown Electorate.

## The Returning Officer, Newtown, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Dear Sir,

"Ardwick," Erskineville-road, Newtown, 19 October, 1910,

With reference to your circular of the 15th instant *re* the representation of double voting having taken place in the Newtown Electorate, I beg to state that I have very carefully examined the rolls, &c., and can only find evidence of three cases, which I append, and which have not been allowed in the count of votes.

I have, &amp;c.,

EDWIN WILLIAMS,

Returning Officer.

*Erskineville Roll.*

2922—Fowler, George, 22, Lambert-street.

2848—Teahan, Margaret, 126, Union-street.

2990—Walsh, Francis, 28, Toogood-street.

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Officer.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Officer.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Acting U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

## The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Sherwood for careful inquiry and report by an intelligent non-commissioned officer.

T.G.,

I.-G. Police.

Mr. McCrimmon.—A.R.S., Supt., 1/11/10. Sgt. Mitchell.—J.McC., 1/11/10.

## Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Double Voting, Newtown Electorate.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 14 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

THOMAS GARVIN,

Inspector-General of Police

(per E.C.D.).

*Re* Cases of alleged Double Voting in Newtown Electorate.

No. 5 Police Station, Newtown, 11 November, 1910.

SERGEANT MITCHELL reports having given this matter very careful attention and inquiry, with the following result:—

*Re* George Towler.—The Erskineville Polling-place Roll shows—2922, Towler, George, 22, Lambert-street; 2923, Towler, Margaret Agnes, 22, Lambert-street.

Margaret Agnes voted at the Erskineville Town Hall at 8 a.m.; and when her husband, George Towler, went, about 2.30 p.m., to the same place to vote, he was informed that his name was marked off as having already voted.

An examination of the marked roll at the Electoral Office shows that the wife's name is not marked off as having voted at all. It is, therefore, clear that when the wife voted her husband's name was marked off, in error, for her own, so that, instead of double voting, George Towler was deprived of his vote altogether.

*Re* Margaret Teahan.—The Erskineville Polling-place Roll shows—2847, Teahan, Mary Ellen; 2848, Teahan, Margaret. The King-street Polling-place Roll shows—2569, Teahan, Bridget; 2570, Teahan Michael.

Mary Ellen voted at Erskineville Town Hall early in the day. Bridget voted at the same place, although enrolled at King-street, about 3 p.m., without a declaration. Michael voted at Newtown Public School. Margaret, about 5.30 p.m., went to Erskineville Town Hall to vote, and was told her name was marked off as having already voted.

An examination of the marked roll at the Electoral Office shows that Bridget's name is not marked off as having voted at all. From this it is clear that Bridget voted at Erskineville Town Hall, where she was treated as if she were Margaret, so that not only was there no double-voting, but Margaret Teahan was in this way deprived of her vote.

*Re Francis Walsh.*—He states he went to vote at Erskineville Town Hall at 9 a.m., and was informed his name had been marked off as having already voted; and there is no reason to suppose he tried to vote twice, or that some other person voted in his name. There is every reason to believe that his name was marked in error for some other person of the same name, as several of that name did not vote at all.

All three cases occurred at the same booth, and it is quite clear that no double-voting took place.

Sub-Inspector McCrimmon, No. 5 Division.

GEORGE A. MITCHELL,  
Sergeant.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Sydney.—Jno. McCrimmon, Sub-Inspector, 12/11/10.  
Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent of Police, 12/11/1910.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Newtown Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 19 November, 1910.

THE Returning Officer recently reported three cases of apparent double voting. The papers were forwarded to the police for inquiry. The police report that in two cases the wrong name was ticked on the roll by the poll-clerk, and that consequently no double voting occurred; on the other hand, as the votes tendered by the electors were retained as open votes, the error made resulted in such persons being improperly deprived of their vote. In the third case it has been found by the police that several other persons of the same name are not ticked on the roll as having voted, and it therefore appears probable that the elector was deprived of his vote in the same manner.

Submitted that the papers be referred to the Returning Officer for his information, so that he may take steps to prevent the same persons who acted as poll-clerks in connection with the cases mentioned, being again employed in that capacity.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Approved.—F.A.C., U.S., 21/11/10. Mr. Pinnington, 21/11/10. Letters and papers to R.O., 21/11/10.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Newtown.

Sir, State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 21 November, 1910.

With reference to the cases of apparent double voting reported by you in connection with the recent election, I have now the honor to invite your attention to the accompanying police reports on the subject, from which it will be seen that no double voting occurred in the majority of the cases mentioned, but, on the other hand, certain persons were deprived of their votes by reason of the carelessness of the poll-clerks in ticking the roll. I am accordingly to request that you will take such steps as will prevent the officers who were responsible for these errors being again employed in connection with electoral work. Please return the papers to me when noted.

I have, &c.,  
F. A. COGHLAN,  
Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### The Returning Officer, Newtown, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Dear Sir, "Ardwick," Erskineville road, Newtown, 25 November, 1910.

Your letter of 21st instant duly to hand *re* apparent double voting. I regret very much that mistakes have been made, and will take care that the officers responsible shall not be employed by me again. I herewith return the papers.

I have, &c.,  
E. WILLIAMS,  
Returning Officer, Newtown.

### Northumberland Electorate.

### The Returning Officer, Northumberland, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir, Wyong, 6 January, 1911.

I have the honor to forward, under separate cover, a copy of the electoral roll for my district, to which has been transferred the distinguishing mark to indicate every voter who has voted in my district at the General Election held in October last. It has been found that the following persons have voted twice, viz. :—

Elizabeth Francis Kenny, 1136, Cessnock Roll, voted at Cessnock and at Millfield.

Thomas Oswald, 1606, Cessnock Roll, voted at Cessnock and at Aberdare.

James Butler, 254, Kurri Kurri Roll, voted at Kurri Kurri and at Pelaw Main.

George Chapman, 301, Kurri Kurri Roll, voted at Kurri Kurri and at Weston.

James Johnson, 56, Rhondda Roll, voted at Rhondda and at Teralba.

I have, &c.,  
W. J. CHAPMAN,  
Returning Officer for Northumberland.

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**Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.**

Northumberland Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 13 January, 1911.

SUBMITTED that the papers be forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police, with a view to inquiries being made regarding the cases of apparent double voting referred to in the report of the Returning Officer for the Northumberland Electorate.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 13/1/1911.

**The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Saunders.**

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 16 January, 1911.

REFERRED for very careful inquiries and report.

ERNEST C. DAY,  
I.G. Police.

Forwarded to Senior-Constable Nowland for careful inquiry and report as regards persons residing in Cessnock patrol area. Return papers through Kurri Kurri and Teralba for like attention as regards persons residing in their respective patrol areas.—JOHN SAUNDERS, Superintendent of Police, West Maitland, 18/1/1911. Senior-Constable Nowland, Cessnock.

**Mr. Police Sub-Inspector Bear to The Inspector-General of Police.**

*Subject:—Re apparent Double Voting in Northumberland Electorate at the General Election in October last.*

Police Department, West Maitland, 14 February, 1911.

I BEG to forward the attached police reports having reference to the above subject for information of the Inspector-General.

JOSEPH BEAR,  
Sub-Inspector (in absence of Superintendent).

Police reports herewith for information.—ERNEST C. DAY, Inspector-General of Police. The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 15/2/1911.

*Subject:—Re Apparent Double Voting by Elizabeth Frances Kenny, No. 1136, and Thomas Oswald, No. 1606, Cessnock Roll, Northumberland Electorate.*

Police Station, Cessnock, 28 January, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE NOWLAND reports that, from very careful inquiries made, he finds that Elizabeth Frances Kenny did not vote at Cessnock at the last State General Election, she having business at Wollombi on that day. In company with her husband (after making the necessary declaration), voted at Millfield, which is on the way to Wollombi. Elizabeth Frances Kenny is well known to the Senior-Constable and Constable Noble, who were in attendance at the Cessnock polling-booth on that day, and neither the Senior-Constable nor Constable Noble saw her near the Cessnock booth.

In the case of Thomas Oswald, voting at Cessnock and Aberdare, there are two Thomas Oswalds residing at Cessnock—one a machine man at the colliery, and one a miner—and there is only one Thomas Oswald on the roll. Thomas Oswald, the machine man, states that he voted at Cessnock polling-booth; and Thomas Oswald, miner, states that he, believing that he was the man referred to on the roll (after making a declaration), voted at Aberdare.

Sub-Inspector Bear, West Maitland.

E. H. NOWLAND,  
Senior Constable.

*Subject:—Alleged Double Voting by James Butler, 254 Kurri Kurri Roll, voting at Kurri Kurri and Pelaw Main; and George Chapman, 301 Kurri Kurri Roll, voting at Kurri Kurri and at Weston.*

Police Station, Kurri Kurri, 4 February, 1911.

SERGEANT SNUSHALL reports that James Butler, who voted at Kurri Kurri, is a resident of Kurri Kurri, and is a son of the James Butler who resides at Pelaw Main, and the latter is the person who voted at Pelaw Main; but as his name was not on the roll, he made an affidavit, or declaration, that he had been residing at Pelaw Main for several years, on which he was allowed to vote; so that the James Butler of Kurri Kurri did not vote at both places.

George Chapman, who voted at Kurri Kurri, is a well-known resident of Kurri Kurri, and he did not go to, or vote at, Weston on polling-day; but he states there was another man named George Chapman residing at Weston at the time of the elections, and possibly the latter is the person who voted at Weston.

Sub-Inspector Bear, West Maitland.

J. C. R. SNUSHALL,  
Sergeant.

As the Sergeant has been informed there was a man named George Chapman residing at Weston, and who was working at Hebburn Colliery at the time of the last General Elections in October, would Senior-Constable White be good enough to make the necessary inquiries as to whether he is the person who is said to have voted at Weston.

Forward papers to Teralba direct, as directed by the Superintendent's Memo. of 18/1/11, attached hereto.—J. C. R. SNUSHALL, Sergeant, Kurri Kurri, 4/2/11. Senior-Constable White, Weston.

*Subject:—*

*Subject*:—Alleged Double Voting at Weston on 14th October, 1910, by one "George Chapman."

Police Station, Weston, 9 February, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE WHITE, No. 5,601, reports that there is no person by the name of George Chapman residing in Weston at the present time, nor can any trace be obtained of a person by that name being a resident of Weston on or about the 14th of October last.

There is a man, "John Robert Chapman," residing in Station-street, Weston, and working as a wheeler in the Hebburn Colliery, under the name of "George Chapman." He states that he voted at the Weston polling-booth on the 14th October last, after signing a declaration form that his name was on the Kurri Kurri Roll for the Northumberland Electorate, and that he signed the form "J. R. Chapman."

A scrutiny of the Kurri Kurri Roll fails to find any such name as "John Robert Chapman" on them. As the man is better known as "George Chapman," and works under that name, it appears possible that a mistake was made and he thought that he was the person referred to as "George Chapman," No. 301, Kurri Kurri Roll. An examination of the declaration form made by him on the 14th October, 1910, will show if it is made out in the name of George Chapman and signed "J. R. Chapman" as he alleges, or George Chapman.

There does not appear to be any doubt but that "John Robert Chapman," of Station-street, Weston, is the person who voted as "George Chapman" at the Weston polling-booth on the 14th October last.

J. S. WHITE,  
Senior Constable.

Sub-Inspector Bear, West Maitland.

All papers forwarded to Teralba Police this date, 9/2/1911.

*Subject*:—Apparent Double Voting by James Johnston, No. 50 on Rhondda Roll, Northumberland Electoral District, at the State Election, on 14th October last.

Police Station, Teralba, 11 February, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE GILLIS reports, from inquiries made, it is evident that James Johnston, No. 56 on Rhondda State Electoral Roll, did not vote twice on the 14th October last at the State Election, he having voted at Rhondda only. There is another "James Johnston" who formerly resided in Rhondda, but had been absent at the time the electoral roll was collected and compiled by the police, he having subsequently returned and being resident of Teralba for some time before and at the date of the election, he recorded his vote at Teralba polling-place by making a declaration that he was the James Johnston referred to as No. 56 on the electoral roll for Rhondda.

He now states that he verily believed that he was the person enrolled as James Johnston on the Rhondda Roll at the time. He also states that while he was absent from the Northumberland Electoral District, he was residing and working at the North Coast Railway line between Paterson and Dungog, and that he then applied and had his name enrolled on the State Electoral Roll at Clarence Town.

As a matter of fact, his name was not enrolled for any part of the Northumberland Electoral District on the 14th October last (polling-day), yet he is enrolled on the Commonwealth Roll, Teralba, Division of Hunter, and he states he voted at the last Commonwealth Election on 13th April last, but he is described on that roll as a labourer, and the James Johnston, No. 56 on the Rhondda Roll, is described as a miner.

JAMES GILLIS,  
Senior Constable.

Inspector Banks, Newcastle.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.—H. S. BANKS, Inspector, Newcastle, 13/2/1911.

### Minute by The Chief Electoral Registrar.

Northumberland Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 18 February, 1911.

FROM the police reports it appears that, with the exception of the case of Elizabeth Frances Kenny, Cessnock Polling-place Roll, all the apparent double voting has been caused by two persons of the same name having been allowed to vote under the one enrolment.

It is submitted that the papers be referred to the Inspector-General of Police with a view of ascertaining if any of the following persons voted, as by the marked roll they did not vote on the 14th October, 1910, and the roll may have been wrongly marked:—1134, Kenny, Catherine, Wollombi-street, domestic duties; 1138, Kenny, John, Wollombi-street, butcher; 1139, Kenny, Mary, Wollombi-street, domestic duties.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 18/2/1911.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Saunders.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 20 February, 1911.

FOR Superintendent Saunders' information, and further inquiries and report.

E. C. DAY,  
I.-G. Police.

Forwarded to Senior-Constable Nowland for further inquiries and report re the persons named in the attached Memo., dated 18th instant, from the Principal Electoral Registrar. Return through Sub-Inspector Bear.—JOHN SAUNDERS, Superintendent of Police, West Maitland, 22/2/11. Senior Constable Nowland, Cessnock.

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The Inspector-General of Police to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

Double Voting, Northumberland Electorate.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 1 March, 1911.

POLICE reports herewith, for information.

ERNEST C. DAY,  
Inspector-General of Police.

Submitted that the papers be forwarded to the Returning Officer for his perusal, and also for any further comment he may desire to make.—S. J. PINNINGTON, Principal Electoral Registrar, B.C., 3/3/11. App.—F.A.C., 3/3/11. W. J. Chapman, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Wyong. It would appear that this matter has been well investigated, with very satisfactory results.—W. J. CHAPMAN, Returning Officer, Wyong, 18/3/11. The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, 22/3/11.

*Subject* :—Northumberland Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

Police Station, Cessnock, 26 February, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE NOWLAND reports that he has seen Catherine Kenny, No. 1134 on Electoral Roll; she states that she did not vote on the 14th October, 1910. John Kenny, No. 1138, and Mary Kenny, No. 1139, had left Cessnock previous to the 14th of October, 1910, and were not at Cessnock on that date.

E. H. NOWLAND,  
Senior Constable.

Sub-Inspector Bear, West Maitland.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.—JOSEPH BEAR, Sub-Inspector, West Maitland, 27/2/11. Forwarded for information of the Inspector-General.—JOHN SAUNDERS, Superintendent of Police, North eastern District, 28/2/11. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

Orange Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Orange, to The Chief Secretary, Chief Secretary's Office.

General Election, Orange, 1910.

Sir,

Orange, 29 October, 1910.

I have the honor to report that I have transferred from the certified rolls used in this electoral district, as received from the Deputy Returning Officer, on to a fair copy of the roll for this district, the distinguishing mark indicating every voter who voted at the poll taken on 14th October, inst.

I find that the only instances in which the same number has been marked at more than one polling-place are with regard to:—

1766. Orange—M'Guinness, Mary, voted at Orange and East Orange.

1768. M'Guinness, Mary, not marked as having voted.

359. East Orange—Dwyer, Patrick, appears to have voted at East Orange and Molong. (The Presiding Officer at East Orange states that 358, Dwyer, Michael, voted there, and the poll-clerk made the prescribed mark opposite 359, Dwyer, Patrick, in error.)

From the scrutiny made, I am satisfied that no person voted twice throughout this electorate.

Copy of roll forwarded under separate cover.

I have, &c.,

J. M. PAUL,  
Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Orange.

Minute by The Chief Electoral Registrar.

Orange Electorate.—Report as to Cases of apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 2 November, 1910.

FROM the attached report by the Returning Officer, it will be seen that, when preparing the scrutiny roll from the rolls used at the various polling-places, two cases of apparent double voting were detected. As a result of inquiry, the Returning Officer traced similar names which had not been marked as having voted, notwithstanding that such persons had registered their votes. The cases, therefore, appear to be merely clerical errors. As the Returning Officer states that he is satisfied no double voting occurred, it is submitted that no further action be taken in the matter.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Approved, but include in return of all electorates.—F.A.C., 3/11/10.

Paddington Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Paddington, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Town Hall, Paddington, 20 October, 1910.

Enclosed please find a General and Supplementary Roll for the Electoral District of Paddington, marked in accordance with Section 58, Act 41, 1906, Regulation 20 of 17th June, 1910, and Rule 63 in "Duties of Returning Officers."

After a very careful and systematic scrutiny of the Deputy Returning Officer's rolls used on polling-day, I am pleased to report that the only doubtful case is No. 157 on Glenmore-road Supplementary Roll, which is ticked on rolls as having voted in Booth "A to B," and also in Booth "L to M," at Glenmore-road Polling-place.

Yours, &c.,

TOM GEORGE,  
Returning Officer, Electoral District of Paddington.

Minute

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of Apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under Section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Actg. U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 27/10/10.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Sherwood for careful inquiry and report by an intelligent non-commissioned officer.

T.G.,  
I.-G. Police.

Mr. S. Matthews.—A.R.S., Supt., 1/11/10.

### The Inspector-General of Police to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 4 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for information.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.-G. Police  
(per E.C.D.).

*Re* Case of Apparent Double Voting in the case of Edward Bertram Lawrence, 33 Gurner-street, Paddington, at the recent Paddington Election.

No. 10 Police Station, Paddington, 3 November, 1910.

SERGEANT ENRIGHT reports that Edward Bertram Lawrence is the person represented as No. 157 in the Supplementary State Electoral Roll for the Electoral District of Paddington.

The evidence available goes to show that Mr. Lawrence did not vote twice on the occasion referred to.

Mr. James Galbraith McElveney, of 157 Sutherland-street, Paddington, was Deputy Returning Officer for the Booth "A to B." He states that he distinctly remembers Mr. Lawrence coming into Booth "A to B," for he said to Mr. Lawrence, "You will have to go to 'L,'" the ambiguous expression causing a general laugh in the booth.

The Deputy Returning Officer, Mr. McElveney, also states that Mr. Lawrence did not vote in Booth "A to B," and if the roll used in that booth shows that he did, it would be a clerical error.

JAS. E. ENRIGHT,  
Sergeant.

Sub-Inspector Matthews, No. 10 Station.

Forwarded to the Supt. of Police, Sydney.—S. MATTHEWS, Sub-Inspector, 3 Nov., 1910.  
Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent, 4 Nov., 1910.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Paddington Electorate.—Case of apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 9 November, 1910.

THE police report that the case of apparent double voting, reported by the Returning Officer in connection with the recent election, appears to have been simply a case of clerical error on the part of the poll-clerk.

Submitted that the Returning Officer be informed.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 11/11/10. Approved.—D.M., 15/11/10.

### The Chief Electoral Officer, to The Returning Officer, Paddington.

Sir,

16 November, 1910.

With reference to the case of apparent double voting by Edward Bertram Lawrence, in connection with the recent Election, I have the honor to inform you that from inquiries made by the police it appears that the Deputy Returning Officer at Booth "A to B" remembers Mr. Lawrence having made inquiry at such booth concerning his vote; and further, that he (the Returning Officer) referred Mr. Lawrence to the proper booth; that Mr. Lawrence did not record his vote at Booth "A to B"; and that consequently a mistake had been made in ticking his name off the roll for such polling-booth. In the circumstances, the Chief Secretary has decided that no further action shall be taken in the matter.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

Petersham



## Petersham Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Petersham, to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

Sir,

8 Frederick-street, Petersham, 26 October, 1910.

Under separate cover I have the honor to forward copy of the roll used at the State election held on the 14th instant, duly marked with a tick against the names of those who voted.

On comparing the rolls used at the different polling-places, it would appear that the following persons voted more than once, viz.:—Lewisham—2972, Margaret Mitchell, voted at Lewisham and Sydney; 3602, Agnes Ryan, voted at Lewisham and Petersham; 3835, John Smith, voted at Lewisham and Sydney; 3997, Edith Swinson, voted at Lewisham and Petersham; 4391, Elizabeth Williams, voted at Lewisham and Petersham; 231, Alfred James Barton, voted at Lewisham and Sydney. In this case the roll is not too distinctly marked at Lewisham polling-place. Supplementary: 340, Margaret Primrose, marked as having voted in A—D and K—Q divisions of Lewisham.

The following persons voted who were reported by the electoral registrar to have obtained transfers to other electorates, viz.:—Enmore—130, John Brown, transferred to Kogarah; 1458, Leah Weekley, transferred to Marrickville. Petersham—304, Ethel May Brown, transferred to Burwood; 1597, Mary M'Ilwraith, transferred to Ashfield.

The following persons, reported by the registrar to have left the address on roll, also voted:—Enmore: 347, Jean Donaldson; 651, Catherine Hudson; 1457, Alfred Vickery Weekley. Petersham: 398, Harold John Gladstone Caldwell; 506, Isabel Mary Coleman; 721, George Dummett; 1271, Margaret Hurley; 2372, Herbert Smith.

The total number of persons whose names are marked on the rolls as having voted is 7,826, but the ballot papers used totalled 7,863, or thirty seven more. Presuming the seven persons named above voted twice, this would still leave thirty votes recorded more than names marked off; but this may possibly be accounted for by some or all of the officials having omitted to cross out certain names during times when there was a rush of voters in the respective booths.

I shall be glad to be informed whether it is advisable for me to retain the rolls used by the presiding officers any longer, or whether I am to forward them on at once, with other parcels, to the Clerk of Parliament.

I have, &c.,

F. A. MORGAN,

Returning Officer.

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Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of Apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 29 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COCHLAN, Actg. U.S. and C.E.O., B.C., 29/10/10.

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The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 1 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Sherwood for very careful inquiries and report by an intelligent non-commissioned officer.

THOMAS GARVIN,

I.G. Police

(per E.C.D.).

Mr. Brooks.—A.R.S., Supt., 2/11/10. Sergt. Curtis.—M. Brooks, S. Insp., 2/11/10.

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Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Double Voting, Petersham.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 21 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, Chief Secretary's Department.

THOMAS GARVIN,

Inspector-General of Police

(per E.C.D.).

Re Cases of apparent Double Voting, &c., in connection with the recent Election.—Petersham Electorate.

No. 11 Police Station, Petersham, 20 November, 1910.

SERGEANT CURTIS reports that he has made careful inquiries into the cases of alleged double voting, with the following result:—

Lewisham, No. 2972.—Margaret Mitchell voted at Sydney but not at Lewisham. Her sister, Mary Mitchell, No. 2973, voted at Lewisham, and was not marked off as having voted there, so there is no doubt an error was made in marking off No. 2972 instead of No. 2973, at Lewisham.

Lewisham, No. 3602.—Agnes Ryan voted at Petersham but not at Lewisham. No. 3601, Agnes Ryan, voted at Lewisham, but is not marked off as having voted there, and there is no doubt an error was made in marking off No. 3602 instead of No. 3601, at Lewisham.

Lewisham, No. 3835.—John Smith voted at Lewisham but not at Sydney. No. 3836, John Smith, jun., voted at Sydney, and is not marked off as having voted there; no doubt the error occurred in marking off No. 3835 instead of No. 3836, at Sydney. Lewisham,

- Lewisham, No. 3997.—Edith Swinson voted at Petersham but not at Lewisham. No. 3998, Frederick L. Swinson, voted at Lewisham, but is not marked off as having voted there, so no doubt an error was made in marking No. 3997 instead of No. 3998, at Lewisham.
- Lewisham, No. 4391.—Elizabeth Williams voted at Petersham but not at Lewisham; two other electors of the same name (Nos. 4389 and 4390) voted at Lewisham, and the Sergeant is of opinion that an error must have been made in marking off the names at Lewisham.
- Lewisham, No. 231.—Alfred James Barton voted at Sydney, where he is in business, but he did not vote at Lewisham. He is a highly respectable man, and there is no doubt a mistake was made in marking his name off at Lewisham.
- Lewisham, No. 340 (Supplementary).—Margaret Primrose voted in the K to Q division at Lewisham. On entering the booth no doubt she inquired at the A to D division, and was probably marked off there in mistake.

*Re persons voting reported transferred to other electorates.*

- Enmore, No. 130.—John Brown, removed to Kogarah, and applied for a transfer, but whose name did not appear on the Kogarah Roll, voted at Enmore, but he did not vote at Kogarah. He had been absent from Petersham about five months.
- Enmore, No. 1458.—Leah Weekley, removed to Marrickville, and applied for a transfer, but in the meantime had removed to Annandale Electorate. She voted at Stanmore, and did not vote at Marrickville.
- Petersham, No. 304.—Ethel May Brown is not identical with Ethel May Brown transferred to Burwood. Transferee formerly resided at 29 Percival-road, Petersham, which is in the Annandale Electorate.
- Petersham, No. 1597.—Mary McIlwraith is not identical with Mary McIlwraith transferred to Ashfield. Transferee is identical with Petersham No. 1598, Mary McIlwraith, junior, now on Ashfield Roll as Mary Short.

*Re persons voting reported to have left address on Roll.*

- Enmore, No. 347.—Jean Donaldson left address on Roll five weeks before the elections and went to live at 92 Chapel-street, Marrickville. She voted at Enmore, and her name does not appear on any other Roll.
- Enmore, No. 651.—Catharine Hudson left address on Roll about six months ago, but she did not leave the electorate, and has since resided at "Matta," Sebastopol-street, Enmore, and she voted at Enmore.
- Enmore, No. 1457.—Alfred V. Weekley left electorate to reside in Petersham-road, Marrickville, but prior to the elections removed to Lincoln-street, Stanmore, in the Annandale Electorate. He voted at Stanmore, and his name was on no other Roll but Petersham.
- Petersham, No. 398.—Harold John Gladstone Caldwell was only temporarily absent, and at date of elections was living at address on the Roll and voted at Sydney.
- Petersham, No. 506.—Isabel Mary Coleman was only temporarily absent, and at the date of the elections she was living at address on the Roll and voted at Sydney.
- Petersham, No. 721.—George Dummett removed from address on Roll to 55 Palace-street, in the same Polling-place of Electorate.
- Petersham, No. 1271.—Margaret Hurley is still at the address on Roll. She is married, and is now Margaret Byrne. She voted as Margaret Hurley, as her marriage name was not on the Roll.
- Petersham, No. 2372.—Herbert Smith has never been absent from the address on the Roll.

JOHN A. CURTIS,

Sergeant.

Sub-Inspector Brooks, Petersham.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Sydney.—M. BROOKS, Sub-Inspector, 20/11/10.  
Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent, Nov. 21, 1910.

**Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.**

Petersham Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Bridge-street, Sydney, 1 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the papers be referred to the Returning Officer for his perusal, and any comment he may desire to make.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

F. A. Morgan, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, 8 Frederick-street, Petersham.—F. A. COGLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 1/12/1910.

**The Returning Officer, Petersham, to The Chief Electoral Officer.**

*Re Double Voting.*

Petersham, 6 December, 1910.

HAVE carefully perused papers *re* cases of presumed double voting and also had interview with the police officer reporting thereon. His conclusions appear to me reasonable.

F. A. MORGAN,

Returning Officer.

Minute

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Petersham Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 December, 1910.

The Returning Officer reported seven cases of apparent double voting, also twelve cases of persons who had voted, but were said to have left the district.

From the Police report furnished, there does not appear to have been any double voting, the irregularity being due to the wrong name having been marked on the roll by the booth officials.

Of the twelve persons who were said to have left the district, five were found to be still residents; the remaining seven had left the district, but were not enrolled, nor did they vote, for any other district.

The Returning Officer is in accord with the conclusions arrived at by the police.

Submitted that no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 17 Dec., 1910.

Approved.—D.M., 19 Dec., 1910.

## Pymont Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Pymont, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

43 John-street, Pymont, 18 January, 1911.

Yours to hand, *re* marked roll of persons who voted at the General Elections in the Electoral District of Pymont.

In reply thereto, I beg to state I was under the impression a roll had been forwarded to you.

It must have got into one of the parcels sent to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in error.

However, I will endeavour to have another done, and on completion will forward same to you.

I have, &amp;c.,

S. CLEAVE,

Returning Officer.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Pymont.

Sir,

23 January, 1911.

Referring to your letter of the 18th January. I shall be glad if you will be good enough to at once report on any cases of dual voting that may have occurred at the recent General Election in your electorate.

You might at the same time state if you are in a position to furnish a copy of the marked roll.

I have, &amp;c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

The Returning Officer, Pymont, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

43 John-street, Pymont, 6 February, 1911.

*Re* marked roll for the above electoral district, I beg to inform you under separate cover I have forwarded one showing the names who voted at the General Election. I am sorry that the mistake occurred in not forwarding with other documents, being under the impression such had been done. *Re* double voting, I am unable to advise you of any cases, owing to the fact that sheets *re* persons voting out of their division being enclosed with all papers forwarded to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, but from my checking of the rolls there seemed to be two cases, but in my opinion the wrong names were struck off.

I have, &amp;c.,

SAMUEL CLEAVE,

Returning Officer.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Pymont.

Sir,

7 February, 1911.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the roll marked with the names of those persons who recorded votes in the Pymont Electorate at the recent General Election, the despatch of which was advised in your letter of the 6th February.

Particulars of the two cases of apparent double voting in regard to the names of the persons and the polling-place at which the votes were recorded should be furnished in order that the necessary investigation may be made.

I have, &amp;c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

The Returning Officer, Pymont, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

43 John-street, Pymont, 8 February, 1911.

In compliance with your request *re* dual voting, the following persons had their names marked in two polling-places:—Voted at Point-street and also at Allen-street: 560 Geise, Albert, wool stores, Abattoir-road; 561, Geise, Mabel, wool stores, Abattoir-road. Voted at Allen-street and Mary Ann street: 972, Hampson, Caroline, 3b Allen-street; 1115, House, John, 329 Harris-street.

I have, &amp;c.,

SAMUEL CLEAVE,

Returning Officer, Pymont.

Minute

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Apparent Double Voting.—Pymont Electorate.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 10 February, 1911.

THE Returning Officer for Pymont Electorate reports four cases of apparent double voting at the recent General Election.

The Inspector-General of Police may perhaps be requested to be so good as to cause inquiries to be made with a view to proceedings being taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON.

Principal Electoral Registrar

(per R.C.S.)

For favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 10/2/11.  
The Inspector-General of Police. Police report herewith for information.—ERNEST C. DAY, I.G. Police.  
The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, B.C., 20/2/11.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 13 February, 1911.

REFERRED for careful inquiries and report.

E. C. DAY,

I.G. Police.

Mr. Soby. — A.R.S., Supt., 13/2/11.

Re alleged Dual Voting in Pymont Electorate at last General Election, 14 October, 1910.

Pymont Police Station, 16 February, 1911.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE HAROLD reports that on the 14th instant he interviewed each of the persons mentioned in the attached papers with reference to their names having been marked off twice on the marked rolls used at the last general election for Pymont Electorate, thereby showing that dual voting had taken place at the election above mentioned. The whole of them stated most emphatically that they only voted once at the election referred to, and the senior-constable has no reason to disbelieve their statements.

If dual voting did take place, the senior-constable is of the opinion that the persons mentioned were not cognizant of the fact, and it is quite possible that the scrutineers may have marked the names off in error on one of the marked rolls.

The senior-constable endeavoured to gain access to the marked rolls and forms of declarations used at the late election, but on making application at Parliament House for permission to examine them, was informed that he could not be permitted to do so.

JAMES HAROLD,

Senior Constable.

Sub-Inspector Soby.

Forwarded to the Supt. of Police, Sydney.—W. SOBYE, Sub-Inspector, Feb. 17/11. Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent, Feb. 18/11.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Apparent Double Voting.—Pymont Electorate.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 23 February, 1911.

THE Returning Officer on the 6th February, 1911, reported, regarding the cases of apparent double voting, that:—In my opinion the wrong names were struck off; the senior-constable has reported that the persons concerned stated most emphatically that they only voted once at the election referred to, and he has no reason to disbelieve their statements; also, if dual voting had taken place, the senior-constable is of the opinion that the persons mentioned were not cognizant of the fact.

It is submitted that the Returning Officer be informed of the Police report, and no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 23/2/11. Approved.—D.M., 23/2/11.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Pymont.

Sir,

24 February, 1911.

In connection with the cases of apparent double voting cited in your letter of the 8th February, I have the honor, by direction of the Chief Secretary, to inform you that on the report of the Police it has been decided that no further action shall be taken.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### Queanbeyan Electorate.

### The Returning Officer, Queanbeyan, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Queanbeyan, 20 October, 1910.

I have the honor to report that I have to-night completed the scrutiny which I was instructed, in yours of the 15th instant, to make with all possible despatch. This task, which has occupied four days, has been done, not only with close vigilance, but with extra clerical assistance, which the urgency of the case appeared to demand. The result of my investigations are as follows:—

1. A *prima facie* case of double voting appears on the Collector roll, where Rose Byrne, No. 12, who resides at Millbang, half-way between Collector and Breadalbane, is shown to have voted at Collector, and at Breadalbane, also, under Schedule 9,

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2. Bridget McInerney, No. 75 on the Currawang roll, is marked on the Presiding Officer's roll at Currawang as having voted there, but is not marked on the Poll-clerk's roll; she is also marked on the Gininderra roll as having voted there under Schedule 9. But, considering the distance between the two polling-places (nearly 40 miles), I am of opinion that there is an error in the marking of the Presiding Officer's roll at Currawang.

3. Alfred Hanhan Colverwell, No. 29 on the Queanbeyan roll, is marked off, not only on the roll of the Presiding Officer of that polling-place, but also on the rolls used by the Poll-clerk and a scrutineer. There is evidence that he also voted at Tharwa under Schedule 9. Tharwa and Queanbeyan are only about 16 miles apart.

I may add to the foregoing that, on going through the Sydney (Town Hall) roll, the polling at which place was all under Schedule 9, I found the following persons marked off, without their signatures being appended to the printed forms of Schedule 9 supplied to the Presiding Officer, viz:—Braidwood, Nos. 92, 219, 459, and 673; Bungendore, No. 545; Queanbeyan, Nos. 258, 367, 771, and 777. The last of these was not marked off, but was signed.

The rolls (principal and supplemental) to which the whole of the marks on all the rolls used throughout the electorate were transferred, are by this same post forwarded with my report.

I have, &c.,

JOHN GALE, R.O.

P.S.—In Thornford roll, No. 48 was marked off, but not signed.—J.G.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Officer, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 October, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police, for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Actg. U.S. and C.E.O., B. C., 27/10/10.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Walker.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Walker for careful inquiry and report.

T.G.,

I.-G. Police.

For inquiry and report.—ALEX. B. WALKER, Supt., 1/11/10. Sub.-Insp. Draper, Braidwood.

### Mr. Police-Superintendent Walker to The Inspector-General of Police.

Queanbeyan Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Parliamentary Election.

Police Department, Superintendent's Office, Southern District, Goulburn, 22 November, 1910.

POLICE report herewith.

ALEX. B. WALKER,

Superintendent.

Forwarded for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, and Chief Electoral Officer.—T. GARVIN, Inspector-General of Police, B.C., 23/11/10.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

Sir,

Police Office, Braidwood, 21 November, 1910.

I beg to report that I have now completed inquiries relative to above.

1. Rose Byrne, No. 12 on Collector Polling-place Roll, resides at Millbang, midway between Collector and Breadalbane; I visited her residence on the 12th instant, and found she had left early that morning for Goulburn; learning that she would return at night, I left a message to say that I would call the following afternoon; she stated that on the 14th October last, the date of the election, she left home about 2 p.m. for Breadalbane; both the Deputy Returning Officer, W. C. Apps, and Poll-clerk, L. W. Smith, testify to her having voted there under Schedule 9; she positively denied voting at Collector, or being there on election day, and said that Mr. E. J. Crowther, Deputy Returning Officer, and Patrick McInerney, Poll-clerk, knew her from childhood; the voting not being heavy, they should know if she voted at Collector; it would be impossible for any one to impersonate her (she has a remarkable scar on the face, presumably from an operation); Mr. Crowther said he had no recollection of her voting at Collector, but if her name was ticked off, she must have voted; the Poll-clerk, McInerney, is doubtful of her being there; P. J. Reardon, scrutineer, informed me that she was not at Collector; from exhaustive inquiries (however the mistake occurred in ticking off her name as voting at Collector) I find there is no evidence of double voting or impersonation, and am satisfied that Rose Byrne only recorded her vote at Breadalbane.

2. Bridget McInerney, No. 75 on the Currawang Polling-place List, is a nurse, attending cases of confinement; when at home she resides at her brother's place, Spring Valley, near Currawang; on the date of my visit she was absent at Goulburn; her address, care of Mrs. O'Brien, Verner-street; I saw the Deputy Returning Officer, Mr. John Foord, near Willeroo Station; he said, if Bridget McInerney is ticked

ticked off as voting at Currawang it is a mistake, as she was well known to him, and did not vote there; Michael O'Brien, Poll clerk, also stated (she was his cousin) she did not vote at Currawang; on the day of the election she was in the neighbourhood of Queanbeyan, and voted at Ginninderra.

3. Alfred Hanlan Colverwell, No. 129 on the Queanbeyan Polling-place List, resides at Burbong; he stated that on 14th October he left home at 7 a.m. that morning and rode to Hall, 28 miles distant; arrived there at 10.30 a.m., and left for Queanbeyan 11.30 a.m.; about 3.30 p.m. when he arrived there; that he did not vote at Tharwa, and was last there about three years ago; I saw the Deputy Returning Officer who acted at Tharwa, Mr. Wilfred E. Gale; he said the Colverwell family were personally known to him, and that Alfred Hanlan Colverwell did not vote there, but that his brother, 130 on the Queanbeyan Roll, Allan Luke Colverwell, who was working in the neighbourhood of Tharwa, was the person who voted.

4. The voters whose names appear on the roll opposite the numbers quoted—Braidwood, Nos. 92, 219, 459, and 673; Bungendore, No. 545; Queanbeyan, Nos. 258, 367, 771, and 777—I have ascertained were in Sydney on the day of the election. In conclusion, I beg to add that no offence has been committed by the persons named, neither has there been impersonation.

I have, &c.,

J. G. DRAPER,

Sub-Inspector.

A. B. Walker, Esq., Superintendent of Police, Goulburn.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Queanbeyan Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Bridge-street, Sydney, 1 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the papers be referred to the Returning Officer for perusal of the police reports, and for any further comment he may wish to make.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

John Gale, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Queanbeyan.—F. A. COGILAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 1/12/10.

### The Returning Officer, Queanbeyan, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Queanbeyan, 5 December, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt, on 3rd instant, of yours of the 1st idem (10/23,653), being the papers in connection with my report on scrutiny of the rolls used in the recent election for Queanbeyan, with a request for any further comment I may wish to make.

I may state that I have perused the papers with the closest attention, and with much gratification have to say that I can do no other than cordially concur with the decision which the police have come to as the result of their investigation.

The matters to which it became my duty to draw attention appear to have been due to incorrect marking-off of voters' names, and not to any culpable act on the part of the persons who were made to appear from that cause to have been guilty of double voting or impersonation.

The papers submitted to me are returned herewith.

I have, &c.,

JOHN GALE,

Returning Officer, Queanbeyan.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Queanbeyan Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that, in view of the statement of the Returning Officer, on a perusal of the Police report, that "the matters to which it became my duty to draw attention appear to have been due to incorrect marking off of voters' names, and not to any culpable act on the part of the persons who were made to appear from that cause to have been guilty of double voting or impersonation," no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 17/12/1910.

Approved.—D.M., 19/12/1910.

### Raleigh Electorate.

### The Returning Officer, Raleigh, to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

Report of Scrutiny.

Sir,

Raleigh Electorate, Bellingen, 28 November, 1910.

Having made a scrutiny of the rolls used at the recent election, I have the honor to report that there has not been any double voting.

There are a number of names marked as having voted at two polling-places, but these are apparently errors of the poll-clerks at the booths where the electors are enrolled. The pencil marks in each case should have been placed before other names adjacent to those erroneously marked; and, after inquiry, I am satisfied that no one in this electorate has voted more than once.

I enclose a statement of the various irregularities.

I have, &c.,

H. A. EVANS,

R.O., E.D. Raleigh.

P.S.—Roll forwarded separately.—H.A.E.

No. 543, Coff's Harbour—J. J. Smith, marked at Coff's Harbour, also at Jetty. One should have been 544.

No. 396, Bellingen, marked on Upper South Arm instead of 397.

No. 144, Smithtown, marked on Sydney as well as Smithtown Roll.

Nos. 175 and 178, Smithtown, marked on Sydney as well as Smithtown Roll.

No. 140, Jerseyville, marked on both home and Clybucca Rolls.

No. 91, Karangi, marked on home and Coff's Harbour Rolls.

No. 39, Ulong Creek, marked on home and Coramba Rolls.

No. 497, Ulmarra, marked on home and Half-way Creek Rolls.

No. 200, Smithtown, marked on home and Kinchela Rolls.

No. 20, Macksville, marked on home and Stuart's Point Rolls.

No. 44, Upper Coldstream, marked on home and Incabia Rolls.

No. 10, Upper Coldstream, marked on home and Ulmarra Rolls.

No. 269, Macksville, marked on home and Wirrimbi Rolls.

28th November, 1910.

H. A. EVANS, R.O.

#### Randwick Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Randwick, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Town Hall, Randwick, 2 February, 1911.

In reply to yours of the 24th ultimo, No. 11-13,288, I have the honor to report, in connection with the voting in the Randwick Electorate at the recent General Elections.

I have to state that I made a careful scrutiny of the rolls, but could not find any cases of apparent double voting.

I would take the liberty of pointing out that the practice of placing a mark against the name of each voter after recording his vote is not always carried out with accuracy, and some little difficulty was experienced in checking the rolls.

As stated, I did not notice any sign of duplicate voting. In my opinion, it would be much better if the name of the voter is marked right out after having voted, as is done in the municipal elections.

I have, &c.,

JOHN MACPHERSON,  
Returning Officer.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Randwick.

8 February, 1911.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd February, and to inform you that the present mode of marking the enrolment of persons who have tendered their vote at an election is a more desirable method than that of marking the name through, on account of it being simpler and less likely to obliterate the print and cause confusion. The apparent double voting has in nearly every electorate been the result of carelessness on the part of the booth officials.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

#### Redfern Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Redfern, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Hillmorton House, Chelsea-street, Redfern, 31 October, 1910.

The following is my report on fair copy of Roll for this district:—

No. on Roll, 3166, Gross, Charles Henry—two votes tendered in this name at G booth, Pitt-street, Redfern.

No. on Roll, 3454, Healy, James—two votes tendered in this name at H to He booth, Pitt-street, Redfern.

No. on Roll, 6357, Peirce, George—two votes tendered in this name at P Q booth, Pitt street, Redfern.

No. on Roll, 2807, Galloway, Elizabeth—two votes tendered in this name at Queen's Hall polling-booth, Pitt-street, Sydney.

The second persons were allowed to vote after the prescribed questions had been satisfactorily answered.

I wish to state that I can find no way of ascertaining who the impersonators were in these cases.

Re No. 5152, McMahon, James, marked on fair copy of roll as having two votes recorded in this name, I have the honor to inform you that this occurred through an error on the part of the Poll Clerk at the Queen's Hall polling-place, he having marked the roll against No. 5152, McMahon, James, instead of 5147, McMahon, Captain James.

Enclosed please find declaration *re* same from Presiding Officer and Poll Clerk.

I have, &c.,

HAROLD SUTTON,  
Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Redfern.

I DECLARE that No. 5152, McMahon, James, on the certified copy of roll for the State Electoral District of Redfern, used at the Queen's Hall polling-place, was marked in error, as it was No. 5147, McMahon, Captain James, who signed required declaration and recorded his vote at the Queen's Hall polling-place.

Declared before me this 31st day of }  
October, 1910, at Redfern, Sydney, }

MATTHEW STANLEY,  
Presiding Officer.

HAROLD SUTTON,

Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Redfern.

I DECLARE that No. 5152, McMahon, James, on the certified copy of Roll for the State Electoral District of Redfern, used at the Queen's Hall polling-place, was marked in error, as it was No. 5147, McMahon, Captain James, who signed required declaration and recorded his vote at the Queen's Hall polling-place.

Declared before me this 31st day of }  
October, 1910, at Redfern, Sydney, }

JOHN MORRISS,

Poll Clerk.

HAROLD SUTTON,

Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Redfern.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Redfern Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 4 November, 1910.

THE Returning Officer has reported certain cases of apparent double voting in connection with the recent election, but he has stated that he can find no way of ascertaining who the impersonators were in these cases.

Submitted that, in view of the Returning Officer's statement, no further action be taken in the matter.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., 8/11/10. Approved.—D.M., 9/11/10.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Redfern.

Sir,

11 November, 1910.

With reference to your letter of the 31st October, reporting certain cases of apparent double voting in connection with the recent election, I have the honor to inform you that, in view of your statement that you can find no way of ascertaining who the impersonators were, the Chief Secretary has decided that no further action be taken in the matter.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### The Richmond Electorate.

### The Returning Officer, Ballina, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

"The Gables," Ballina, 31 October, 1910.

Per same mail I am forwarding to you the complete marked roll for the Richmond Electorate, after revision with the rolls from my deputies at the various polling-places.

You will note that I have traced thirteen cases of double voting, but, with the exception of Nos. 1, 8, 9, and 10, I am of the opinion there was no intention to defraud or deceive. If it is decided upon to take proceedings in these cases, I can call upon the several deputies for a special report in each case.

Pending receipt of further instructions, I will keep the rolls and schedules for the present.

I have, &c.,

EWEN MACKINNON,

Returning Officer, Richmond Electorate.

### Cases of Double Voting detected on revision of the Rolls.

1. Enrolled at Ballina—No. 1032, Smith, Clara Elizabeth, domestic duties; vote recorded at No. 2 booth, Ballina and Newrybar. Probably a Mrs. Hoskin, living apart from her husband, and a daughter of Clara E. Smith. Her name is Beatrice, but used her mother's name, Clara Elizabeth, when signing Schedule 9.

2. Enrolled at Bangalow—No. 142, Costin, Frederick Ernest, Byron Creek, labourer; vote recorded at Bangalow and Tintenbar. Wrongly allowed by Bangalow deputy, who gave the vote to a Dennis Costin. Frederick Ernest Costin voted under Schedule 9 at Tintenbar, *bona fide*.

3. Enrolled at Broadwater—No. 241, Reid, Robert George, Broadwater, painter; vote recorded at German Creek and Woodburn South. German Creek vote seems, by Schedule 9, *bona fide*; but, unfortunately, deputy at South Woodburn, although his work has been very accurate, this name is omitted from his Schedule 9.

5. Enrolled at East Coraki—No. 10, Clarke, Lily, Oakland, domestic duties; vote recorded at East Coraki and Tuckurimba. James Martin Clarke and his wife, Lily, voted and signed Schedule 9 at Tuckurimba. A Lily Clarke also voted at East Coraki.

6. Enrolled at Mullumbimby—No. 661, Reddacliff, James, Myocum, dairyman; vote recorded at Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby. These votes distinctly recorded on both rolls. There is evidently a sheet of Brunswick Heads, Schedule 9, missing (thirty-eight votes recorded, Schedule 9, nine names).

7. Enrolled at Tyagarah—No. 38, Curtis, John, Tyagarah, farmer; vote recorded at Ewingsdale and Tyagarah. These votes are distinctly recorded on both rolls. There is evidently a sheet of Ewingsdale schedule missing (sixty-three votes recorded, Schedule 9; only thirteen names are recorded).

8. Enrolled at Wardell—174, Lovett, Thomas George, Meerschaum Vale, farmer.

9. Enrolled at Wardell—197, McElligott, Patrick Edward, Meerschaum Vale, farmer.

10. Enrolled at Wardell—262, Owens, Michael, Meerschaum Vale, farmer.

Each voted at Meerschaum Vale and Broadwater. Meerschaum Vale is a new polling-place, and has not yet had a section of the roll for itself. These three voters have signed Schedule 9 in each case at both



both polling-places, Lovett signing T. G. Lovett at both places; McElligott signing as Patrick McElligott at Meerschaum Vale, and Edward McElligott at Broadwater. Owens makes his mark at Meerschaum Vale, and signs his name at Broadwater.

11. Enrolled at Woodburn—151, Robson, John, Kilgin, labourer; vote recorded at Broadwater and Woodburn. A John Robson (151) and Edith Robson (149), probably his wife, voted at Broadwater, and signed Schedule 9. A John Robson also voted at Woodburn; being enrolled for that section, did not sign a schedule.

12. Enrolled at Woodburn South—102, Gulliver, Francis, Woodburn South, farmer; vote recorded at Woodburn South and Wyrallah. A Francis Gulliver signed Schedule 9 at Wyrallah. The vote is also recorded at Woodburn South, where no schedule signature is required.

13. Enrolled at Wyrallah—156, Riordan, Elizabeth, Steve King's Plains, domestic duties; vote recorded at Ruthven and Wyrallah. Ruthven is a new polling-place, and has not yet had a section of the roll to itself. The deputy there (a public school teacher) failed to grasp the fact that all votes recorded at his booth would be in accordance with Schedule 9, and, as Ruthven was a portion of the old Wyrallah Division, he has evidently discarded all Wyrallah Division voters from his schedule. The vote recorded at Wyrallah would not be recorded on Schedule 9.

EWEN MACKINNON,  
Returning Officer, Richmond Electorate.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of alleged Double Voting in the Richmond Electorate during the recent Parliamentary Elections.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 9 November, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached report from the Returning Officer for the Richmond Electorate, in connection with the various cases therein specified of apparent double voting, be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for report as to what evidence is available for instituting proceedings under section 90, Act 33 of 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

For favour of report. The Inspector-General of Police.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 9/11/10.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Ballina.

Sir,

9 November, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st October last, and to inform you that the cases of apparent double voting which you mention will be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry and report. I shall be glad if you will be so good as to retain in your custody the rolls and schedules relating to the cases in question, pending the making of inquiries.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

### The Chief Inspector of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Le Boutillier.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 10 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Le Boutillier for careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.G. Police  
(per E.C.D.).

Referred to Inspector Kenny for careful inquiries and report.—F. LE BOUTILLIER, Superintendent, 11/11/10. Inspector Kenny, Lismore.

*Subject*:—Double Voting in the Richmond Electorate.

Police Department, Lismore, 13 November, 1910.

For very careful inquiries and report. See letter from Principal Electoral Registrar.

JAMES KENNY,  
Inspector.

The Officer-in-Charge of Police—

Mullumbimby—Noted at Mullumbimby. Report attached.—CHARLES J. WATTS, Senior Constable, 15th November, 1910.

Eyron Bay—Report attached.—T. W. STEPHENS, Senior Constable, 19th November, 1910.

Bangalow—Report attached.—F. BROWN, Senior Constable, 21st November, 1910.

Ballina—Report attached.—F. J. KIBBLE, Sergeant, 25th November, 1913.

Wardell—Report attached.—J. BROWN, First-class Constable, 29th November, 1910.

Broadwater—Report attached.—T. JOHNS, First-class Constable, 3rd December, 1910.

Woodburn—Report attached.—F. NICHOLLS, First-class Constable, 9th December, 1910.

Coraki—Report attached.—RICHARD JONES, Sergeant, 22nd December, 1910.

*Subject*:—Re alleged Double Voting in the Richmond Electorate.

Police Station, Mullumbimby, 15 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE WATTS reports, with reference to the alleged double voting by electors on the Mullumbimby roll, for the Richmond Electorate, at the recent State election: That No. 661, Reddcliff, James, Myocum, dairyman, has been interviewed, and he states that he only recorded his vote once—viz.,  
at

at Mullumbimby polling-booth; and No. 662, Reddacliff, James, senior, Brunswick Heads, boarding-house keeper, has also been interviewed, and he states that he recorded his vote at Brunswick Heads polling-booth. In all probability an error has been made by ticking off No. 661 in place of No. 662 by the Deputy Returning Officer, at Brunswick Heads polling booth, and this would account for the missing Schedule 9, referred to by the Returning Officer in the attached papers. There is no evidence available for instituting proceedings in this matter.

The Officer-in-charge of Police, Lismore.

CHARLES J. WATTS,  
Senior Constable.

Double Voting in the Richmond Electorate, Tyagarah Polling-place.

Police Station, Byron Bay, 19 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE STEPHENS reports having seen John Curtis, No. 38, on Tyagarah roll, and John Curtis, No. 39, on the same roll. They are two distinct persons. One voted at Tyagarah booth, and the Ewingsdale booth. One is described as a farmer, the other a labourer; but both voters claimed to be the farmer. Consequently No. 38 was ticked off by the Deputy Returning Officer in both places. Ewingsdale is a newly-established polling-place, without a separate roll.

There are no suspicious circumstances in connection with the matter.

Inspector Kenny, Lismore.

T. W. STEPHENS,  
Senior Constable.

*Re* Double Voting in the Richmond Electorate, at Bangalow Polling-place, on the 14th October last.

Police Station, Bangalow, 21 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE BROWN reports:—He was present in the polling-booth at Bangalow when Dennis Costin came and asked if his name was on the Bangalow roll. The Deputy Returning Officer, after searching the roll, informed him that his name was not there, but there was a Frederick Ernest Costin, No. 142, on the roll. Dennis Costin then replied that it must be a mistake, that he was the only Costin in the district, and that it was meant for him. The Deputy Returning Officer replied that he could not help that, as it was not his name. Costin then left the booth, and returned shortly afterwards, and said the name was meant for him, as there was no other Costin in the district; he also referred to the senior-constable, and asked if he knew any other Costin in the district. The senior-constable replied that he did not, as he did not collect the portion of the roll for Byron Creek. The Deputy Returning Officer then said: "If you claim you are the person referred to in the roll, you can vote." Costin replied: "I do; I believe that name refers to me, as I was living on Byron Creek." Costin did not vote at any other polling-booth that day, as he was about Bangalow all day.

The senior-constable does not think Costin voted with any fraudulent intent.

The Officer-in-charge of Police, Lismore.

F. BROWN,  
Senior Constable.

*Subject:—Re* alleged Double Voting in the Richmond Electorate.

Police Station, Ballina, 24 November, 1910.

SERGEANT KIBBLE respectfully reports, in reference to the alleged double-voting at Ballina and Newrybar polling-places at the recent State election:—

No. 1,032, Smith, Clara Elizabeth, has been interviewed, and she states she recorded her vote at No. 2 polling-place, Ballina; that she did not vote at Newrybar, nor does she know of any other person of same name.

The Sergeant also interviewed Mrs. Hoskins (person referred to in the Returning Officer's report), and she states she was at Newrybar on the day of election, but was very positive that she did not vote. By the woman's demeanour, the Sergeant is of opinion she is the person who voted in the name of Smith, Clara Elizabeth, at Newrybar. There is no evidence available at Ballina for instituting proceedings in this case. Perhaps Mr. Inspector Kenny may deem it advisable to cause Senior-Constable Brown to make further inquiries from the Deputy Returning Officer at Newrybar. Possibly he may be able to identify the person who voted in the name of Smith, Clara Elizabeth.

The Officer-in-charge of Police, Lismore.

F. J. KIBBLE,  
Sergeant.

*Re* alleged Double Voting in the Richmond Electorate.

Police Station, Wardell, 29 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE BROWN respectfully reports, with reference to the alleged double voting by electors in the Richmond Electorate at the recent State election:—

Wardell polling-place, No. 174, Lovett, Thomas George, Meerschaum Vale, farmer, voted at Meerschaum Vale polling-place and no other place. But 166, Broadwater polling-place, Lovett, Thomas George, Broadwater, cordial maker, states he voted at Broadwater, and the Returning Officer made him sign a Form IX, which was an error.

Wardell polling-place, 197, McElligott, Patrick Edward, Meerschaum Vale, labourer, states he voted at Meerschaum Vale and no other place; and, from inquiries made by the Constable, he, McElligott, was not away from Meerschaum Vale during the polling day. But McElligott, Edward, whose name does not appear on the roll, states he voted at Broadwater and signed a Form IX, but 191, Broadwater polling-place, should be McElligott, Edward.

Wardell Polling place, 262, Owens, Michael, Meerschaum Vale, farmer, a marksman, voted at Meerschaum Vale, which is correct. And 392, on Supplemental Roll, Owens, Michael, East Wardell, labourer, is the person who voted at Broadwater and signed Form IX.

The Inspector of Police, Lismore.

JOHN BROWN,  
First-class Constable.

*Re*

*Re* alleged Double Voting in the Richmond Electorate.

Broadwater Police Station, 2 December, 1910.

CONSTABLE T. JOHNS, No. 5929, reports with reference to the alleged double voting by electors in the Richmond Electorate at the recent State election:—

No. 151, Woodburn Polling-place, John Robson, of Kilgin, labourer.—This man left Kilgin some months ago, and now resides in Broadwater. He and his wife, Edith Robson, voted at Broadwater, and signed Form IX. He was not at Woodburn on polling-day. His father, John Robson, senior, of Kilgin, dairyman, informs Constable Johns that he went to Woodburn on polling-day to record his vote, and gave his name as John Robson, of Kilgin, farmer or dairyman; the Deputy Returning Officer informed him that there was a John Robson enrolled for Kilgin as a labourer; Robson, senior, then said that he (Robson) had a son named John Robson, a labourer, who had gone to reside in Broadwater; that if there was any risk incurred by voting, he would rather not vote; to which the Deputy Returning Officer said, "As you are the only John Robson now at Kilgin, you may record your vote," and he (Robson) did so.

Although there was only one John Robson enrolled, and two John Robsons voted under that enrolment, Constable Johns is satisfied that neither of them obtained their votes by misrepresentation.

No. 241, Broadwater Polling-place, Read, Robert George, Broadwater, painter.—This man informs Constable Johns that he voted at Germain Creek on polling-day, and signed Form IX. Read was at Germain Creek for the whole of polling-day.

Perhaps Constable Nicholls can ascertain who voted at Woolburn South under the name of Robert George Reid, of Broadwater, painter.

T. JOHNS,  
First-class Constable.

The Officer-in-charge of Police, Lismore.

*Re* alleged Double Voting in the Richmond Electorate.

Police Station, Woodburn, 9 December, 1910.

CONSTABLE NICHOLLS, No. 7804, reports having made inquiries *re* the above subject:—

Referring to No. 241, Broadwater Polling-place, Reid, Robert George, the constable ascertained that a mistake was made by the assistant poll-clerk. A man named George Robertson, painter, enrolled for Broadwater, called at the South Woodburn Polling-place to record his vote. Robertson was working, painting, with a man named A. A. Reid, who was then present at the booth, but who did not vote. Robertson said to the clerk (who was under the impression that his name was Reid), "I am enrolled for Broadwater." The clerk said, "What name?" Robertson replied, "George Robertson," and the clerk, thinking his surname was Reid, ticked off George Robert Reid. Robertson states that he signed a declaration before voting.

With reference to No. 102, Gulliver Francis, the constable learned that Francis Gulliver, senior, was returning from Lismore on the day of the elections, and as he was passing Wyrallah called and recorded his vote, as he could not get to Woodburn in time to do so. Francis Gulliver, junior, voted at Woodburn.

The constable does not think that either of the above were cases of double voting.

F. NICHOLLS,  
First-class Constable.

The Officer-in-charge of Police, Lismore.

*Subject*:—Alleged Double Voting in The Richmond Electorate.

Police Station, Coraki, 22 December, 1910.

SERGEANT JONES reports, with reference to the alleged double-voting by electors enrolled for Wyrallah and East Coraki Polling-places, at the recent State election:

No. 156, Riordan, Elizabeth, Steve King's Plains, domestic duties, has been interviewed by the Sergeant, and states she recorded her vote at Ruthven Polling place, and that she did not vote at Wyrallah. The poll-clerk at Wyrallah (John Burley) states that Riordan, Jessie Margaret, Tucki Creek, domestic duties, was the only female elector of that name that recorded her vote at Wyrallah Polling-place, and the error has been made in ticking the name off.

No. 10, Clarke, Lily, Oakland, domestic duties, now residing at Tuckurimba, has been interviewed, and she states she recorded her vote at Tuckurimba Polling-place, and signed a form, and did not vote at East Coraki. An elector named Clark, Lilian Amelia, No. 207, Supplemental Roll (commonly known as Lily Clark), recorded her vote at East Coraki Polling place, and no doubt an error has been made in ticking the name.

There are no suspicious circumstances in these matters.

RICHARD JONES,  
Sergeant.

The Officer-in-charge of Police, Lismore.

## Mr. Police-Inspector Kenny to Senior-Constable Brown.

## Alleged Double Voting in the Richmond Electorate.

Police Department, Lismore, 23 December, 1910.

FOR further inquiry and report. See Sergeant Kibble's report attached.

JAMES KENNY,  
Inspector.

*Subject*:—*Re* alleged Double Voting at Ballina and Newrybar Polling-places at the recent State Election.

Police Station, Bangalow, 28 December, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE BROWN reports he has interviewed Mr. Harder, Deputy Returning Officer for Newrybar, who states he distinctly remembers a woman, who gave the name of Clara Elizabeth Smith, coming to the polling-booth at Newrybar, and asked to vote, and said her name was on the Ballina Roll. She signed the necessary declaration. She was working at the hotel at Newrybar at the time, and voted in the afternoon, and went to the polling-booth with Unicomb.

Mr. Unicomb states he believes the woman voted under the name of Smith, as that is the name she went by, and her Christian name is Beatrice. He has since heard that she is a married woman, and her name is Hoskins.

Mr.

Mr. Bertram, who was acting as poll clerk that day, is employed by Bliss & Co., of Ballina, and knows this woman very well, and would know if it was Mrs. Hoskins or not.

The Officer-in-charge of Police, Lismore.

F. BROWN,  
Senior Constable.

For further inquiry and report by Sgt. Kibble.—JAMES KENNY, Inspector, Lismore, 29/12/10. The Officer-in-charge of Police, Ballina.

*Subject*:—*Re* alleged Case of Impersonation at Newrybar Polling-place at recent State Election.

Police Station, Ballina, 1 January, 1911.

SERGEANT KIBBLE respectfully reports he has interviewed Mr. Bertram, Poll Clerk, and he states he remembers Mrs. Beatrice Hoskins coming to polling-booth at Newrybar with a Mr. Unicom, and asking to vote, stating her name was Clara Elizabeth Smith; that her name was on the Ballina Roll, and after signing the necessary declaration form, recorded her vote. Mr. Bertram knows Mrs. Hoskins very well, and he is quite positive she was the person who voted in the name of Clara Elizabeth Smith, at Newrybar. Without doubt, this is a wilful case of impersonation. Mrs. Hoskins is the daughter of Clara Elizabeth Smith, of Ballina.

F. J. KIBBLE,  
Sergeant.

Mr. Inspector Kenny, Lismore.

Forwarded. No doubt, Mrs. Hoskins is guilty of personating.—JAMES KENNY, Inspector, Lismore, 2/1/11. The Supt. of Police, Armidale. Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—F. LE BOUTILLIER, Superintendent of Police, Northern District, 4/1/11. The Under Secretary, Dept. of Chief Secretary, Sydney.—ERNEST C. DAY, Inspector-General of Police, 6/1/11.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Richmond Electorate.—Alleged impersonation at Newrybar Polling-place.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 10 January, 1911.

SUBMITTED that the papers be referred to the Crown Solicitor, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90, Act 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Crown Solicitor, Department of Attorney-General and of Justice.—F. A. COOGLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 10/1/11. Information herewith. I should be glad if the Inspector-General of Police would arrange for the local police to conduct the prosecution, and furnish me with a report of the proceedings.—Jno. V. TILLET, Crown Solicitor, B.C., 17/1/11. The Inspector-General of Police.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Le Boutillier.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, 19 January, 1911.

For Superintendent Le Boutillier's information, attention, and report.

The local police should conduct the prosecution, and furnish a report of the proceedings, as desired by the Crown Solicitor.

ERNEST C. DAY,  
I.-G., Police.

Forwarded. Mr. Kenny will be good enough to conduct the prosecution himself.—F. LE BOUTILLIER, Superintendent, 21/1/11. Inspector Kenny, Lismore.

### Mr. Police-Inspector Kenny to Mr. Police-Superintendent Le Boutillier.

*Subject*:—Alleged impersonation at Newrybar Polling-place.

Police Station, Ballina, 17 February, 1911.

I beg to report, for the Superintendent's information, that I laid an information against Beatrice Hoskins for impersonation at Newrybar polling-booth on the 14th October, 1910. The case was heard at the Ballina Police Court on the 17th February instant, and committed for trial to Lismore Quarter Sessions on 10th March, 1911. Bail allowed, self in £40, and one surety in £40, forthcoming.

JAMES KENNY,  
Inspector.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—F. LE BOUTILLIER, Superintendent of Police, Northern District, 20/2/11. Forwarded to the Crown Solicitor.—ERNEST C. DAY, Inspector-General of Police, 22/2/11. The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.—Jno. V. TILLET, Crown Solicitor, B.C., 23/2/11.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Ballina.

Sir,

10 March, 1911.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly having reported that he has not received the ballot-papers, &c., in connection with the election for the Richmond Electorate, in 1910, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to carry out Rule 71, "Duties of Officers," and forward without delay, the three parcels (used ballot-papers, unused ballot-papers, and rolls, books, or other papers used at the election) to the Clerk of the Assembly in accordance with the instructions laid down in that Rule.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

The

The Returning Officer, Ballina, to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's  
Department.

*Re* Double Voting, Newrybar.

Sir,

Ballina, 13 March, 1911.

Yours of the 10th instant *re* ballot-papers, rolls, &c., in connection with the late General Election to hand.

I was instructed by you, under date 9th November, 1910-23,391, to hold them pending action being taken with regard to the thirteen cases of double-voting which I reported. A committal has been obtained in one case, at which I was subpoenaed to produce the rolls and papers for Ballina and Newrybar polling-places. I have to attend the Quarter Sessions at Lismore on Wednesday next in connection with this case, and will apply to the Judge for a return of the papers and rolls and send them along to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible. The delay has not been caused through any neglect of mine; the cause of the delay was reported to the Clerk.

I have, &c.,

EWEN MACKINNON, R.O.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Ballina.

Sir,

10 April, 1911.

In connection with previous correspondence, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to forward to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, at your earliest convenience, all used and unused ballot-papers, used rolls, and other papers applying to the General Election, October, 1910.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

The Returning Officer, Ballina, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

4 May, 1911.

*Per* North Coast Steam Navigation Company, addressed to you, I have shipped one ballot-box containing the flaps that were attached to the State ballot-boxes by order of the Commonwealth Government.

I am also sending to the Clerk of Parliament, the rolls, papers, &c., used in this electorate at the late General Elections, which were retained pending the trial for impersonation.

Yours, &c.,

EWEN MACKINNON.

Ballina, 3 May, 1911.

RECEIVED from the Returning Officer the sum of one shilling for carting parcels of ballot-papers, &c., to the steamer's wharf.

JOHN HICKEY.

This will account for the shilling I retained from election expenses cheque.—E. McK.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Ballina.

Sir,

15 May, 1911.

In reply to your communication of the 4th May, I have the honor to inform you that the ballot-box containing the flaps that were attached to the State ballot-boxes has been forwarded to the Works Director, Department of Home Affairs, Custom house, Sydney.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

Rozelle Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Rozelle, to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's  
Department.

Sir,

Rozelle, 5 November, 1910.

I do myself the honor to state for your information that I have completed a comparison of the rolls used at the various booths in the Rozelle State Election on the 14th ult., in conformity with the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905.

It will, perhaps, be of interest to the Department to know that in no instance did the comparison made disclose any apparent case of plural voting.

I have, &c.,

A. BOYD,

Returning Officer.

The Returning Officer, Rozelle, to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's  
Department.

Sir,

569, Darling-street, Rozelle, 14 January, 1911.

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., I beg to forward, under separate cover, marked copies of the roll used at the election for Rozelle at the recent General Election.

The scrutiny enables me to report in satisfactory terms of the voting, no apparent breach of the law having been committed.

I have, &c.,

A. BOYD,

Returning Officer, Rozelle.

Sherbrooke

**Sherbrooke Electorate.**

**The Returning Officer, Dural, to The Chief Electoral Officer.**

Sir,

Dural, 14 November, 1910.

I have the honor to inform you that I am forwarding, under separate cover, a copy of the roll for the Electoral District of Sherbrooke, marked to indicate every person who voted at the General Election held on 14th October, 1910.

I also beg to report that there is one instance of plural voting taking place.

The person whose name appears as having voted twice is Frederick George Smith, Kellyville, No. on Roll, 139.

The name is marked in the usual way by the Deputy Returning Officer at Kellyville, as having voted at Kellyville polling-booth, and a person signing his name as F. G. D. Smith on the declaration form, Schedule Nine, has also voted at Sydney polling-booth, having made a declaration that he is the person whose name appears on the Kellyville polling-place list as Frederick George Smith, No. on Roll, 139.

I have, &c.,

H. A. BEST,

Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Sherbrooke.

**Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.**

Sherbrooke Electorate.—Cases of apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Office, Sydney, 16 November, 1910.

The Returning Officer has reported certain cases of apparent double voting in connection with the recent election.

Submitted, that the papers be referred to the police for report as to whether there is sufficient evidence available to enable proceedings to be taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police.—F. A. COGHLAN, U.S. & C.E.O., B.C., 16/11/10.

**The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sykes.**

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 18 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Sykes for careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,

I.G. Police

(absent)

(per E. C. DAY, Supt.).

For careful inquiry and report.—A. A. SYKES, Superintendent of Police, Eastern District, 18/11/1910. The Officer-in-charge of Police, Parramatta. Forwarded to First-class Constable Kelly for careful inquiry and report.—A. H. LUCAS (Sergeant, for Inspector absent), Parramatta, 20/11/10. First-class Constable Kelly, Castle Hill.

**Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.**

Case of alleged Double Voting, Sherbrooke Electorate.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 30 November, 1910.

FORWARDED to the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, and Chief Electoral Officer.

T. GARVIN,

I.G. Police.

Submitted that these papers be referred to the Returning Officer for his perusal, and any comment he may desire to make.—S. J. PINNINGTON, Principal Electoral Registrar. H. A. Best, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Dural.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 2/12/1910.

*Subject* :—Sherbrooke Electorate.—One case of apparent Double Voting at General Election on the 14th October, 1910.

Police Station, Castle Hill, 24 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE T. KELLY, No. 6,647, begs to report that previous to the collection of the present electoral roll for Sherbrooke Electorate by the police, in April last, the name of "Frederick George Smith" and "Frederick George Smith, junior," appeared on the list of electors for the Kellyville polling-place for that electorate. About six months previous to the collection of the last list, Frederick George Smith, junior, who also bears the name of "Davison," as does his father, left Kellyville for Sydney, where he is now residing with his sister, Mrs. Bates, at 179, Johnston-street, Annandale. The Presiding Officer at the Kellyville booth, on the 14th ultimo, Mr. W. Morris, saw Frederick George Smith, senior, record his vote, and there appears to be no doubt that Frederick George Smith, junior, recorded the vote at the Sydney polling-place, not knowing that his name had been removed from the Kellyville list, honestly believing that the name of Frederick George Smith, opposite to No. 139 on the roll, referred to him. The constable was unable to see

Frederick

Frederick George Smith, junior, as he is now in Sydney. If, however, he was seen, he no doubt will admit that he voted at the Sydney polling-place as stated. It might be found, however, that he has his name on the roll for either the Annandale or Leichhardt electorates, and that he voted at the last election for either of the electorates named. If this be so, then he certainly was aware that his name could not be on the Sherbrooke Roll, although no application for transfer has been received from him. Both the Smiths, father and son, are very respectable people, and own about 20 acres of orchard each at Kellyville, but Smith the younger has no liking for orchard work, so he has obtained employment in a warehouse in Sydney.

T. W. Bedingfeld, Esq., Inspector of Police, Parramatta.

T. KELLY,  
First-class Constable.

Police Department, Inspector's Office, Parramatta, 24 November, 1910. Forwarded to the Superintendent.—T. W. BEDINGFELD, Inspector of Police. The Superintendent of Police, Police Depôt, Sydney.

Will Superintendent Sherwood please have inquiries made in this matter, particularly as to the underlined portion of Constable Kelly's report.—A. A. SYKES, Superintendent, Depôt, Sydney, 25/11/1910. Supt. Sherwood, Sydney.

Mr. Brooks.—A.R.S., Supt., 26/11/10. For careful inquiries and report.—M. Brooks, S. Insp., 26/11/10. S.-C. Littlejohn.

*Re* Returning Officer, Sherbrooke.—Report on Scrutiny of Electoral Roll, found one instance of Double Voting.

Annandale Police Station, 28 November, 1910.

SENIOR CONSTABLE LITTLEJOHN reports that Frederick George Davison Smith, junior, resides at 179, Johnston-street, Annandale, and has done so for over twelve months. He lodges with his sister, Mrs. Bates. On being seen by the senior-constable he frankly admitted that he had voted at the late State General Election for the Sherbrooke Electorate at Sydney polling-place. He said that although he lodges at Annandale he considers that his principal place of abode is Kellyville, his father resides there, his own property is there, and he invariably goes home for the week-end. He therefore considered that his name would be on the Electoral Roll for Kellyville, and when he presented himself at the polling-booth he stated his name and gave his Kellyville address. He was then asked to sign the declaration, which he did, and was handed the ballot-papers and recorded his vote in the usual way. His address at Annandale is in the Annandale Electoral Division, Annandale polling place. His name does not appear on the Annandale Electoral Roll nor on the Supplementary Roll, therefore he could not have voted for the Annandale Electorate. Smith appears to be a respectable young man, and expressed regret that the misunderstanding should have led to a suspicion of wrongdoing on his part.

A. E. LITTLEJOHN,  
Senior Constable.

Sub-Inspector Brooks, Petersham.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Sydney.—M. Brooks, Sub-Inspector, 29/11/10. Forwarded.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Supt., 29/11/10. Supt., Sykes, Police Depôt. Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. A. SYKES, Superintendent of Police, Eastern District, Depôt, Sydney, 30/11/1910.

### The Returning Officer, Dural, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Dural, 12 December, 1910.

I have the honor to inform you that I have perused the papers in connection with the case of double-voting. I have also interviewed the deputies who presided at Kellyville and Sydney polling-booths, and after hearing their views it appears to me that Mr. Smith, junior, considered:—

1st. That he was the person whose name appeared on the roll.

2nd. That he was justified in recording his vote, and was not intentionally committing any breach of the Act.

He evidently had not taken the precaution to see that his name was on the roll. The Deputy Returning Officer at Kellyville informs me that the Smiths, father and son, are very respectable persons.

I have, &c.,

H. A. BEST,

Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Sherbrooke.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Sherbrooke Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that in view of the police report, and also that of the Returning Officer, that Frederick George Smith, junior, who voted in Sydney on the enrolment of Frederick George Smith, senior, did it believing that temporarily residing at Annandale he could not vote for the latter electorate, but was entitled to vote for Sherbrooke, no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., Dec. 17, 1910. Approved.—D.M., Dec. 19, 1910.

## Singleton Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Singleton, to The Minister of Justice.

Sir, Court-house, Singleton, 24 October, 1910.  
I am to-day sending you by rail one bag of used and unused Local Option ballot-papers from the Singleton Electorate. I have, &c.,  
SNELLING F. STREET,  
Returning Officer.

The Returning Officer, Singleton, to The Minister of Justice.

Sir, Court-house, Singleton, 24 October, 1910.  
I am sending you by to-day's mail, through parcels post, certified roll of all votes recorded in the Electoral District of Singleton under the Liquor (Amendment) Act. I have very carefully checked all the votes from the various rolls into the one roll (*vide* Rule 63), and I notice the following to have been ticked off twice at different polling places:—

- 52, Sarah Ann Campbell, Wollombi and Singleton.
- 22, Mamdeen, Elderslie and Singleton.
- 29, Charles Castledine, Rix's Creek and South Singleton.
- 37, William A. Cooke, Bulga and Greta.
- 70, Margaret White, Vere and Singleton.
- 112, Mary Kenna, Belford and Singleton.
- 269, William Hodges, South Singleton and Singleton.
- 485, Mary Dunn, Rix's Creek and Singleton.

Not having the declarations—these having been sent to Sydney—I am unable to trace whether the above did actually vote twice or were errors in ticking. In the case of William Hodges, the Deputy Returning Officer distinctly remembers him voting in his booth.

With these exceptions, everything else seems to be in order.

I have, &amp;c.,

SNELLING F. STREET,  
Returning Officer.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of inquiry and report.—J. L. WILLIAMS, U.S. (*per* G.W.), B.C., 25/10/10.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Saunders.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 26 October, 1910.  
REFERRED to Superintendent Saunders for careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.G. Police  
(*per* E.C.D.).

Referred to the Officer-in-charge of Police, Singleton, for careful inquiries and report. If necessary, forward papers elsewhere for completion of inquiries.—JOHN SAUNDERS, Superintendent of Police, West Maitland, 28/10/10. The Officer-in-charge of Police, Singleton.

The Returning Officer, Singleton, to The Minister of Justice.

Sir, Singleton, 26 October, 1910.  
I have forwarded, on the 20th, the result of the Local Option Vote for the Electoral District of Singleton, also under separate cover the official list of the votes taken throughout this electorate, and later all rolls, but up to the present I have not had any acknowledgment. Will you please give instructions for advice to be sent. I have, &c.,  
SNELLING F. SWEET,  
Returning Officer, Electoral District of Singleton.

Acknowledge receipt of Form "Schedule A," Form No. 2, and marked copy of roll; also, bag containing papers received this day.—D.R.J. (for U.S.), 27/10/10. R.O., Singleton, 27/10/10.

The Under Secretary of Justice to The Returning Officer, Singleton.

Sir, 27 October, 1910.  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of one bag containing papers relating to the Local Option Voting on the 14th October, 1910, also on the 21st instant of Form, Schedule "A" to Regulation No. 1, Form No. 2, and on the 25th idem marked copy of roll.

I have, &amp;c.,

Under Secretary.

Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 22 November, 1910.  
FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary, Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police  
(*per* E.C.D.).  
Forward



Forward extracts from Returning Officer's report of scrutiny and the police report referring to the case of W. H. Hodges to the Chief Electoral Officer, and ask whether it is intended to take any action against Hodges in the matter.—G.W. (for U.S.), 28/11/10. U.S., Chief Sec.'s Dept., and C.E. Officer, 28/11/10. Reminder, 3/1/11.

SENIOR-SERGEANT WHITFIELD begs to forward reports by the police at the places where the alleged plural voting occurred.

In the cases of Sarah Ann Campbell, Mary Kenna, Mary Dunn, and Mamdeen, there appears to have been impersonation, but neither the scrutineers nor the Deputy Returning Officers can remember who the offending parties were.

In the case of Wm. Henry Hodges, the Deputy Returning Officer at South Singleton says he remembers him voting, and Hodges denies having voted at South Singleton.

In the case of William A. Cook, it is suggested the wrong name has been ticked off; and in the case of Margaret White and Charles Castledine, it appears to have done in ignorance.

Specimen signatures "in each case" have been obtained, and are attached for comparison with the declarations which are in the possession of the Chief Electoral Officer for the State, 19/11/10.

The Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.

P. WHITFIELD,  
Senior Sergeant, 19/11/10.

Forwarded for information of the Inspector-General.—JOHN SAUNDERS, Superintendent of Police, West Maitland, 21/11/10. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

*Subject:—Re Report on Scrutiny of Local Option Rolls and Doubtful Cases of Double Voting.*

Police Station, Singleton, 31 October, 1910.

CONSTABLE J. HANNEY begs to forward attached papers to Senior-Constable Cochrane for careful inquiries and report as regards No. 52, Sarah Ann Campbell, and her movements on polling-day. If her signature could be obtained, it could, if necessary, be compared with the one appearing on the declaration of the person voting under that name at Singleton.

Senior-Constable Cochrane, Wollombi.

J. HANNEY,  
1st Class Constable (abs. Senior Sergeant).

Wollombi, 12 November, 1910.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE COCHRANE reports having made careful inquiries with regard to No. 52, Sarah Ann Campbell. On polling-day this elector was at Wollombi all day, and was seen at Wollombi polling-booth recording her vote on that day by the senior constable. Herewith attached is a specimen of her signature, witnessed by the senior constable.

Officer-in-Charge of Police, Singleton.

J. L. N. COCHRANE,  
Senior Constable.

*Sarah Ann Campbell*

*Subject:—Re Local Option Rolls and Doubtful Case of Double Voting by No. 37, William A. Cooke, of Bulga.*

Police Station, Bulga, 3 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE ANDERSON, No. 6,330, begs to report that, having made careful inquiries, finds that No. 37, William A. Cooke, who is a maintenance man, working on the roads, never left Bulga during polling day. The presiding officer and others at Bulga remembers Cooke voting in the afternoon; therefore, it would be impossible for him to reach Greta during polling hours.

Attached is William A. Cooke's signature, which can be compared with the signature of declaration made at Greta.

The Officer-in-Charge of Police, Singleton.

WM. ANDERSON,  
First-class Constable.

*W A Cooke*

*Subject:—Re Margaret White: Alleged case of Double Voting at Vere and Singleton.*

Police Station, Broke, 4 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE ROWE, No. 5,794, reports having interviewed Mrs. White, of the Nine-mile, on Wednesday, 2nd inst. Mrs. White states that she voted at Vere on polling-day, 14th October last, and was not in Singleton during that day. She does not know any other person named Margaret White, except her daughter,

daughter, who is a housemaid at Mr. Dangar's, "Baroona." Mrs. White states that her daughter Margaret wrote home and said that she voted at Singleton. Inquiry could be made by the Singleton police at "Baroona."

The proper way of spelling this name is "White," not "Whyte," as placed on the roll.  
Mrs. White's signature is on attached electoral claim.

Senior-Sergeant Whitfield, Singleton.

E. ROWE,  
First-class Constable.

*Margaret White*

*Subject:—Re Report on Scrutiny of Local Option Rolls and Doubtful Double Voting.*

Police Station, Singleton, 7 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE J. HANNEY begs to forward attached papers to Constable Dwan for careful inquiries and report as regards No. 37, William A. Cooke. Mr. Cooke has been interviewed at Bulga by Constable Anderson, and informed the constable that he did not leave Bulga on polling-day. Perhaps there is a man named "Cooke" at Greta who impersonated William A. Cooke on polling day.

First-class Constable Dwan, Greta.

JAS. HANNEY,  
First-class Constable (absent Senior-Sergeant).

Police Station, Greta, 8 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE DWAN begs to report that no man giving the name of William A. Cooke voted at the Greta polling-place. Jessie Catherine Cooke, of Bulga, voted at Greta, and evidently a mistake was made in ticking off the name, No. 37 being ticked instead of No. 36, as 36 was the number ticked on one of the scrutineer's rolls used on that day.

Senior-Sergeant Whitfield, Singleton.

J. DWAN,  
First-class Constable.

*Subject:—Re Report of Scrutiny of Local Option Rolls and Doubtful Cases of Double Voting.*

Police Station, Singleton, 18 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE G. F. LEVETT begs to report that on the 1st instant he interviewed Charles Castledine (No. 29) at Rix's Creek. Castledine states he voted at Rix's Creek polling-place on the 14th September last, and did not visit Singleton on that day; he also stated that he had a son whose name was Charles, who would no doubt vote at Singleton. On the 5th instant the constable saw Charles Castledine, junior, at Clydesdale, who admitted that he voted at Singleton on the 14th September last as No. 29, and said he thought it referred to him. Castledine, junior, is 23 years of age, and eligible to have a vote, but his name does not appear on the roll. The constable collected the electoral roll around Clydesdale in March last, but Castledine, junior, was not then to be found, and on the 5th instant he admitted to the constable that he had been away from the district.

*Charles Castledine*  
*Castledine*

On the 1st instant the constable interviewed Mary Dunn (No. 485) at Nundah; she stated she voted at Rix's Creek polling-place on the 14th September last, and signed a declaration, but did not vote at Singleton on that date.

*Mary Dunn*

On the 4th instant the constable interviewed Margaret White, who is a housemaid at "Baroona," and whose name does not appear on the roll; she was 21 years' old on the 7th June last. She states she voted at the Singleton Court-house on the 14th September last, and signed a declaration that she was Margaret White, of Vere (No. 70), whereas Margaret White, of Vere, is her mother. She says she did not know she was doing any wrong, as it was the first time she voted.

*Margaret White*

On the 7th instant the constable interviewed Mamdeen (No. 22), who stated he voted at Elderslie on the 14th September last, and did not leave there that day. Samuel Thrift and Edward Moore (residents of Elderslie) state that Mamdeen never left there on that day.

On the same date the constable interviewed Mary Kenna (No. 112) at Kirkton; she is over 60 years of age, and unable to write. She states she voted at Lower Bedford polling-place on the 14th September last, but did not go to Singleton on that day.

Senior-Sergeant Whitfield, Singleton.

G. F. LEVETT,  
Constable.  
*Subject:—*

*Subject:—Re Report on Scrutiny of Local Option Rolls and Doubtful Cases of Double Voting.*

Police Station, Singleton, 18 November, 1910.  
 CONSTABLE J. HANNEY begs to report that he interviewed William Henry Hodges (No. 269) at Singleton on the 1st November, 1910. Hodges stated that he voted at the Singleton Court-house on the 14th October last, but did not vote at South Singleton.

Senior-Sergeant Whitfield, Singleton.

JAS. HANNEY,  
 First-class Constable.

*William Henry Hodges*

The Under Secretary of Justice to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

Sir, Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, Sydney, 28 November, 1910.  
 I have the honor to forward to you herewith extracts from report of the Returning Officer, Singleton, and Police report in regard to his scrutiny of the Local Option votes recorded in that electorate, and to request that you will be so good as to state whether it is intended to take any action against W. H. Hodges under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act.

I have, &c.,  
 J. L. WILLIAMS,  
 Under Secretary  
 (per G.W.).

Sir, Court-house, Singleton, 24 October, 1910.  
 I am sending you by to-day's mail through parcels post certified roll of all votes recorded in the Electorate District of Singleton under the Liquor (Amendment) Act. I have very carefully checked all the votes from the various rolls into the one roll (*vide* Rule 63), and I notice the following to have been ticked off twice at different polling places:—

\* \* \* \* \*  
 269 William Hodges, S. Singleton and Singleton.

Not having the declarations (these having been sent to Sydney) I am unable to trace whether the above did actually vote twice or were errors in ticking. In the case of Wm. Hodges, the Deputy Returning Officer distinctly remembers him voting in his booth.

With these exceptions, everything else seems to be in order.

I have, &c.,  
 SNELLING F. STREET,  
 Returning Officer.

The Hon. the Minister of Justice.

SENIOR-SERGEANT WHITFIELD begs to forward reports by the police at the places where the alleged plural voting occurred.

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 In the case of Wm. Henry Hodges, the Deputy Returning Officer at South Singleton says he remembers him voting, and Hodges denies having voted at South Singleton.

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 Specimen signatures "in each case" have been obtained and are attached for comparison with the declarations which are in the possession of the Chief Electoral Officer for the State.

The Superintendent of Police, West Maitland.

P. WHITFIELD,  
 Senior Sergeant, 19/11/10.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Singleton Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 2 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the papers be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to whether there is sufficient evidence available to proceed under section 90 of Act 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
 Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 2/12/10.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Saunders.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 8 December, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Saunders for careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
 I.-G. Police,  
 (per E.C.D.)

Forwarded to Senior-Sergeant Whitfield for inquiry and report.—JOHN SAUNDERS, Superintendent of Police, West Maitland, 10/12/10. Senior-Sergeant Whitfield, Singleton.

Mr.

Mr. Police-Superintendent Saunders to The Inspector-General of Police.

*Subject*.—Singleton Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting. State Elections, 14/10/10.

Police Department, Superintendent's Office, North-Eastern District,  
West Maitland, 21 December, 1910.

I beg to forward the attached report from Senior-Sergeant Whitfield, dated 17th instant, having reference to above subject, for information of the Inspector-General.

JOHN SAUNDERS,  
Superintendent of Police.

Forwarded for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, and Chief Electoral Officer.—THOMAS GARVIN, Inspector-General of Police (*per* E.C.D.), B.C., 22/12/1910.

*Subject*.—*Re* alleged Plural Voting at State Elections at Singleton, on the 14th October, 1910.

Police Station, Singleton, 17 December, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT WHITFIELD reports that he has made further searching inquiries into the above matter, and finds now, that the person who voted at South Singleton polling-place on the 14th October last, "in the name of W. H. Hodges, was a man named Thomas Hodges, a grazier, who recently came from Muswellbrook to Singleton, and whose name does not appear upon any of the rolls for the Singleton Electorate. Thomas Hodges says he went into the South Singleton polling-booth on the 14th October last, and was asked by Martin Bouffier, scrutineer, what his name was? He replied, "Hodges." Bouffier looked up the roll, and called the number out. The Deputy Returning Officer then gave him a paper, which he signed. He was then handed voting papers, and voted. No person asked him his Christian name or occupation, and he did not get a chance to see the roll himself. Martin Bouffier, the scrutineer referred to, and Benjamin Bartrop, the poll clerk at South Singleton booth on that day, have been interviewed, but cannot remember the incident. Mr. Clive Street, the Deputy Returning Officer, "referred to in previous reports upon the subject," now resides at Bexley, near Sydney, and could not be interviewed. A specimen signature of Thomas Hodges is attached for comparison with the declaration. This appears to be a case of carelessness on the part of the Deputy Returning Officer. Hodges, who is perfectly straightforward about the matter, acted in ignorance.

P. WHITFIELD,  
Senior Sergeant.

Mr. Superintendent Saunders, West Maitland.

*T. Hodges*

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Singleton Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 29 December, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the papers be referred to the Returning Officer for his perusal, and any comment he may wish to make.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

A. Simmons, Esq., J.P., Returning Office, Singleton.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 29/12/1910.

The Under Secretary of Justice to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

Sir, Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, Sydney, 3 January, 1911.

I have the honor to invite your attention to my letter of the 28th November last, asking whether it is intended to take any action against W. H. Hodges under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, and to request that you will be so good as to inform me whether any decision has yet been arrived at.

I have, &c.,

J. L. WILLIAMS,  
Under Secretary  
(*per* G.W.).

Minute by The Returning Officer, Singleton,

Singleton Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

Singleton, 3 January, 1911.

It appears that there has not been any attempt at double voting, there being two Hodges, and the Hodges that voted at South Singleton was not asked his Christian name.

Further action seems to be unnecessary. The instance has, however, been noted for reference at any future polling.

ALBT. SIMMONS,  
Returning Officer, Electoral District of Singleton.

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### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Singleton Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 5 January, 1911.

SUBMITTED that, in view of the police report, "That there was no double voting; but a person named Hodges (acting in ignorance), though not enrolled, was, by the carelessness on the part of the Presiding Officer, allowed to vote"; and the report of the Returning Officer, "that further action seems to be unnecessary," no further action be taken, and that the Under Secretary, Department of Attorney-General and of Justice, be informed.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., Jan. 6, 1911.  
Mr. Pinnington, Jan. 6, 1911. Letter to U.S., Justice, 9/1/11.

Approved.—D.M., Jan. 6, 1911.

### The Chief Electoral Officer to The Under Secretary of Justice.

Sir, State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 9 January, 1911.

In reply to your communication of the 3rd January, asking whether it is intended to take any action against W. H. Hodges, of Singleton, under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, I have the honor, by direction of the Chief Secretary, to inform you that in view of the police report and that of the Returning Officer for the Singleton Electorate, it has been decided that no further action be taken.

I have, &c.,

F. A. COGHLAN,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

Seen.—G.W. (for U.S.), 11/1/11.

### The Returning Officer, Singleton, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Singleton Electorate.—*Re* apparent Double Voting.

Sir, Singleton, 30 January, 1911.

In reply to yours of the 24th January, I beg to state that I have seen Mr. C. J. McCosker. He states that in checking the rolls there were names which appeared as having voted at different polling-places; but, after inquiry, it was found that there was no evidence of double voting, and that the matter was duly reported by the Returning Officer, Mr. Street.

I may state that I understand that this matter has been dealt with, but it appears that Mr. Street has forwarded the papers to the Justice Department instead of to you direct.

I have, &c.,

ALBT. SIMMONS,

Returning Officer, Electoral District of Singleton.

### St. George Electorate.

### The Returning Officer, St. George, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

*Re* Apparent Plural Voting.

Sir, Hurstville, 16 November, 1910.

From the ticked copy of the Electoral Roll for St. George, previously forwarded to you, it would appear that the following votes had been recorded twice:—

#### Supplementary Roll—

- (1.) Page 5. Bexley, No. 148. Bexley and Sydney.
- (2.) Page 10. Kogarah, No. 501. Sydney and Bexley.

#### Roll—

- (3.) Page 11. Kogarah, No. 743. Kogarah and Kogarah.
- (4.) Page 12. Kogarah, No. 817. Kogarah and Sydney.
- (5.) Page 13. Kogarah, No. 910. Kogarah and Carlton.
- (6.) Page 26. Kogarah, No. 1908. Oatley and Brighton.
- (7.) Page 35. Kogarah, No. 2546. Kogarah and Rockdale.
- (8.) Page 36. Kogarah, No. 2671. Kogarah and Sans Souci.
- (9.) Page 2. Arncliffe, No. 64. Kogarah and Banksia.
- (10.) Page 9. Wollongong-road, No. 597. Wollongong-road and Arncliffe.
- (11.) Page 13. Wollongong-road, No. 923. Wollongong-road and Arncliffe.

With regard to Nos. 2, 3, 6, and 9, in each case a declaration would have to be signed by the voter. I made examination of the declaration forms and rolls, and beg to report as follows:—No. 2.—Mistake made by clerk in ticking off roll sent to you, 502 should have been ticked instead of 501 twice. No. 6.—Mistake made by Deputy Returning Officer at Brighton-le-Sands, who shows No. 1908 ticked as voting, but signature

is

is not amongst his declarations. No. 9.—No. 64 is Barnidge, George Matthew, and No. 65 Barnidge, Matthew. Mistake made by Deputy Returning Officer at Kogarah, who should have ticked off 65 instead of 64. This is conclusively proved by the signatures on the Declaration Forms being distinct and as given above. No. 3.—No. 743 is English, Edward. There are eight electors of this name on the roll, and the Deputy Returning Officer informs me that he made a mistake in the first-place in ticking off 743, and that subsequently Edward English came to vote and was allowed to do so, hence double tick.

I am of the opinion that the seven other cases are mistakes on the part of the Deputy Returning Officers, occasioned, no doubt, by the rush of voters to record their votes at certain times of the day.

Yours faithfully,

C. H. HALSTEAD,  
Returning Officer, St. George.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

St. George Electorate.—Cases of Apparent Plural Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 21 November, 1910.

THE Returning Officer has reported certain cases of apparent plural voting in connection with the recent election.

Submitted that the papers be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for favour of report as to what evidence is available, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, U.S. & C.E.O., B.C., 21/11/10.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 22 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Sherwood for careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.-G. Police  
(per E.C.D.).

Mr. Macintosh.—A.R.S., Supt., 23/11/10.

### Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Double Voting, St. George Electorate.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 3 December, 1910.

FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, and Chief Electoral Officer.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police,  
(per E.C.D.).

Submitted that the papers be forwarded to the Returning Officer for his perusal, and any comment he may desire to make.—S. J. PINNINGTON, Principal Electoral Registrar. C. H. Halstead, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Bridge-road, Hurstville.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.—B.C., 17/12/1910. Having perused the papers herewith, I am of opinion that no double voting took place at the recent election in the Electorate of St. George.—C. H. HALSTEAD, R.O., St. George, 19/12/10.

*Re* Apparent Plural Voting at recent State Election, St. George Electorate.

Police Station, Kogarah, 2 December, 1910.

SERGEANT MASON reports having made very careful inquiries respecting the above, and has interviewed the voters referred to, and each deny recording their vote twice.

No. 1, page 5, Bexley Supplementary Roll, No. 148, states that he voted at the Queen's Hall, Sydney, and signed the usual declaration.

No. 4, page 12, Kogarah Roll, No. 817, states that he voted at Kogarah, and was not in Sydney on that day.

No. 5, page 13, Kogarah Roll, No. 910, states that he voted at Carlton only, and signed the usual declaration.

No. 7, page 35, Kogarah Roll, No. 2546, states that she voted at Kogarah, and was not in Rockdale on that day.

No. 8, page 36, Kogarah Roll, No. 2671, states that she only voted at Kogarah.

No. 11, page 13, Wollongong-road, states that he voted at Wollongong-road, and did not vote at either of the other polling-places.

Nos. 2, 3, 6, 9, and 10 are explained by Mr. Halstead, Chief Returning Officer,

The Sergeant might state that all of these electors are personally known to the police of this district, and are persons of irreproachable characters, and he has no hesitation in accepting their statements as being truthful.

The Sergeant might add, in concluding, that he is of the same opinion as Mr. Halstead, that in each case mistakes have been made by the Deputy Returning Officer's.

Inspector Macintosh, No. 12 Division.

SIDNEY R. MASON,  
Sergeant.

Forwarded to the Supt. of Police, Sydney.—J. MACINTOSH, Insp., 2/12/10. Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent, Dec. 3, 1910.

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

St. George Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 30 December, 1910.

THE police report that the errors appear to have occurred through the booth officials marking the roll wrongly; the Returning Officer is of opinion that no double voting took place at the recent election.

Submitted, in view of the above, that no further action be taken.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for Approval.—F.A.C., U.S., Jan 3, 1911.

Approved.—D.M., Jan. 4, 1911.

### St. Leonards Electorate.

#### The Returning Officer, St. Leonards, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

School of Arts, North Sydney, 26 October, 1910.

I herewith submit my report on election of 14th October for this district. On named day, the result of ballot was as follows:—

Clark, E. M.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,735
Cocks, A. A. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,382
Down, G. M.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,232
Informal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
A total of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,378
Number of voters on General Roll	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,048
" " Supplemental Roll	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	790
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,838
Deduct Deaths and Transfers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250
Leaving	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,588

This gives a percentage of 69.68 votes.

On checking the rolls I found three (3) persons had been personated at Milson's Point polling-booth. Number and names on roll:—

1922, Maddison, George Edgar, Arthur-street, clerk; 2114, Munro, John McKenzie, 36 Jeffrey-street, plumber; 1571, Howard, Thomas, 72 Arthur-street, clerk. All on Mount-street roll.

During this election quite a number of electors, some of them personal friends, complained of their names being omitted from the roll.

I would suggest that in future the Electoral Registrar should have his confidential list marked to show how the voter's name appears thereon, that is, if dead, marked Dead; if transferred to another electorate, marked Transferred to—

The Returning Officer has then his point in questioning the vote if tendered, which has happened at this Election.

I would also suggest that the rolls be revised once a year.

I have to thank the police for services rendered on the day.

I have, &c.,

W. H. PERRY,

Returning Officer, St. Leonards.

## The Returning Officer, St. Leonards, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

School of Arts, North Sydney, 26 October, 1910.

I herewith submit my report on election of 21st October, 1910, for this district. On named day the result of ballot was as follows:—

Cocks, A. A. C. ... ..	4,443
Down, G. M. ... ..	3,317
Informal ... ..	23
A total of ... ..	7,783
Number of voters on General Roll ... ..	10,048
"    "    Supplemental Roll ... ..	790
Total ... ..	10,838
Deduct deaths and transfers ... ..	250
Leaving ... ..	10,588

This gives a percentage of 73.51 votes. The sex voting was 3,469 males, 4,316 females. On checking the rolls I found seven persons had been personated. Number and names as under:—

## Milson's Point—

2214, O'Connell, Catherine, 52 Milson-street, tailoress.  
2547, Roper, Albert Fredk., 37 Junction-street, labourer.

## Mount-street—

614, Clark, Edwd. William, 281 Alfred-street, clerk.  
1571, Howard, Thomas, 72 Arthur-street, clerk.  
3301, Tapfield, Rohan, 6 Wilona-avenue, traveller.  
3288, Summergreene, Margaret, 5 Wilona-avenue, domestic duties.  
720, Coste, Augustus George, 83 Arthur-street, labourer.

I am strongly of opinion that 3301 and 3288 voted twice.

During this election quite a number of electors, some of them personally known to me, complained of their names being from the roll.

I must repeat my suggestion mentioned in my report on the election of the 14th, that in future the Electoral Registrar should have his confidential list marked to show how the voter's name appears thereon; that is, if dead, marked Dead. If transferred to another electorate, Transferred to———  
The Returning Officer then has his point in questioning the vote if tendered, which has happened at this election. I would also suggest that the rolls should be revised once a year. I have to again thank the police for services rendered on the day. I have, &c.,

W. H. PERRY,

Returning Officer, St. Leonards.

## The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, St. Leonards.

Sir,

9 November, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters dated, respectively, the 26th October last, and to inform you that the necessary steps to have the cases of alleged double voting, to which you refer, investigated; also that an expression of your appreciation of the services of the police on polling days will be conveyed to the Inspector-General.

With regard to the preparation of the confidential list, the Electoral Registrar should have shown in that list the reason for each disqualification, in accordance with the instructions contained in Circular No. 495.

I may add that the question of having the rolls revised once each year has already been under consideration. I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of alleged Double Voting during the recent Parliamentary Elections at St. Leonards.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 9 November, 1910.

SUBMITTED that the attached communications from the Returning Officer at St. Leonards be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry and report as to what evidence is available for instituting proceedings under section 90 of Act 33, 1902. Also that attention be directed to the expression of the Returning Officer's thanks to the police for their services during polling days, viz., the day of the General Election and the taking of the second ballot.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

For favour of report. The Inspector-General of Police.—F. A. COGHLAN, Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, B.C., 9/11/10.

## The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Sherwood.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 10 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Sherwood for careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,

I.G. Police

(per E.C.D.).

Mr. West.—A.R.S., Supt., 10/11/10.

Minute



## Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Double Voting, St. Leonards.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 21 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer, Chief Secretary's Department.

T. GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police.*Re* alleged Double Voting in St. Leonards Electorate at last General Election and Second Ballot,  
14th and 21st October, 1910.

No. 6 Police Station, North Sydney, 19 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT BARRY reports that he has made very full inquiries into the attached cases of alleged double voting and impersonation at the last General Election in St. Leonards Electorate, but he has been unable to elicit any evidence calculated to sustain these allegations. He has interviewed the Returning Officer, deputy returning officers, and poll clerks, also Mr. Thomas Evans, 34, Campbell-street, North Sydney, the officer before whom all declarations made at Milson's Point polling-place were taken, but neither of these gentlemen can identify the persons concerned in these cases.

At the General Election those personated were:—

1. George Edgar Maddison, Arthur-street South, clerk.
2. John McKenzie Munro, 36 Jeffrey-street, plumber.
3. Thomas Howard, 72 Arthur-street, clerk. The two first-named appear on the Milson's Point roll, while the last-named appears on the Mount-street roll, and all three are ticked off as having voted at both places on that occasion.

At the second ballot it was found that—

4. Catherine O'Connell, 52 Milson-street, domestic duties.
5. Albert Frederick Roper, 37 Junction-street, labourer, both on Milson's Point roll, were ticked off as having voted at that polling-place and also at Mount-street.
6. Edward William Clark, 281 Alfred-street, clerk.
7. Thomas Howard, 72 Arthur-street, clerk.
8. Rohan Tapfield, 6 Wilona-avenue, traveller.
9. Margaret Summergreene, 5 Wilona-avenue, domestic duties.
10. Augustus George Coste, 83 Arthur-street, labourer,

All on Mount-street roll, are similarly shown to have voted at both polling-places.

Except in two cases, namely, Tapfield and Summergreene, there is no suspicion that the persons named were guilty of double voting. In the case of Thomas Howard, he signed a declaration and voted at Milson's Point on 14th October, while at the second ballot—21st October—Mr. Perry, Returning Officer, is positive that he voted at Mount-street (his proper polling-place), although he is ticked off as having voted at Milson's Point also on that date.

In the cases specially mentioned by Mr. Perry, *i.e.*, Nos. 3288 and 3301 on Mount-street roll, there is no evidence to show that they are identical with those who made declarations and voted at Milson's Point, nor can any of those engaged at Mount-street booth prove that these persons also voted there. The senior-sergeant has, however, procured specimen signatures of both persons (attached), which may perhaps on comparison with the signatures to declarations assist in verifying or disproving the allegation.

With reference to the tendered votes in the cases of—

1. Mary Vera Cox, No. 643, Milson's Point roll, this name was ticked off in error for No. 640, same roll.
2. James Buckley, No. 432 Mount-street roll, and
3. Annie O'Connor, No. 2488, Mount-street roll, stated that they did not vote as they had been personated.

Specimen signatures of Rohan Tapfield and Margaret Summergreene, referred to in attached report.




The Officer-in-Charge, No. 6 Division.

R. H. BARRY,  
Senior Sergeant.Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Sydney.—W. J. WEST, Sub-Inspector, 20/11/10.  
Forwarded to the Inspector General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent, Nov. 21, 1910.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, St. Leonards.

5 December, 1910.

I SHALL be glad if you will be good enough to call on me when convenient in connection with the apparent double voting in the St. Leonards Electorate at the recent election.

FAC-SIMILE OF ENVELOPE.

**O.H.M.S.**

*Impersonation*  
#H 32

John James Buckley  
16 Birch St.  
Tendered vote

FAC-SIMILE OF CONTENTS OF ABOVE ENVELOPE.

*Impersonation*

Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, No. 33, 1902  
(SECTION 85),  
and Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 41, 1906.

Declaration of person marked "dead," or disqualified on  
the Roll.

I John James Buckley do solemnly and  
sincerely declare that I am the person #H 32 - Mount St  
whose name appears upon the roll in force for the electoral district of  
with the word "Impersonation"  
written upon a copy thereof opposite such name; and I make this solemn declaration,  
conscientiously believing the same to be true.

\*Insert "dead,"  
or "in custody,"  
or "in custody,  
disqualified," as  
the case may be.

DECLARED before me this 21<sup>st</sup> John James Buckley  
day of Oct 1940.  
[Signature]  
Deputy Returning Officer for the  
Mount Polling Place.

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Ballot-Paper.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT

OF

ST. LEONARDS.

ELECTION OF MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
ASSEMBLY.

CANDIDATES.

COCKS, ARTHUR ALBERT CLEMENT

DOWN, GEORGE MARTIN

N.B.—Indicate your vote by making a cross in the square opposite the  
name of the Candidate for whom you vote.

## FAC-SIMILE OF ENVELOPE.

*Inspected* **O.H.M.S.** *Evident Results*

*Tendered Vote*

*643 Cox Mary Vera.* *Mrs. P. A. Cox*

## FAC-SIMILE OF CONTENTS OF ABOVE ENVELOPE.

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FAC-SIMILE OF ENVELOPE.

*Information*

**O.H.M.S.**

*St Leonards*  
*Central*

2488 *Annie Connor*  
*Arthur P*

*Mount Street*  
*O.R.*

FAC-SIMILE OF CONTENTS OF ABOVE ENVELOPE.

*Information*

Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, No. 33, 1902.

SECTION 85.

and Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 41, 1906.

Declaration of person marked "dead," or disqualified on the Roll.

I *Annie Connor* do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the person

whose name appears upon the roll in force for the electoral district of with the word\* *already voted*.

\*Insert "dead," or "in custody," or "in custody, disqualified," as the case may be.

written upon a copy thereof opposite such name; and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true.

DECLARED before me this *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *October* 19 *10*.

*Arthur P*  
Deputy Returning Officer for the *Mount St* Polling Place.  
*O.R.*

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## Tenterfield Electorate.

## The Returning Officer, Casino, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Casino, Richmond River, 18 November, 1910.

I have the honor to forward, under separate cover, a report furnished by Senior-Sergeant Eather in the matter of plural voting which occurred in this electorate. I shall be obliged if you will instruct me whether any action is to be taken in the matter. I am keeping back the parcels and rolls, &c., until I receive your reply, as in the event of any prosecutions they will have to be produced in evidence. I am also sending you the abstract of ballot papers used and unused.

I have, &amp;c.,

L. E. COPE,

Returning Officer.

*Subject*:—Plural Voting, &c., at Casino and elsewhere, in the Tenterfield Electorate, on  
14th October, 1910.

Police Station, Casino, 17 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT EATHER reports having made careful inquiries in this matter.

No. 2218 on roll refers to James Watson, farmer, Deep Creek. James Watson, a labourer, voted on the name at Casino.

No. 406 on roll refers to Robert James Collie, labourer, Casino, who voted at Greenridge, where he was at work, 14/10/10; also signed the declaration. His son, R. J. Collie, whose name is not on the roll, voted at Casino as R. J. Collie.

No. 241 on roll is Grace Brown, of Shannonbrook; she voted at Mummulgum polling-place, and signed the declaration. Some person voted at Casino polling-place on this name, but up to the present the police cannot find out who it was.

No. 42 on roll is James Connolly, farmer, Tatham, who voted at Tatham polling-place. His son, James Connolly, who for many years was a farmer, also at Tatham, voted at Deep Creek, and states he certainly believed the name referred to him.

No. 1925 on roll is John Schneider, hotelkeeper, Irvington. He voted at Casino; and his son, John Schneider, who resides at Tatham, voted there; he states that he was not asked any questions, only his name, and he believed the name referred to him.

No. 438 on roll is Mabel Drummond, who voted at Sydney polling-booth, and signed declaration. Mr. George Mitchell, poll clerk at Tenterfield, states that he ticked 438 at Tenterfield by mistake. Mr. T. M. Walker, Returning Officer, states that a mistake was made in ticking it.

No. 118 on Supplemental Roll is Patrick Flanagan, of Casino, where he voted. Joseph Patrick Flanagan, also called Paddy Flanagan, was for some time a resident of Casino, and now of Tabulam, voted at Sandy Hills, and states he believed the name referred to him.

No. 558 on roll is Samuel Henry George Davison; he voted at Coraki and signed declaration. Gordon Davison voted at Casino on this name. He states he was given the number at one of the committee-rooms, and was not asked any questions by anyone, and as his name had been collected by the police, he had no doubt about it being on the roll, and voted.

No. 534 on Supplemental Roll is Arthur Rynar Kerr. A declaration was made at the Risk polling-place, and is signed A. S. Felton. Felton denies having signed any declaration. Mr. F. G. Wall, Presiding Officer, states that Kerr voted, but he (the Presiding Officer) omitted to get him to sign the declaration, and in the hurry at closing time he signed it for him, as he thought, but put A. R. Felton instead of A. R. Kerr. It will be seen by the declaration that H. G. Kerr, of Lynch's Creek, voted at the Risk, but A. R. Kerr's name does not appear on it.

No. 402 on Kyogle roll is Alice Godfrey (maiden name McInnes); voted at Horseshoe Creek polling-booth, and made the declaration. Alice McInnes (maiden name McKay) voted at Kyogle. She states that after the collection of the roll she married McInnes, and believed, at the time of voting, that it was her name that was on the roll, and voted accordingly. Alice McInnes, who voted at Horseshoe Creek, is the person the name refers to.

The signature, John Thomas Saul, appears on the Risk declaration form. Senior-Sergeant Eather has Saul's signature, and is prepared to prove that the handwriting in the declaration is not in J. T. Saul's.

J. EATHER,

L. E. Cope, Esq., Returning Officer, Casino.

Senior Sergeant.

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

## Tenterfield Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 23 November, 1910.

SUBMITTED, that the papers be returned to the Returning Officer for further particulars in connection with 2218, James Watson; 534, Arthur R. Kerr (was this a case of apparent double voting, or irregularity on the part of the booth official?), and John Thomas Saul. In six cases two persons of the same name voted on the one enrolment, which shows laxity on the part of the booth officials in not verifying the enrolment; in one case, the roll was wrongly marked by the booth official; and in the other case, impersonation was carried out, but no evidence is available to identify the impersonator.

Summary of cases:—2218, on roll, no particulars; 406, father and son, one enrolment; 241, impersonation; 42, father and son, one enrolment; 1925, father and son, one enrolment; 438, roll ticked by mistake; 118, two Flanagans, one enrolment; 538, Davison, S. H. G., enrolled—Davison, Gordon, not enrolled; 534, presiding officer omitted to obtain signature to declaration; 402, Alice McInnes, same name, one enrolment; John Thomas Saul, no particulars.

S. J. PINNINGTON,

Principal Electoral Registrar.

Approved.—F. A. COGLAN, U.S., 23/11/10.

Minute

## Minute by The Chief Electoral Officer.

Tenterfield Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 25 November, 1910.

For favour of your further report.

F. A. COGHLAN,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

L. E. Cope, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, Casino, B.C., 25/11/10.

## The Returning Officer, Casino, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Electorate of Tenterfield.—Apparent Double Voting.

Sir,

Casino, 12 December, 1910.

I have the honor to report further with regard to this matter, that 2218, James Watson, farmer, Deep Creek, voted at that polling-place, and that James Watson, a labourer, of Casino, whose name is not on the roll, voted on the other man's enrolment.

I do not think that he was asked any questions by the Deputy Returning Officer, and his vote was not objected to by any of the scrutineers. There is no doubt he should have been on the roll, as he has been a resident for many years.

534, Arthur R. Kerr.—In this case I have ascertained that the Deputy Returning Officer omitted to get the declaration signed by the voter, and afterwards attempted to remedy the error by inserting the name himself, but wrote in the name of Arthur R. Felton by mistake. I have drawn his attention to the necessity of complying strictly with the regulations. The same official made another blunder by writing in the name of John Thomas Saul, instead of obtaining his signature to the declaration.

In reference to the suggestion that, because in six cases two persons of the same name voted on the one enrolment, there has been laxity on the part of the booth officials, I would point out that in most instances the voter gets his number from one of the committee-rooms, and then comes into the booth to vote, giving his name and number, and unless he is personally known to the Returning Officer, or is objected to by one of the scrutineers, there is usually no reason to doubt his right to vote.

I have, &amp;c.,

L. E. COPE,  
Returning Officer.

## The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Casino.

Sir,

5 January, 1911.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to return to this Office papers 10-23,644, being your report in connection with cases of apparent double voting in the Tenterfield Electorate, as early as possible, after completing any action you may wish to take thereon.

I have, &amp;c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

## The Returning Officer, Casino, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Electorate of Tenterfield.

Sir,

Casino, 9 January, 1911.

Referring to your letters of 5th and 6th instant, I now forward under separate cover the marked roll showing the result of my scrutiny of votes recorded at the recent General Election, and in a separate envelope the office papers 10-23,644.

I regret that these papers were not returned, as they should have been, with my letter of 12th December. They were handed to my clerk for that purpose, and until I received your letter I had no idea that he had omitted to send them.

I had retained the marked roll pending instructions as to whether any action should be taken as to the cases of apparent double voting, but as under all the circumstances I do not see that anything would be gained by such action, there seems no cause to keep it any longer.

The result of my scrutiny was of course embodied in my letter of 18th November and Sergeant Eather's report of 17th November attached thereto, which was made in response to the inquiries I had made as a result of my checking the rolls.

I have, &amp;c.,

L. E. COPE  
(per J.P.).

## The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Casino.

Sir,

13 January, 1911.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th January, also two copies of the Roll and Supplemental Roll, marked with the names of the persons who voted in the Tenterfield Electorate at the recent General Election.

One copy of the Roll and Supplemental Roll has been forwarded to the Department of Attorney-General and of Justice.

I have, &amp;c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

**Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.**

Tenterfield Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 27 February, 1911.

The police report shows one case only of alleged impersonation, and with regard to that it is stated that "Grace Brown, of Shannonbrook, voted at Mummulgum polling-place, and signed the declaration. Some person voted at Casino polling-place on this name, but up to the present the police cannot find out who it was."

On reference to the Returning Officer, he states, "I had retained the marked roll pending instructions as to whether any action should be taken as to the cases of apparent double voting, but as under all the circumstances I do not see that anything would be gained by such action, there seems no cause to keep it any longer."

In view of the above, it is submitted that no further action be taken regarding the apparent double voting, and the Returning Officer be so informed.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted for approval—F.A.C., U.S., 27/2/11. Approved.—D.M., Feb. 27, 1911.

**The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Casino.**

Sir,

1 March, 1911.

In connection with the apparent double voting at the General Election for Tenterfield Electorate, I have the honor, by direction of the Chief Secretary, to inform you that in view of the police reports, it has been decided that no further action shall be taken.

I have, &amp;c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

**Waratah Electorate.****The Returning Officer, Wallsend, to The Chief Electoral Officer.**

Sir,

Wallsend, 25 October, 1910.

I have this day forwarded, under separate cover, a fair copy of the electoral roll of the district, with the distinguishing mark thereon transferred from the Deputy Returning Officers' rolls, indicating every voter who has voted at such poll. I also wish to report that I have not found any voter having voted twice.

Yours, &amp;c.,

THOMAS FRYAR,  
Returning Officer, Electorate of Waratah.

P.S.—Empty mail bag returned addressed to you to-day.—T.F.

**Waverley Electorate.****The Returning Officer, Waverley, to The Chief Electoral Officer.**

Sir,

Waverley Electoral District, 18 March, 1911.

Referring to your letter of 2nd ultimo, I have the honor to state that a marked roll was sent on to the Justice Department, giving the result of the scrutiny of votes recorded at the last General Election, and a promise was made that this marked roll would be sent on to you from an official in the Justice Department. From the scrutiny made of the rolls at the time, there did not appear to have been any double voting at the said election.

I have, &amp;c.,

G. A. NORTON RUSSELL,  
Returning Officer.

**Wickham Electorate.****The Returning Officer, Carrington, to The Minister of Justice.**

General Election, 1910.—Wickham Electorate—Local Option Vote.

Sir,

Young-street, Carrington, 29 October, 1910.

I am forwarding you, under separate cover, a copy of rolls of the Wickham Electorate, with all the votes from the various rolls used by the Deputy Returning Officers duly transferred therein. There has only one case of apparently double voting come under my notice: it is on the Islington roll, No. 1,264. Henry Smith, Power-street, labourer, voted at the Islington polling-place, N to Z booth. The said Henry Smith, No. 1,264 Islington roll, also voted at North Hamilton polling-place, L to Z booth. After carefully going through the rolls this is the only case we found.

I have, &amp;c.,

ALEXANDER THORNTON,  
Returning Officer.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—J. L. WILLIAMS, U.S. (per G.W.), B.C., 1/11/10.

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The Returning Officer, Carrington, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

General Election, 1910.—Wickham Electorate.

Sir,

Young-street, Carrington, 29 October, 1910.

I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, a copy of rolls of the Wickham Electorate, with all the votes from the various rolls used by the Deputy Returning Officers duly transferred therein. There has only one case come under notice that has apparently voted twice. It is on the Islington roll, No. 1264. Henry Smith, Power-street, labourer, voted at the Islington polling-place, N to Z booth. The said Henry Smith, Power-street, labourer, No. 1264, voted at North Hamilton by declaration, in the L to Z booth. This is the only case I know of.

I have, &c.,

ALEXANDER THORNTON,  
Returning Officer.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Saunders.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 2 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Saunders for careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.G. Police  
(per E.C.D.).

Forwarded to Inspector Goulder for inquiry and report.—JOHN SAUNDERS, Superintendent of Police, West Maitland, 3/11/1910. Inspector Goulder, Newcastle.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Carrington.

Sir,

3 November, 1910.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th October, furnishing a report in connection with the conduct of the recent election, and I am to state that the case of apparent double voting mentioned therein will be investigated.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Wickham Electorate.—Apparent Case of Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 3 November, 1910.

THE Returning Officer has reported what appears to be a case of double voting.

Submitted that the matter be referred to the police for report.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of investigation and report.—F.A.C., U.S. & C.E.O., B.C., 3/11/10.

The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Saunders.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 4 November, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Saunders for very careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.G. Police  
(per E.C.D.).

Forwarded to Inspector Goulder for inquiry and report. Previous papers same subject were forwarded to him on 3rd instant, No. 10-7,007.—JOHN SAUNDERS, Superintendent of Police, West Maitland, 5/11/10. Inspector Goulder, Newcastle. Mr. McHardy has this matter in hand.—Geo. E. GOULDER, Insp., 5/11/10.

Minute by The Inspector-General of Police.

Double Voting at Wickham by H. Smith.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 19 November, 1910.

FORWARDED for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police  
(absent)  
(per E. C. DAY, Supt.)

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The Returning Officer reports that one Henry Smith voted at Islington, for which polling-place he is enrolled, and also at North Hamilton on making the declaration, Schedule 9. Henry Smith admits voting at Islington, to the Sub-Inspector, but denies voting at North Hamilton. The Schedule 9 used at North Hamilton is required to compare the signature of Henry Smith, who voted there, and the signature of Henry Smith who voted at Islington, which has been obtained by the police.

Submitted that the papers be referred to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, with a view to obtaining the schedule referred to.—S. J. PINNINGTON, Principal Electoral Registrar.

Submitted.—F.A.C., U.S., Dec. 2, 1910. Approved.—D.M., Dec. 2, 1910.

Apparent Double Voting by Henry Smith, Islington, at the recent Parliamentary Election for Wickham. Police Station, Newcastle, 16 November, 1910.

I beg to report that I have made careful inquiry into this matter. Mr. Handcock, the poll clerk, who had charge of the table where the vote in question was recorded at North Hamilton, states he has no recollection of the matter at all, and does not know the Henry Smith above referred to. The said Henry Smith, who resides at Power-street, Islington, and is enrolled as No. 1264, Islington, asserts that he voted at Islington, and at no other place. A specimen of the said Henry Smith's signature is herewith attached, which, under the circumstances, it might perhaps be deemed advisable to compare with the signature on the declaration made by the person who voted at North Hamilton, which is now in the possession of the Chief Electoral Officer, Sydney, as, on a careful examination of the rolls, there does not appear to be any person who could possibly have made such a declaration by mistake.

Inspector Goulder, Newcastle.

*Henry Smith*

C. F. McHARDY,  
Sub-Inspector.

Forwarded to the Superintendent, who may ask that Mr. McHardy's suggestion be carried out. The other file, same subject, is now attached to this.—GEO. E. GOULDER, Inspector, Newcastle, 17/11/10. The Supt. of Police, West Maitland. Forwarded for information of the Inspector-General.—JOSEPH BEAR, Sub-Inspector (in absence of Superintendent), West Maitland, 18/11/10. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

### The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Apparent Double Voting, Wickham Electorate.

Sir,

Legislative Assembly Office, Sydney, 6 December, 1910.

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date on the above subject and asking, if possible, that the declarations made by Henry Smith, at North Hamilton, be placed at the disposal of your Department, in order to determine whether a prosecution may be taken under section 90 of the Act No. 33, 1902, and for production at the Court should proceedings be taken.

Section 99 of the above quoted Act requires all papers used in connection with the election to be forwarded to me for safe custody, and section 101 imposes penalties for anyone wilfully breaking the seal of, or opening any of the sealed parcels or packets, unless by direction of some competent Court or other tribunal authorised in that behalf, or under certain other circumstances detailed. I therefore regret that I am unable to comply with your request, and the papers are therefore returned to you.

I have, &c.,

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

### Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Wickham Electorate.—Apparent Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 17 December, 1910.

The Police report that "it might be deemed advisable to compare the signature of Henry Smith with that on the declaration made by the person who voted at North Hamilton." As that declaration is not available, being in the custody of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, it is submitted that the police be asked if the case appears strong enough to proceed under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902, and obtain an order of the Court for the production of the declaration bearing the signature required.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Approved.—F.A.C., 17/12/10. The Inspector-General of Police, B.C., 19/12/1910.

### The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Saunders.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 20 December, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Saunders for further inquiries and report. See memorandum by the Principal Electoral Registrar, dated the 17th instant.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
I.-G. Police  
(per E.C.D.).

Forwarded to Inspector Goulder for information, further inquiry, and report.—JOHN SAUNDERS, Superintendent of Police, West Maitland, 22/12/10. Inspector Goulder, Newcastle. Mr. McHardy has this matter in hand.—GEO. E. GOULDER, Insp., 22/12/10.

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The Inspector-General of Police to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Double Voting, Wickham Electorate.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 28 December, 1910.

POLICE reports herewith for information.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police  
(per E.C.D.).

Submitted that, on the report of the police—"that after further careful inquiry and consideration the case seems to me so weak as not to justify any further action"—no further action be taken.—S. J. PINNINGTON, Principal Electoral Registrar, B.C., 4/1/11.

Submitted for approval.—F.A.C., U.S., Jan. 5, 1911. Approved.—D.M., Jan. 5, 1911.

Apparent Double Voting by Henry Smith, Islington, at the recent Parliamentary Election for Wickham.

Police Station, Newcastle, 23 December, 1910.

I BEG to report that after further careful inquiry and consideration, the above-mentioned case seems to me to be so weak as not to justify any further action.

Inspector Goulder, Newcastle:

C. F. McHARDY,  
Sub-Inspector.

Forwarded to the Superintendent.—Geo. E. GOULDER, Inspector, Newcastle, 24/12/10. The Superintendent of Police, West Maitland. Forwarded for information of the Inspector-General.—JOSEPH BEAR, Sub-Inspector (in absence of Superintendent), West Maitland, 26/12/10. The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

Wollondilly Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Bowral, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Bowral, 4 February, 1911.

I have the honor to forward herewith, in compliance with Rule 63, Duties of Officers, a copy each of the General and Supplemental Rolls for this electorate, marked to correspond with the rolls used at the General Election, held on 14th October, 1910, and I find that there were no cases of double voting in this electorate, and I have certified to that effect by endorsement on the rolls sent herewith.

The delay was caused partly by the fact that I had to open most of the Deputy Returning Officers' packets to obtain their rolls, and also on account of my clerk, who usually assists me in these matters, having left me to enter the Public Service, and I was unable to fill his place.

I have, &c.,

H. M. OXLEY,  
Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Wollondilly.

The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Bowral.

Sir,

7 February, 1911.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the General and Supplemental Rolls, marked with the names of those persons who recorded votes in the Wollondilly Electorate at the recent General Election, the despatch of which was advised in your letter of the 4th February.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

Wynyard Electorate.

The Returning Officer, Tumut, to The Chief Electoral Officer.

Sir,

Tumut, 25 October, 1910.

I have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with the instructions, I am this day sending you the checked roll and remarks upon same, which you will find attached hereto. I am also sending you the general statement of poll.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM J. SHELLEY,  
Returning Officer, Tumut.

1. David Wilson, 1582 on Tumut roll, is marked as also having voted at Gocup polling-place as well as at Tumut.

2. Frederick Lawrence Cox, 16 on Oberne roll, is marked as having voted at Tarcutta as well as at Oberne.

I would suggest an inquiry be made on both cases.

WILLIAM J. SHELLEY,  
Returning Officer, Tumut.

Minute

## Minute by The Principal Electoral Registrar.

Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 28 October, 1910.  
 SUBMITTED that the attached report of the Returning Officer be referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry as to what evidence is obtainable, with a view to proceedings being taken under section 90 of Act No. 33, 1902.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
 Principal Electoral Registrar.

The Inspector-General of Police, for favour of report.—F. A. COGHLAN, Actg. U.S. & C.E.O.,  
 B.C., 28/10/10.

## The Inspector-General of Police to Mr. Police-Superintendent Elliott.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 October, 1910.

REFERRED to Superintendent Elliott for careful inquiries and report.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
 Inspector-General of Police.

For careful inquiries and report.—W. R. ELLIOTT, Superintendent of Police, Nov. 1, 1910.  
 Sub-Inspector Rootes, Gundagai.

Police Station, Gundagai, 2 November, 1910.—The attached papers are forwarded for careful inquiries and report at Tumut, thence to be sent to Tarcutta for like purpose.—S. J. ROOTES, Sub-Inspector. Senior-Sergeant Costello, Tumut.

Re Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent State Elections.

Police Station, Gundagai, 12 November, 1910.

FORWARDED to the Superintendent.

S. J. ROOTES,  
 Sub-Inspector.

The Superintendent of Police, Albury.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—W. R. ELLIOTT, Superintendent of Police  
 Nov. 14, 1910. Forwarded for the information of the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.—  
 THOMAS GARVIN, Inspector-General of Police (*per* E.C.D.), B.C., 16/11/1910.

Re Cases of apparent Double Voting in connection with the recent Election.

Police Station, Tumut, 5 November, 1910.

SENIOR-SERGEANT COSTELLO reports, in reference to the attached papers, that No. 1582 on the State Electoral Roll, Tumut Polling-place, District of Wynyard, represents David Wilson, Gilmore, farmer. This man was on a visit to Gundagai prior to the recent State election. He left Gundagai on election day, the 14th October last, for his home, situated at Gilmore, *via* Gocup, and upon arrival at Gocup, and for convenience sake, he recorded his vote at that place instead of Tumut. He also made the prescribed declaration before the Deputy Returning Officer at Gocup in connection therewith. David Wilson, who voted at Tumut as No. 1582 on the State Electoral Roll, Tumut Polling-place, District of Wynyard, and who is a separate person from the first-named David Wilson, was formerly on the State Electoral Roll for Tumut polling place. This man left the district for Bembooka, near Bega, about the first week in March last, and in consequence of which his name was struck off the roll by the local police when same were collecting names and preparing the new State electoral lists in connection with the various polling-places within the Tumut patrol, during the month of March, 1910. Mr. Wilson returned to Tumut from Bembooka about the end of August last, and has resided here ever since. He was not aware that his name was struck off the State Electoral Roll for the Tumut polling-place at the time of voting at Tumut on the 14th October last, nor was he questioned by the Returning Officer when recording his vote. Prior to leaving here for Bembooka, Wilson had resided on the Gilmore, Tumut, for about three years, where he carried on dairying pursuits. He cannot say for certain whether his name is on the State Electoral Roll for Bembooka polling-place. Mr. Wilson bears a good character.

The senior sergeant is of opinion that this man acted innocently in voting as he did, and that he (Wilson) did not wilfully violate any enactment in section 90 of the Act No. 33 of 1902.

J. COSTELLO,  
 Senior Sergeant.

Sub-Inspector Rootes, Gundagai.

Police Station, Tarcutta, 10 November, 1910.

CONSTABLE E. H. PYE, No. 6,870, reports in reference to the attached papers, that No. 16 on the State Electoral Roll, Oberne Polling-place, District of Wynyard, representing Frederick Lawrence Cox, Oberne, labourer. This man was on his way to Wagga Wagga, and for convenience sake he recorded his vote at Tarcutta instead of Oberne. He also made the prescribed declaration before the Deputy Returning Officer at Tarcutta in connection with same. The Deputy Returning Officer, Joseph William Cox, and poll clerk, Francis Cox, states that there was no vote recorded by Frederick Lawrence Cox, No. 16, at Oberne polling place on the day mentioned, and is of opinion that No. 16 was marked for No. 15, Francis Cox, Oberne. Robert Nimmo, Oberne, states that he acted as scrutineer for Mr. Boston, and was in the Oberne polling-booth from ten minutes past 8 a.m. until the booth closed, and Frederick Lawrence Cox recorded no vote during that time; and is of the opinion that a mistake was made in the way mentioned by the two above named.

E. H. PYE,  
 First-class Constable.

Sub-Inspector Rootes, Gundagai.

Minute

**Minute by The Principal Electoral Officer.**

Wynyard Electorate.—Apparent Cases of Double Voting.

State Electoral Office, Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, 21 November, 1910.

THE Returning Officer reported certain cases of double voting which appeared to have occurred in connection with the recent election. From the attached police reports on the subject it would seem that the irregularities occurred through the want of care on the part of the booth officials, and that no double voting actually took place.

Submitted that the Returning Officer be advised accordingly, and that no further action be taken in the matter.

S. J. PINNINGTON,  
Principal Electoral Registrar.

Approved.—F.A.C., U.S., 21/11/10.

**The Chief Electoral Officer to The Returning Officer, Tumut.**

Sir,

23 November, 1910.

Referring to your letter of the 25th October, I have the honor to inform you that, as a result of inquiries made by the police into the cases of apparent double voting, it would seem that the irregularities occurred through want of care on the part of the booth officials, and that no double voting actually took place.

I may add that it is not proposed, under the circumstances, to take any further action.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.

1911.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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## ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN MUNICIPAL ELECTION, BANKSTOWN.

(PETITION FROM CERTAIN RATEPAYERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANKSTOWN, PRAYING THAT  
A SELECT COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO AND REPORT UPON.)

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*Received by the Legislative Assembly, 25 May, 1911.*

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

We the undersigned Petitioners, Ratepayers of the Municipality of Bankstown, humbly pray that you will establish a Select Committee of Members of your Honorable House to inquire into and report upon the manner of taking the Ballot at the recent Municipal Election for the Municipality of Bankstown, such election being held upon the 28th January last. As your Petitioners have knowledge beyond reasonable doubt, and can produce sworn statements that serious irregularities occurred, preventing the true issues of such an election from taking effect.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honorable House will give this matter due consideration.

And we, your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 143 signatures.]

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1911.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

WARWICK FARM RAILWAY  
ACT EXTENSION BILL;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

AND

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

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*Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 14 June, 1911.*

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**EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

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VOTES No. 8. WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY, 1911.

4. **WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Downes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Warwick Farm Railway Act Extension Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and Report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Kelly, Mr. Levien, Mr. McCourt, Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Perry, Mr. David Storey, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 13. TUESDAY, 13 JUNE, 1911.

2. **WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL**:—Colonel Onslow presented a Petition from Robert Atkins, of the Diocesan Registry, Bathurst-street, representing that the Warwick Farm Railway Act Extension Bill had been referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and praying that he may be granted permission to appear in person, by Solicitor or Counsel, before such Committee, with right to adduce evidence, and power to examine and cross examine witnesses.
- Petition received.
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VOTES No. 14. WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE, 1911.

1. **WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL**:—Mr. Downes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 31st May, 1911, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
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**WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL.****REPORT.**

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, for whose consideration and report was referred, on 31st May, 1911, "*Warwick Farm Railway Act Extension Bill*," beg to report to your Honorable House:—

That they have examined the witnesses named in the List\* (whose <sup>\* See List, page 4.</sup> evidence will be found appended hereto); and the Preamble having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee, they proceeded to consider the Clauses and Schedule of the Bill, in which it was deemed necessary to make certain amendments.

Your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill as amended by them.

F. W. A. DOWNES,  
Chairman.

No. 2 Committee Room,  
Legislative Assembly,  
14th June, 1911.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE, 1911.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Downes, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Meagher,		Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Perry,  Mr. McCourt.
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Mr. Downes called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, read by the Clerk.

Printed copies of the Bill referred, together with the original Petition to introduce same, before the Committee.

Patrick John Hourigan (*Solicitor*) appeared for the Promoter of the Bill.

Edwin Ernest Allan Oatley, called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

James Spencer Spurway (*Secretary to the Chief Commissioner for Railways*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Patrick John Hourigan (*Solicitor*), called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Mr. McCourt moved,—“That Robert Atkins, Secretary to the Moore Estate Trust, be summoned to give evidence next meeting.”

Committee adjourned until To-morrow, at Two o'clock.

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE, 1911.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Downes in the Chair.

Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lévien, Mr. McCourt,		Mr. Perry, Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Mr. Meagher.
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Robert Atkins (*Secretary to the Moore Estate Trust*) called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Resolved on motion of Mr. McCourt—“That the Committee adjourn until Wednesday next at Two o'clock.”

Committee adjourned until Wednesday next at Two o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE, 1911.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Downes in the Chair.

Mr. Perry, Mr. Parkes,		Mr. McCourt, Mr. Kelly,  Mr. Meagher.
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*Présent*:—P. J. Hourigan, Esquire (*Solicitor for the Bill*).

Frank Osborne, Esquire (*Solicitor*), appeared on behalf of Robert Atkins.

Clerk read entry from Votes and Proceedings, respecting Petition of Robert Atkins to be represented by Counsel or Attorney before the Committee.

Mr. Perry moved that the Prayer of the Petition be granted

Question put and passed.

Robert Atkins, recalled and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

Room cleared.

Preamble considered.

Question,—That the Preamble as read stand part of the Bill.

Question put and passed.

Parties called in and informed.

Clauses 1 to 36 read and agreed to.

Clause 37 read and omitted.

Clauses 38 to 44 read and agreed to.

Clause 45 read and omitted.

Clause 46 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

Title read and agreed to.

Chairman to report the Bill as amended to the House.

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS.

Page 12, clause 37. Omit clause 37.  
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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT  
EXTENSION BILL.

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE, 1911.

Present:—

Mr. PERRY,  
Mr. VARNEY PARKES,  
Mr. G. R. W. McDONALD,Mr. KELLY,  
Mr. MEAGHER,  
Mr. McCOURT.

F. W. A. DOWNES, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Hourigan, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the promoter of the Bill.

Edwin Ernest Allan Oatley, sole proprietor of the Warwick Farm Racecourse, sworn, and examined:—

1. *Mr. Hourigan*] You are the promoter of this Bill which is to continue and amend the provisions of the Warwick Farm Railway Act, 1889? Yes.
2. The Warwick Farm Railway Act was assented to on the 10th October, 1889? Yes.
3. Under that Act you and the late John Thompson were authorised to construct the railway? If the Act says so, yes.
4. Since then you have purchased the interest of the late John Thompson, and you are now sole proprietor? Yes.
5. Under that Act the railway had to be constructed within twelve months from the passing of the Act? Yes.
6. Was that done? Yes.
7. And that railway has been running ever since 10th October, 1889, to the present time? Yes.
8. And by that Act the term for the running of the railway was limited to twenty-one years from the passing of the Act? Yes.
9. So on the 10th October, 1910, that twenty-one years expired? Yes.
10. This Bill now before Parliament is to continue the operation of the Act, and amend it? Yes.
11. The amendment provides that as certain portions of the land run on to the railway line the property there would become vested in you, and if the owners of the property do not agree with you as to fair compensation for the purchase of the property the matter will be referred to arbitration? Yes.
12. That is the only difference between this Bill and the original Act? Yes.
13. As a matter of fact, what is the value of this strip of land on the railway line? About £25 to £50. If it was submitted to outside arbitration about £50 would be the value of the land.
14. You can speak with authority as to the value of the land because you own land all round and you are a Government valuator? And before retiring from business I was a Government valuator.
15. Has the running of this railway to Warwick Farm enhanced the value of the surrounding property? Yes, in consequence of the number of people I employ on the Farm and the racecourse. That brings population into the place which would not be there but for the racecourse. It puts an increased value on the adjoining land.
16. There is provision in the Act that in the event of yourself and the proprietors of the land not agreeing upon a price, the matter can be decided by the arbitration of two valuers? Yes. I would like to say that the rent I pay the church and school people now would not be derived by them from anyone else if the racecourse was not there.
- 16½. In this Bill, under section 43, there is a provision that the Governor may, with the advice of the Executive Council, if he thinks fit, purchase such railways on giving three months' notice of his intention so to do. It is also provided that if the amount tendered for the purchase of the property be considered inadequate by you, or your heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, the amount shall be ascertained by assessment in terms of the Public Works Act of 1900? That is so.
17. So the Government has full power to come in and purchase the property when they think fit? Yes.

Witness—E. E. A. Oatley, 7 June, 1911.

18. All the necessary requirements of the original Act were duly and faithfully carried out? Yes.  
 19. *Chairman.*] You might state shortly what are the essential differences between the Bill proposed and the existing Act? Section 18 of the original Act is as follows:—

If within twenty-eight days after the passing of this Act the persons through whose lands the railways shall pass, or any of them, and the said Edward Ernest Allan Oatley and John Thompson, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall not agree as to the amount of compensation to be paid by the said Edwin Ernest Allan Oatley and John Thompson, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns for the said lands belonging to the said parties, or any of them, or for any damage that may be sustained by them or him, by reason of the execution of the works, or if any other question as to compensation shall arise under this Act, the amount of such compensation shall be settled by arbitrators in manner hereinafter mentioned, that is to say

Then follows the method of appointment of arbitrators.

20. *Mr. Hourigan.*] So under the original Act it would have been competent for you to have dealt with the proprietors of this land, assuming they had power to convey it, and if they did not agree as to the price you could have had it referred to arbitration? That is what I always thought.

21. You never exercised that power? No.

22. The difference in the present Act is that you are asking Parliament to vest the property in you? Yes.

23. And for you to compensate the owners? Yes. I would have taken advantage of the old Act, but I was not aware that it lapsed so soon. There was some little rumpus with Parliament which prevented me getting in before the Act lapsed.

24. *Chairman.*] What is the area of the land you propose to deal with? Three and a half acres, and the value is about £35 for the lot. It is put down at £6 an acre by the church and school people.

25. *Mr. Meagher.*] The schedule of both Acts are identical in description? I should think so.

26. *Mr. Hourigan.*] Is your railway a great source of revenue to the Government? It means a large sum to the railway people which otherwise would be lost.

27. *Chairman.*] Have you had any communication from the owners or representatives of the land since you advertised your intention of asking for this Bill? No.

28. *Mr. Kelly.*] And it is not likely that the interests of any persons will be prejudiced? I think it is only a matter affecting myself, because as to the value of the land that is a mere bagatelle. It does not affect the church people one iota.

29. *Mr. Hourigan.*] Do you know whether the trustees of the church and school lands have power to sell the land? That is a matter for the lawyers to say; my own personal opinion is that they have no right to dispose of any of it.

30. *Mr. Perry.*] The original Act gave you power to take this land? Yes; and settle the price by arbitration.

31. Was any protest made at any time by the trustees? There was no objection at all.

32. And you are simply taking that power here? That is so.

33. *Mr. McCourt.*] Do you pay the representatives of the trust more than they should otherwise get? I lease the land from them, and if the railway were not there they would not get the amount I pay for the land. I leased 100 acres from them.

34. So the trustees are greatly benefited, financially, through your railway? Yes; they get additional revenue through the railway being there.

35. A large additional revenue? I would not say a large additional revenue.

36. *Chairman.*] What is the rental you pay? About £45 a year.

37. That covers the whole 100 acres? Yes.

38. There is no separate mention of the strip occupied by the railway? No; the 100 acres takes in the lot.

39. Is that the amount you paid under your previous lease? At the outset I purchased the lease from an old man who had it from the church estate, and the rent then was much less than I am paying now. When that lease expired I had to treat with the church people, and they leased it to me at an additional rental.

40. Where did the new lease date from? About ten years after the railway commenced to run. When I entered into the new lease with the church people, they knew the railway was there, and they charged me £45 for the whole 100 acres.

41. Has that lease fallen in? It fell in, and they extended it fifteen years at the same rental.

42. How much of the present lease has to run? About fourteen or fifteen years.

43. *Mr. Perry.*] Why did you not exercise the power you had under the original Act? I did not think the time was up, and when I found that it was up the time was so short that I could not get it through Parliament before the dissolution and the elections came on.

44. During that time did you approach the trustees in any way to see about purchasing? No, in no way at all. I had no communication with them whatever.

45. They never objected? They granted a new lease.

46. But that is only a lease? They have other leaseholds close by, and through having this lease they can get people to occupy the other lands, because the railway is there. The railway brings people to the district and close to the Farm, where I employ a number of hands.

47. Do you recollect when the original Bill was going through the Select Committee? Yes.

48. At any time during that period did the trustees make any objection to you getting the power to purchase? None at all. (*Witness looks at the Minutes of the original inquiry.*) What I have said seems to be borne out by these Minutes.

49. *Mr. McCourt.*] Before you put the notice in the paper or since, did you send a copy of the Bill to or in any way communicate with the representatives of the Trust? No.

50. Before you put the notice in the paper did you communicate with them at all personally, or by letter, and let them know what you were about to do? No, I did not.

51. *Chairman.*] There is very little or no change made by the proposed Bill in the original Act, excepting that now the whole thing is vested in you instead of in you and John Thompson? That is so.

52. *Mr. Perry.*] Is there any special reason to put clause 45 in the Bill? I do not understand it. It is a matter of legal phraseology.

53. *Chairman.*] What is the distance of the course from Sydney? About 17 miles.

54. *Mr. Perry.*] This railway is run by the Railway Commissioners? Yes; they run all the trains. It is our track and their rolling stock. They make all charges themselves, and they get all the fares.

James

*Witnesses*—J. S. Spurway and P. J. Hourigan, 7 June, and R. Atkins, 8 June, 1911.

James Spencer Spurway, Secretary for Railways, sworn, and examined :—

55. *Mr. Hourigan.*] You have read a copy of this Bill, and had conferences with the Commissioners thereon? Yes.
56. Have the Commissioners any objection to it? None whatever.
57. *Mr. McCourt.*] It is a source of revenue to the Commissioners? Yes. We insist on certain provisions for providing storage accommodation for railway vehicles, and that has been agreed to by the Company.
58. *Mr. Kelly.*] There is nothing in the Bill that is out of agreement with the old Act? No.
59. Everything will be carried on on the same lines? Yes.
60. *Chairman.*] And the Commissioners make no objection whatever? None whatever.

Patrick John Hourigan, Solicitor of the Supreme Court, sworn, and examined :—

61. *Mr. Kelly.*] What is the object of clause 45 of the Bill? I have had a conference on that section with the counsel who settled this Bill, and he said it was quite a usual thing. He had, as a matter of fact, taken it from the Commercial Banking Company's Act. I afterwards saw Mr. Mowle, and he looked up the Commercial Banking Company's Act and some other Acts, and found that in each there was a similar provision. The real object is to facilitate pleadings. I do not think it is of vital importance, but it makes matters simple if there is any litigation. You might be put to the proof in regard to a number of small matters if this section were not included in the Act.
62. *Mr. Perry.*] Would that clause act detrimentally in the interests of anyone else? No, it would not affect anyone at all. If there were litigation, and the promoter of the Bill had to go into evidence, he would have to be prepared with his proofs. It simply means that after this Bill is passed by Parliament it becomes an Act, and you may put it in evidence, and then it speaks for itself.
63. *Mr. Kelly.*] You say that Mr. Mowle found it a usual thing? Yes; he says there is no objection to it at all. It is a reasonable thing not to encumber litigants more than possible.
64. *Mr. Perry.*] Do you consider this a vital clause in the Bill? No, I do not.
65. *Mr. Kelly.*] You are willing to have it eliminated? Yes, it does not affect the Bill.
66. *Mr. Perry.*] You drafted this Bill? I had it settled by counsel.
67. Does this Bill in any way place the trustees of the Moore Estate in any worse position than the original Act did? Yes, in this way: under the old Act Mr. Oatley had power to say "I am going to buy this land and I offer you so much." The trustees might decline to accept that sum and Mr. Oatley could then have recourse to arbitration. He has never exercised that power. The difference in this Bill is that clause 19 provides as follows :—

Upon the passing of this Act the lands described or referred to in the schedule hereto (excluding thereout the parts of the road from Liverpool to Sydney, and of the reserved road 66 feet wide referred to therein) shall, without the necessity of any conveyance, forthwith be vested in the said Edward Ernest Allan Oatley, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns for an estate in fee-simple in possession.

Under that section, on the passing of the Act, the property will become vested in Mr. Oatley absolutely in fee-simple, and the owners of the property would then come in to claim compensation. If the parties can mutually agree the matter is fixed without any trouble; if they cannot agree the Act provides for arbitration.

68. *Mr. McCourt.*] They are practically in no worse position than under the old Act? That is so. Under the old Act Mr. Oatley had power to exercise this right.
69. *Mr. Perry.*] If Mr. Oatley had exercised his rights under the original Act, the trustees would have been compensated according to the form provided? Yes.
70. Under this Bill they will be compensated just the same? Yes.
71. *Mr. Kelly.*] If the parties cannot agree they go to arbitration? Yes, but under this Bill there is no necessity for Mr. Oatley to first put himself in communication with the owners of the property, because the land will vest in him without any conveyance.
72. *Mr. McCourt.*] Do you know whether the trustees have power to sell? I do not actually know.
73. Would clause 19 be required if the Trustees had power to sell? Yes, I think so.
74. Is that not the object of putting it in? Yes, because we do not think they can sell.
75. In putting this clause in you do not interfere with their rights to get full compensation for this land? That is so.
76. *Mr. Meagher.*] It automatically passes to you when this Bill becomes law? Yes.
77. *Mr. McCourt.*] And it will be a relief to the trustees? Yes.
78. And that is the chief reason for this clause? Yes.
79. And their power to give compensation is not interfered with? That is so.

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE, 1911.

Present:—

MR. KELLY,  
MR. LEVIEN,  
MR. MCCOURT,

MR. PERRY,  
MR. MEAGHER,  
MR. G. R. W. McDONALD.

F. W. A. DOWNES, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Robert Atkins, Secretary of the Trustees in the Moore Estate, sworn, and examined :—

80. *Chairman.*] The trustees of the Moore Estate are owners of the land through which this railway will pass? Yes.
81. You had notice yesterday of the meeting of the Committee to-day? Yes.
82. You have not had an opportunity yet of even considering the Bill? I have not. I have had no time to consult the trustees or take any legal advice as to the Bill, to see whether it will prejudicially affect the Trust Estates.

*Witness*—R. Atkins, 8 and 14 June, 1911.

83. You ask for an adjournment so that the trustees will have an opportunity to consider the Bill—not necessarily to oppose it, but to consider its provisions? Yes.
84. Had you an opportunity of seeing the Bill previously? No.
85. Have the trustees had the Bill submitted to them, so far as you know? No. I have spoken to one of the trustees. The Bill came into my hands only by accident. I knew nothing of it until I saw the notice in the Parliamentary papers.
86. *Mr. Kelly.*] Have you not seen the advertisement in the papers; do you not see the papers circulating in the district? I do not see the local papers, as I am resident in Sydney. The promoters of the Bill never gave us—the owners of the land—notice of their intention to bring it before Parliament.
87. *Mr. Levien.*] How does it affect you; I suppose you have run through the Bill? I have looked over some of the clauses that seem to affect us. There is a clause which provides that the promoter of this Bill shall be entitled to acquire the freehold of certain land.
88. *Mr. McCourt.*] Have the trustees power to sell this land? They have not.
89. Then that clause is requisite? Yes.
90. *Chairman.*] You make application for an adjournment for a fortnight? Yes.
91. Where are the trustees? In Melbourne.
92. When could you get them together? I could get them together next week, as early as possible.
93. *Mr. Perry.*] When did you get a copy of the Bill? I cannot say. I saw in the Parliamentary papers of 21st May that a Select Committee had been appointed. I got those papers about 2nd June.
94. *Chairman.*] The evidence before the Committee, and the Bill itself, show that there is practically very little difference between the Bill and the Act. All that you complain of is that you have not had sufficient time to study the Bill? The Bill may not affect the matter at all; but I want to have an opportunity of asking the trustees what they think about the acquisition of the land. I do not see anything in the original Act which enabled them to acquire the freehold of the land.
95. *Mr. McCourt.*] There is that power. Supposing we adjourn this Committee until Wednesday next, can you get the trustees together in the meantime to consider the matter? I will undertake to do so.

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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE, 1911.

Present:—

MR. PARKES,  
MR. PERRY,

MR. McCOURT,  
MR. KELLY,

MR. MEAGHER.

F. W. A. DOWNES, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Robert Atkins, Secretary of the Trustees of the Moore Estate, further examined:—

96. *Chairman.*] Acting on behalf of the trustees, you have no objection to urge against the Bill being introduced in its present form? No objection to it in its present form.
97. With regard to clause 45, you raise no objection to it being eliminated from the Bill? It is a matter of indifference to us whether it is in the Bill or not.
98. Have you any further evidence to give? I have nothing further to say with regard to the Bill.

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

WARWICK FARM RAILWAY ACT EXTENSION BILL.

(PETITION FROM ROBERT ATKINS, OF SYDNEY, PRAYING FOR LEAVE TO BE REPRESENTED  
BY COUNSEL OR ATTORNEY OR IN PERSON BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEE ON.)

*Received by the Legislative Assembly, 13 June, 1911.*

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in  
Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of Robert Atkins, of the Diocesan Registry, Bathurst-street, Sydney, in the  
State of New South Wales,—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:—

1. That on the thirty-first day of May last past, the Warwick Farm Railway Bill was referred  
to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.

2. That your Petitioner, being interested in the subject-matter of such Bill, is desirous of being  
represented before such Committee.

3. Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honorable House will be pleased to grant  
him permission to appear before the said Select Committee in person, by solicitor, or counsel, and if  
necessary, to adduce such evidence, and send for such persons and papers, as your Petitioner may be  
advised, together with power to examine and cross-examine witnesses called before the said Committee.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated this tenth day of June, A.D. 1911.

ROBERT ATKINS.

1911.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## RAILWAYS.

(AGREEMENT BETWEEN MESSRS. MCKENZIE AND HOLLAND, LIMITED, AND THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS IN CONNECTION WITH CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRO-PNEUMATIC SIGNALLING AT CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION, SYDNEY.)

*Printed under No. 5 Report from Printing Committee, 6 July, 1911.*

*[Laid upon the Table of the House in accordance with a promise made by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, in connection with Question No. 57, Votes and Proceedings, of 30th May, 1911.]*

AGREEMENT made this sixteenth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, between McKenzie and Holland, Limited, being a corporation carrying on in England, Australia, New Zealand, and elsewhere the business of Railway Signal and General Engineers, and being duly incorporated under the provisions of the Imperial Statutes known as the Companies Acts of 1862 to 1900, and whose registered office is situate at the Vulcan Iron Works in the City of Worcester in England (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor,"), of the first part, William John Griffiths, of the Semaphore Iron Works, Newport, near Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, engineer, the duly constituted attorney of and for the Contractor, of the second part, and The Railway Commissioners of New South Wales, a body corporate under the Government Railways Act, 1901 (hereinafter referred to as the "Commissioners"), of the third part: Whereas the Contractor, by its attorney, the said William John Griffiths, made the tender hereunto annexed, and marked with the letter "A," to supply all and every the machines, detail fittings, appliances, apparatus, and materials necessary for the installation of the electro-pneumatic system of working and interlocking points and signals in the New Central Station and Redfern Yards, at Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, as described or referred to in the Schedule of Prices hereunto annexed, and marked with the letter "B," in strict accordance with and subject to the various requirements, particulars, and conditions set forth in the General Conditions and Specification hereunto annexed, and marked, respectively, with the letters "C" and "D," and at or for the rates or prices mentioned in the said Schedule of Prices: And whereas by letter under the hand of their Secretary, bearing date the twenty-eighth day of October last, the Commissioners accepted the said Tender: And whereas the plan exhibited at the time of the execution of these presents, and marked for identification with the letters "XYZ," shows the arrangement of the proposed electro-pneumatic signalling and interlocking installation, and the description exhibited as aforesaid, and marked for identification with the letter "E," describes the various points and signals to be worked thereunder: And whereas in accordance with clause 7 of the said General Conditions, the Contractor has provided the sum of money hereinafter mentioned as security for the due performance of the contract arising out of the said Tender and acceptance, and has deposited the sum of five hundred pounds in the Bank of Australasia (Head Office), at Sydney, in the name of the Commissioners, at interest upon fixed deposit number 27,294, dated the eighteenth day of November, inst., for twelve months, and has handed the receipt for the said sum to the Commissioners, to be held by them as security for the due performance of the said Contract, with full power and authority for the Commissioners to renew or redeposit the said sum in any bank or banks of which they may approve, until the said Contract shall be duly completed: And whereas the said William John Griffiths has agreed to join in these presents for the purpose of entering into such covenant by him as is hereinafter contained: Now these presents witness that the Contractor doth hereby covenant and agree with the Commissioners that it will find, provide, supply, and deliver the said machines, detail fittings, appliances, apparatus, and materials hereinbefore referred to at the prices set out in the said Schedule of Prices, and will do and perform, execute, and complete everything on its part requisite and necessary to be done in accordance with the conditions, agreements, stipulations, and directions contained in the said General Conditions and Specification, and therein or thereby required or mentioned or intended to be done by the Tenderer, or which it may be reasonably inferred from the said Tender, General Conditions, and Specification, or from the Plan and Description hereinbefore mentioned are to be done by

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the Contractor: And that time shall, in all cases and in every respect, be deemed to be of the essence of the Contract, and that the said sum of five hundred pounds shall be held by the Commissioners as security for the due performance of this Contract, with full power and authority to renew and redeposit the same as hereinbefore referred to, and also appropriate the whole or any part of the said sum to make good any loss they may sustain through any default of the Contractor in the proper performance and completion of this Contract: And the Commissioners covenant with the Contractor that they will do and perform, execute, and complete everything requisite and necessary on their part to be done in accordance with the conditions, agreements, stipulations, and directions contained in the said General Conditions and Specifications: And also that they, the Commissioners, will pay to the Contractor the prices in the said Schedule of Prices referred to when and as payment for the said machines, detail fittings, appliances, apparatus, and materials shall, in accordance with the said General Conditions, become due to the Contractor, such payments only to be made upon the production of the Certificate or Certificates in the said General Conditions mentioned, the production of such Certificate or Certificates being hereby declared to be a condition precedent to the Contractor having any cause or right of action, claim, or demand upon or against the Commissioners for or in respect of the Contract hereinbefore recited, or any matter, cause, or thing arising thereout: And it is hereby further declared and agreed by and between the Contractor and the Commissioners that the said Tender marked "A," the said Schedule of Prices marked "B," the said General Conditions marked "C," the said Specification marked "D," all being hereunto annexed as aforesaid, together with the Plan and Description hereinbefore referred to shall be read and considered as incorporated in and forming part and parcel of these presents in like manner as if the same had been herein written and set forth at length, the said Tender, Schedule of Prices, General Conditions, Specification, Plan, Description, and these presents, forming together the contract between the parties hereto: And, lastly, the said William John Griffiths hereby covenants with the Commissioners that he will produce to them, or to any person or persons authorised by them as and when required, the Deed Poll or Power of Attorney, dated the first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and two, from the Contractor to the said William John Griffiths, under which this Contract is executed, and that he will also allow the Commissioners to take copies thereof, or extracts therefrom.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first before written,—

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said William John Griffiths, as Attorney for and on behalf of the within-named McKenzie and Holland, Limited, in the presence of—

(L.S.) MCKENZIE & HOLLAND (LTD.)  
By its Attorney,  
WILL. J. GRIFFITHS.

WILLIAM J. GLEN,  
Clerk to Solicitor for Railways, Sydney.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said William John Griffiths, in the presence of—

(L.S.) WILL. J. GRIFFITHS.

WILLIAM J. GLEN.

The Common Seal of the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales hath been hereunto affixed by the Railway Commissioners aforesaid, in the presence of—

(L.S.) CHARLES OLIVER.  
(L.S.) W. M. FEHON.

GEO. A. STEPHENSON,  
Railway Commissioners' Office, Sydney.

Correct—  
JOHN S. CARGILL, Solicitor for Railways,  
25th November, 1904.

"A"

NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

SYDNEY CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION.

*Tender.*

WE, the undersigned hereby offer to supply all and every the machines, detail fittings, appliances, and materials necessary for the installation of the electro-pneumatic system of working and interlocking points and signals in the New Central Station and Redfern Yards at Sydney, as described or referred to in the attached Schedule of Prices, in strict accordance with and subject to the various requirements particulars, and conditions set forth in the attached Specification and General Conditions, and at or for the rates or prices mentioned in the said Schedule of Prices, and we undertake to execute and deliver to the Commissioners within 14 days from the date of acceptance hereof a valid legal contract embodying the terms and conditions above mentioned and all other conditions which may in the opinion of the Commissioners be necessary to ensure the due completion of the Contract.

Dated the nineteenth day of October, 1904.

MCKENZIE & HOLLAND (LTD.),  
By its Attorney,  
WILL. J. GRIFFITHS.

Semaphore Ironworks, Newport, Victoria.

This is the tender marked "A" referred to in the annexed Agreement dated 16th November, 1904, made between the undersigned Company and its Attorney and the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales.

MCKENZIE & HOLLAND, (LTD.)  
By its Attorney, WILL. J. GRIFFITHS.

Witness—  
WILLIAM JNO. GLEN.

WILL. J. GRIFFITHS.

"B"



## NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

## SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION.

*Electro-Pneumatic Signalling System.*

Schedule of Prices of Fittings and Parts to be supplied by the Contractors,  
Messrs. McKenzie & Holland (Ltd).

This is the Schedule of Prices marked "B" (seven sheets) referred to in the annexed Agreement dated 16th November, 1904, made between the undersigned Company and the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales.

MCKENZIE & HOLLAND (LTD).

By its Attorney, WILL. J. GRIFFITHS

Witness—

WILLIAM JNO. GLEN.

WILL. J. GRIFFITHS.

*Special Items.*

	Rates C.I.F. and E. Sydney.		
	£	s.	d.
Patent Air Compressor, with a capacity of 60 cubic feet free air per minute, driven by direct coupled electric motor; motor to be armor clad and "former wound," to run off continuous current mains with voltage ranging from 460 to 600, with starting switches and all fittings complete	each	377	17 8
Motor-Generator for charging accumulators, armor clad and former wound, to run off continuous current mains with voltage ranging from 460 to 600 v.; the generators to be of suitable capacity for charging battery accumulators, with starting switches and all fittings complete	do	103	10 0
Accumulators, of a capacity of 330 amp. hours, complete with accessories and acid solution, but not the timber stand...	per cell	5	0 0
Electro-Pneumatic Distributing Switchboard, to suit the requirements of the plant, with all necessary voltmeters, ammeters, switches, and fuses, complete	each	47	17 6
Air Storage Reservoirs, 250 cubic feet capacity, fitted with safety valve, outlet and inlet, drain cock, and manhole complete	do	118	4 0
Air Condenser, suitable for the output of the compressor, with drip tanks and fittings complete	do	96	18 6
Drip Tanks, fitted with inlets, outlets, and drain cocks complete	do	5	5 0
Air Pressure Gauge, with small cock, complete	do	2	4 3
Automatic Alarm Whistle, to work off compressed air main, so as to give warning when air pressure falls below safe working point	do	11	11 0
Set of Special Spanners for Glands, etc., of E.P. motors	per set	4	4 0
Set of Special Tools for reseating valves of E.P. motors	do	5	7 6
Electric Indicators in Cabins, showing "current on" and "current off," with push button complete	each	4	0 0
Two-Way Switches in Cabins for Battery Feed Mains	do	2	2 0
Push Button for operating indicator in station cabin asking for release of ground frames working platform crossovers	do	0	15 0
Electric Indicators in Cabin, with bell common to all, in polished wood case, showing "Unlock points" and "Lock points," operated by push buttons at ground frames in platform roads...	per indicator	3	10 0
Special Platform Track Instruments complete, in polished wood cases, to be fixed in signal cabin locking incoming signal lever while platform track is occupied, including Repeating Indicator for Signal	each	21	0 0

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*Electro-Pneumatic Locking Apparatus.*

Working Levers in E.P. locking frame, fitted with necessary electrical contacts, electro-magnetic locks, and mechanical locking, in accordance with the table of locking approved by the Railway Commissioners with all internal electrical connections, fittings, and parts complete, of the most recent design, ready to erect in the signal cabin, and provided with terminal board for connections to signals and switches	per lever	30	0 0
Spaces in E.P. frame for future additions, with all bearings properly bored and prepared to receive lever when required	per space	6	6 0
Working Levers in E.P. ground frame with all necessary electrical contacts, electro-magnetic locks, and mechanical locking complete, in accordance with table of locking approved by the Railway Commissioners	per lever	22	10 0
Spare Levers in E.P. ground frame	each	6	6 0
Mechanical Diagram, with working switches connected to point levers showing the tract set, with all fittings and connections to levers complete	per lever	2	3 2
Equalising Resistances, wound as required, to balance the circuits on working levers	each	0	2 6

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*Electro-Pneumatic Signal Fittings.*

	Rates C.I.F. and E., Sydney.		
	£	s.	d.
Electro-Pneumatic Signal Motors, fitted with electro-magnet for operating valve, inlet for air-pipe, and cast-iron hinged cover complete, with joint on piston rod, ready for fixing ... ..	each	12	0 0
Adjusting Link Connections, with eye, adjusting screw, and joint, to connect signal motor to standard pattern lever plate ... ..	do	0	9 6
Electro-Pneumatic Signal Arm Contact Box, fitted with one pair of contact springs, with adjustable roller, and slotted lever to connect to signal arm, all in cast-iron box complete... ..	do	2	10 0
Extra Pairs of Contact Springs, in above box, with adjustable roller ... ..	per pair	0	10 6
Electro-Pneumatic "Lever Plate" Contact Boxes (to enable an electro-pneumatic motor to be operated or controlled from a mechanical locking apparatus fitted with one contact slide bar, and connecting rod to lever in lever plate, complete	each	2	10 0
Extra Contacts in same "Lever Plate" Contact Box ... ..	do	0	12 6
Electric Slot Indicators in Cabins, dial reading "slot on," "slot off" ... ..	do	2	12 6
Special Releasers, for use in connection with slot levers, complete... ..	do	7	7 0

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Special Dwarf Shunting Signals, with india-rubber arm, lamp, spectacles, back blinder, down rod, lever, and cast-iron stand, complete and drilled to receive E.P. signal-arm contact box ... ..	each	7	0 0
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*Electro-Pneumatic Point Fittings.*

Electro-Pneumatic Facing Point Motors, 5-in. diameter, 8½-in. stroke, with two electro-magnets controlling valves, inlet for air connection, all of the most modern design, with piston screwed to receive joint, complete ... ..	each	32	13 6
Electro-Pneumatic Trailing Point Motors, 4-in. diameter, 4½ in. stroke, with electro-magnets controlling valves, inlet for air-pipe, all of the most modern design, with piston screwed to receive joint, complete ... ..	do	31	0 6
Special Adjusting Joints and Nuts for piston rods of point motors ... ..	do	0	8 9
Electro-Pneumatic Point Movement Crank, with C.I. base, adjustable escapement crank, malleable clip, and bow slide fitted with roller stud, complete... ..	do	5	17 6
Electro-Pneumatic Duplex Plunger, in cast-iron box, fitted with 1¼-in. adjusting joint and split-blade stretcher bar, complete ... ..	do	4	10 0
Electric Point Indication Box, of the most modern design, complete ... ..	do	3	6 6
Iron Covers for Facing Point Motors, complete ... ..	do	2	5 0

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Iron Covers for Trailing Point Motors, complete ... ..	each	2	5 0
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*Special Galvanized Air-pipe and Fittings (tested to 300 lb.).*

3-in. diameter Galvanised Pipe ... ..	per ft.	0	1 6
3-in. do do Bends ... ..	each	0	9 3
3-in. do do Tees ... ..	do	0	9 3
3-in. do do Longscrews ... ..	do	0	6 6
3-in. do do Backnuts ... ..	do	0	2 0
3-in. do do Nipples ... ..	do	0	1 10
3-in. Gun-metal Gate Valves ... ..	do	4	0 0
2in. diameter Galvanised Pipe... ..	per ft.	0	0 11
2in. do do Bends ... ..	each	0	2 8
2in. do do Tees... ..	do	0	2 3
2in. do do Longscrews... ..	do	0	2 11
2in. do do Backnuts ... ..	do	0	0 8
2in. do do Nipples ... ..	do	0	0 8
2in. do do Reducing Sockets ... ..	do	0	0 10
2in. do do Plugs ... ..	do	0	0 9
2in. Expansion Joints ... ..	do	2	15 0
2in. Gunmetal Gate Valves ... ..	do	1	7 6
½in. diameter Galvanised Pipe... ..	per ft.	0	0 3
½in. do do Bends ... ..	each	0	0 7
½in. do do Tees... ..	do	0	0 7
½in. do do Longscrews ... ..	do	0	0 8
½in. do do Backnuts ... ..	do	0	0 2½
½in. do do Nipples ... ..	do	0	0 2½
½in. do do Reducing Sockets ... ..	do	0	0 4
½in. do do Plugs ... ..	do	0	0 2½
½in. Gunmetal E.P. "Nonseizable" Cocks ... ..	do	0	10 10
Auxiliary Reservoirs, ½in. Fittings ... ..	do	3	2 6
½in. Flexible Connections to E.P. Point Motors ... ..	do	1	7 6

(6.)

*Electrical Fittings.*

	Rates C.I.F. and E, Sydney.		
	£	s.	d.
Special $\frac{1}{8}$ " Cable for feed main to cabins ... ..	per yd.	0	0 6
Special 4 Core Cable for points and signals... ..	do	0	0 8
Special 2 Core Cable for points and signals... ..	do	0	0 4
Special 1 Core Cable for points and signals... ..	do	0	0 2
No. 14 S.L.G. Bare Copper Wire ... ..	per lb.	0	0 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
E.P. End Boxes, with 4 or 6 terminals, as ordered in cast-iron box, complete ... ..	each	1	7 6
E.P. "Tee" Boxes for Cable, fitted with necessary brass bridge bars and terminals, in cast-iron box, complete ... ..	do	2	15 0
E.P. Splice Boxes for Cable, fitted with brass bars and terminals, in cast-iron box, complete ... ..	do	1	10 0
Brass Splicing Terminals for earth wire connections... ..	per gross	1	1 0
Brass Socket Ends for $\frac{1}{8}$ " Cable ... ..	per dozen	0	12 0
Track Bond Clips and Bolts, for track circuits ... ..	each	0	1 6
No. 8 S.L.G. Copper Bonds for track circuits ... ..	do	0	0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

**"C."***General Conditions.*

1. The machines, detail fittings, appliances, apparatus, and material shall be consigned to the Railway Commissioners, C.I.F. & E. Sydney, and the prices mentioned in the Schedule of Prices shall be exclusive of the Customs Duty and wharfage charges, but inclusive of all charges for packing, freight, insurance, exchange, and every other charge payable in connection with the delivery of the said machines, fittings, appliances, apparatus, and material ex ship's slings Sydney.

2. The prices mentioned in the Schedule of Prices must also include the amount of all royalties and patent rights which may be claimed by any patentee or patentees for the manufacture and use of any portion of the work under this Contract, and the Contractor will be required to indemnify the Commissioners against any claim from any person or persons in respect of, and to manage and defend at his own cost and expense any action or suit brought against the Commissioners alleging infringement of letters patent, by the manufacture or use, in the manner herein proposed, of any of the said machine fittings, appliances, apparatus, and material, or any portion of the same, furnished by the Contractor, and to pay all sums that the Commissioners shall be adjudged or decreed to pay in any such action or suit as damages, profits, or costs of suit.

3. The Contractor shall within thirty days after being required in writing by the Interlocking Engineer for the time being of the Commissioners so to do, procure and supply to the Commissioners at his own cost and charges one copy of all detail plans and diagrams of circuits in the opinion of the said Engineer necessary for fixing the various machines, detailed fittings, and cables in the position decided upon, but all labour, foundations, timber, and every other thing necessary for the fixing of such machines in position, shall be provided by the Commissioners.

4. The Contractor shall, at his own cost and charges, provide a competent Engineer, who shall supervise the erection and installation of the machinery, plant, and point and signal connections, and who shall render such advice and assistance in the preparation of plans and instructions as may be required by the Interlocking Engineer, for the completion of the work of installation of the two boxes, until the said Interlocking Engineer shall have certified to the Commissioners in writing that the installation is complete and working satisfactorily. One free pass between Sydney and Albury, will be allowed to the Contractor's representative, for the purpose of visiting Sydney as may be required, to give effect to the requirements under this clause.

5. The Commissioners reserve the right to order from the Contractor, by writing under the hand of their Comptroller of Stores for the time being, all or any of the machines, detail fittings, appliances, apparatus, and materials mentioned in the Schedule of Prices, in such quantities and at such times as may be required, and the Contractors shall deliver at Sydney the whole of the machines, detail fittings, appliances, apparatus, or materials referred to in the first order so given by the Commissioners through the Comptroller of Stores, within twelve months from the date of the same, and shall deliver as aforesaid the whole of the machines, detail fittings, appliances, apparatus, and materials referred to in any subsequent order, within six months from the date thereof.

6. This contract is not to be considered as being infringed, vitiated or broken by the manufacture or importation by the Commissioners of any stores or materials to be used in connection with the installation of the Electro-Pneumatic system of working-points and signals on the New South Wales Railways, or by the use of any materials manufactured or to be manufactured in the Commissioners' Workshops.

7. Within fourteen days after notice of acceptance of his Tender shall have been left at or posted to the address given in such tender, the Contractor shall deposit with the Commissioners or at the option of the Commissioners in some Bank or Banks in Sydney, upon fixed deposit in the name of the Commissioners, an amount (Five Hundred Pounds Sterling) to be held by the Commissioners as security for the due and proper performance and completion in all respects of the Contract, until the Interlocking Engineer has certified that the whole of the machines, detail fittings, appliances, apparatus, and materials which may be ordered by the Commissioners has been delivered to his satisfaction. Should the Contractor fail to deposit the amount of security as hereinbefore provided, or fail to execute the Contract mentioned in the said Tender, the Commissioners shall have the option of and full power and authority to declare such acceptance to be annulled. The Contractor will be entitled to receive any interest that may be payable thereon, if the money shall be placed in a bank on fixed deposit, but it is expressly declared that the Commissioners are not to be held liable or answerable in any way for any loss of the money so deposited, by reason of the same having been so deposited in a bank as a fixed deposit, or for any loss of interest caused by such deposit not being renewed.

8. Payments will be made for the machines, detail fittings, appliances, and materials ordered by the Commissioners as follows :—

Fifty (50) per cent. of the value of each shipment, cash in London on receipt of the invoice and shipping documents by the Agent-General, together with the Certificate, if required by the Commissioners, of a representative to be appointed by them for the purpose that the terms of the Specification have been fulfilled as to the apparatus shipped.

Forty (40) per cent. further cash in Sydney on the arrival of the apparatus at Sydney, and the delivery thereof at Redfern Railway Stores upon the Certificate of the Interlocking Engineer that the same was received in good order and proper condition to his satisfaction.

The balance cash in Sydney on the Certificate of the Interlocking Engineer that the installation is complete and working satisfactorily.

9. The decision of the Interlocking Engineer for the time being of the Commissioners with respect to the price or prices, sum or sums of money, or the amount, quantity, state, and condition of the machines, detail fittings, appliances, apparatus, and materials delivered, and also in respect of any and every question that may arise out of or concerning the construction of the Tender, these Conditions, or the Specification, or the performance of the Contract, or any other matter or thing whatsoever referring to the same, shall be final and binding on the Contractor and on the Commissioners without appeal.

MCKENZIE & HOLLAND, (LTD.)  
W.J.G.

19/10/04.

These are the General Conditions, marked "C" (six sheets), referred to in the annexed Agreement made between the undersigned Company and its Attorney and the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales, and bearing date the 16th day of November, 1904.

Witness—

WILLIAM JNO. GLEN.

MCKENZIE & HOLLAND, (LTD.),  
by its Attorney, WILL. J. GRIFFITHS.  
WILL. J. GRIFFITHS.

"D."

SPECIFICATION for Machines, Detail Fittings, Appliances, Apparatus, and Material necessary for the installation of Electro Pneumatic System of Working and Interlocking Points and Signals in the New Central Railway Station and Redfern Yards at Sydney.

1. The whole of the materials and the workmanship used in the manufacture of the whole of the machinery, detail fittings, appliances, and apparatus to be supplied by the Contractors shall be of the best quality and description of their various kinds, shall contain all the latest improvements to date, and shall be subject to the examination test and approval of the Interlocking Engineer, who shall have full power to reject any part thereof which he may consider unsatisfactory, and anything rejected shall be replaced by the Contractor at his own cost within six (6) months from the date of the letter of the Comptroller of Stores notifying him of such rejection; and in case of the failure of the Contractors to do so, the Commissioners shall have power to replace the same themselves, and to deduct the cost thereof from any moneys that may be due or may become due to the Contractor, or, at their option, from the amount of the security hereinbefore mentioned.

2. The rates for the Electro-Pneumatic Interlocking Apparatus in the Schedule of Prices shall include every detail required and provision made for the interlocking of the various levers with each other, so that the points and signals shall be efficiently interlocked, so as to provide for safe working of trains, in accordance with the principles required by the Board of Trade on English Railways. The Tables of Locking for the apparatus to be prepared by the Contractor, and submitted to the Interlocking Engineer for approval.

3. The prices set forth in the Schedule of Rates for the compressors, generators, accumulators, or receivers, switchboard, and condensers, shall include every detail necessary to make the same complete and ready for use, excepting such foundations as may be necessary, and the labour required for fixing them in position.

W.J.G.  
19/10/04.

MCKENZIE & HOLLAND, (LTD.)

This is the Specification marked "D" (two sheets) referred to in the annexed agreement made between the undersigned Company and its Attorney, and the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales, and dated the 16th day of November, 1904.

Witness—

WILLIAM JNO. GLEN.

MCKENZIE & HOLLAND, (LTD.),  
by its Attorney, WILL. J. GRIFFITHS.  
WILL. J. GRIFFITHS.

"E"

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS.

SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION.

*Electro-Pneumatic Signalling Arrangements.*

Description of Points and Signals worked from the Station and Tunnel Boxes.

This is the description produced and exhibited at the execution of an Agreement dated 16th November, 1904, and made between the undersigned Company and its Attorney, and the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales, which description is marked for identification with the letter "E."

CHAS. WILKIN,  
Interlocking Engineer,  
8/9/04.

Witness—

WILLIAM J. M. GLEN,

Clerk to Solicitor for Railways.

MCKENZIE & HOLLAND, (LTD.),  
by its Attorney, WILL. J. GRIFFITHS.  
WILL. J. GRIFFITHS.

Description

## Description of Signals in E.P. arrangement.

*Station Box.*

- 1 Control, Tunnel Box to Up Fast.  
 2 A Home, Up Fast to Fast Line Station.  
 B do Up Slow to Fast Line Station.  
 C do Up Illawarra to Fast Line Station.  
 3 Directing Signal to No. 1 Platform.  
 4 do do 2 do  
 5 do do 3 do  
 6 do do 4 do  
 7 Control, Tunnel Box to Up Slow.  
 8 A Homes, Up Fast to Slow Line Station.  
 B do Up Slow to Slow Line Station.  
 C do Up Illawarra to Slow Line Station.  
 9 Directing Signal, No. 5 Platform.  
 10 do do 6 do  
 11 do do 7 do  
 12 do do 8 do  
 13 Control, Tunnel Box to Upper Illawarra.  
 14 A Homes, Up Fast to Illawarra Station.  
 B do Up Slow to Illawarra Station.  
 C do Up Illawarra to Illawarra Station.  
 15 Directing Signal to No. 9 Platform.  
 16 do do 10 do  
 17 do do 11 do  
 18 do do 12 do  
 19 do do 13 do  
 20 do do 14 do  
 21 do do 15 do  
 22-28 Spaces.  
 29 Control, Shunt back on down Fast.  
 30 A Shunt Up Fast to D.  
 B Do Up Fast to E.  
 C Do Up Fast to F.  
 31 A Do Back Down Fast to C.  
 B Do Back Down Fast to H.  
 C Do Back Down Fast to I.  
 32 A Do Back Up Slow to D.  
 B Do Back Up Slow to E.  
 C Do Back Up Slow to F.  
 33 A Do Back Down Slow to C.  
 B Do Back Down Slow to H.  
 C Do Back Down Slow to I.  
 34 A Do Up Illawarra to D.  
 B Do Up Illawarra to E.  
 C Do Up Illawarra to F.  
 35 A Do Back Down Illawarra to C.  
 B Do Down Illawarra to E.  
 C Do Back Down Illawarra to H.  
 D Do Down Illawarra to F.  
 E Do Back Illawarra to I.  
 36-40 Points, Junctions, P.O.N.  
 41 A (push) Disc Shunt Back Down Illawarra to Down Car Siding  
 B (pull) do Down Car Siding to Down Illawarra.  
 42-51 Points, Crossover, Slow and Fast Lines near D.C.  
 52 A (pull) Shunt Up Car Siding to Fast Car Shed.  
 B (push) do Fast Car Shed to Up Car Siding.  
 53 A (pull) do Up Car Siding to D.  
 B do Disc, Shunt, Up Fast to Fast Car Shed.  
 C (push) do Back D to Up Car Siding.  
 D do Shunt Back Fast Car Shed to Up Fast.  
 E do do Back D to P.  
 54 A Do C to Down Fast.  
 B Do C do Slow.  
 C Do C do Illawarra.  
 D Do Fast Car Shed to Down Fast.  
 55 Do Back E to O.  
 56 A Do H to Down Fast.  
 B Do H do Slow.  
 C Do H do Illawarra.  
 57 Do Back F to Down Illawarra N.  
 58 A Do I to Down Fast.  
 B Do I do Slow.  
 C Do I do Illawarra.  
 59-65 Spaces.

- 66 A Shunt D to No. 1 Platform.  
 B Do 2 do  
 C Do 3 do  
 D Do 4 do
- 67 A Shunt Back C to No. 1 Platform.  
 B Do 2 do  
 C Do 3 do  
 D Do 4 do
- 68-72 Points in No. 1 and 2 beyond D and C.
- 73 A (pull) Disc, Shunt into Up Dock.  
 B do Disc, Shunt Up Car Siding to Up Dock.  
 C (push) Shunt Up Dock to Up Car Siding.
- 74-75 Crossovers, No. 1 and 2 Platforms.
- 76 A (push) Shunt back to No 2.  
 B do do No 1.  
 C (pull) Disc, Shunt Gauntlet to No. 1.  
 D do do do 2.
- 77 Points Eng. Siding to No. 2 Road.
- 78 A (push) Disc, Shunt Back No. 2 to Eng. Siding.  
 B do do 3 do  
 C (pull) Disc, Shunt Engine Siding to No. 2.  
 D do do do 3.
- 79-80 Points, No. 3 Road.
- 81 A (push) Disc, Shunt Back to No. 3 Road.  
 B (pull) Shunt Gauntlet to No. 3.
- 82-85 Points in No. 4 Road.
- 86 A (push) Disc, Shunt Back to No. 4.  
 86 B (push) Disc, Engine Siding to No. 4.  
 C (pull) Disc, Shunt, Gauntlet to No. 4.
- 87 A Calling on Up Dock to C.  
 B do No. 1 to C.  
 C do do 2 do  
 D do do 3 do  
 E do do 4 do
- 88 A Shunt Back Up Dock to D.  
 B do No. 1 to D.  
 C do do 2 do  
 D do do 3 do  
 E do do 4 do
- 89 Control to Ground Frame, Platforms 1 and 2.  
 90 do do 3 do 4.
- 91 A Starter, Down Fast to Down Fast Control.  
 B do do Slow do  
 C do do Illawarra Control.
- 92 A Home, Fast Line Station to Down Fast.  
 B do do Slow.  
 C do do Illawarra.  
 D Starter, Fast Car Shed to Down Fast.
- 93 A do from No. 1 Platform.  
 B do do 2 do  
 C do do 3 do  
 D do do 4 do
- 94-100 Spaces.
- 101 A Shunt, E to No. 5 Platform.  
 B do do 6 do  
 C do do 7 do  
 D do do 8 do
- 102 A Shunt Back, H to No. 5 Platform.  
 B do do 6 do  
 C do do 7 do  
 D do do 8 do
- 103-108 Points in Nos. 5 and 6, beyond E H.
- 109 A (pull) Disc, Shunt, Engine Siding to No. 5.  
 B do Disc, Shunt Back to No. 5.  
 C (push) Disc, Shunt out of Gauntlet to No. 5.
- 110 Points, Gauntlet to No. 6.
- 111 A (push) Disc, Shunt back to No. 6.  
 B (pull) do Gauntlet to No. 6.
- 112 Points, Engine Siding to No. 6.
- 113 A (push) Disc, Shunt Back No. 6 to Engine Siding.  
 B do do 7 do  
 C (pull) Disc, Shunt Engine Siding to No. 6.  
 D do do do 7.
- 114-118 Points in No. 7 and 8 Road beyond E H.
- 119 A (pull) Disc, Shunt Back to 7 Platform.  
 B (push) Disc, Shunt Gauntlet to No. 7.
- 120 Points, Gauntlet to No. 8.

- 121 A (push) Disc, Shunt, Engine Siding to No. 8 Road.  
 B do do do Back to No. 8 Road.  
 C (pull) do do Gauntlet to No. 8 Platform.
- 122 A Calling on No. 5 Platform to H.  
 B do 6 do  
 C do 7 do  
 D do 8 do
- 123 A Shunt Back, No. 5 to E.  
 B do do 6 do  
 C do do 7 do  
 D do do 8 do
- 124 Control to Ground Frame, Platforms 5 and 6.  
 125 do do do 7 and 8.
- 126 A Starter Down Slow to Down Slow Control.  
 B do do Illawarra Control.
- 127 A Home, Down Slow Station to Down Fast.  
 B do do Slow.  
 C do do Illawarra.
- 128 A Starter from No. 5 Platform.  
 B do 6 do  
 C do 7 do  
 D do 8 do
- 129-135 Spaces.
- 136 A Shunt F to No. 9 Platform.  
 B do 10 do  
 C do 11 do  
 D do 12 do  
 E do 13 do  
 F do 14 do  
 G do 15 do
- 137 A Shunt Back I to No. 9 Platform.  
 B do 10 do  
 C do 11 do  
 D do 12 do  
 E do 13 do  
 F do 14 do  
 G do 15 do
- 138 Points, Down Illawarra to Down Car Sidings.
- 139 A (push) Disc, Shunt, Down Car Siding to I.  
 B (pull) do do I to Down Car Siding.  
 C do do Down Car Siding to Down Car Siding.
- 140-145 Points in No. 9 and 10 Roads, beyond F and I.
- 146 A (pull) Disc, Shunt, Engine Siding to No. 9 Road.  
 B do do Back to No. 9 Platform.  
 C (push) Disc, Gauntlet to No. 9 Road.
- 147 Points, Gauntlet to No. 10 Road.
- 148 A (push) Disc, Shunt Back to No. 10 Platform.  
 B (pull) do Gauntlet to No. 10 Road.
- 149 Points, Engine Siding to No. 10 Road.
- 150 A (push) Disc, Shunt Back to No. 10 Platform.  
 B do do do 11 Road.  
 C (pull) do Engine Siding to No. 10 Road.  
 D do do do 11 Road.
- 151 Points, Engine Siding No. 11 Road.
- 152 Points, Illawarra Car Shed to I.
- 153 A (push) Disc, Shunt Back, Down Illawarra to Illawarra Car Shed.  
 B do do Down Car Siding to Illawarra Car Shed:  
 C (pull) do Illawarra Car Shed to I.
- 153 D (pull) do do Car Siding.
- 154-158 Points in 11, 12, 13, and 14 Roads beyond F.I.
- 159 A (push) Disc, Shunt Back, No. 12 Road to No. 15 Road.  
 B do do Back, Down Car Siding to No. 14 or 15 Roads.  
 C (pull) do No. 15 Road to Down Car Siding.  
 D do do No. 15 Road to Down Illawarra.
- 160 Points, No. 14 Platform to Down Car Siding.
- 161 A (push) Disc, Shunt Back, Down Car Siding to No. 14 Road.  
 B (pull) do No. 14 to Down Car Siding.
- 162 A Shunt, No. 9 Platform to I.  
 B do 10 do  
 C do 11 do  
 D do 12 do  
 E do 13 do  
 F do 14 do  
 G do 15 do

163 A	Shunt Back, No. 9 Platform to F.		
B	do	10	do
C	do	11	do
D	do	12	do
E	do	13	do
F	do	14	do
164	Control to Ground Frame Platforms 9 and 10,		
165	Starter, "Down, Illawarra Station to Down Illawarra. Control.		
166 A	Home, Illawarra Station to Down Fast.		
B	do	do	Slow.
C	do	do	Illawarra.
167 A	Starter from No. 9 Platform.		
B	do	10	do
C	do	11	do
D	do	12	do
E	do	13	do
F	do	14	do
G	do	15	do

*Tunnel Box.*

1	Distant from Darling Harbour.		
2 A	Home, Darling Harbour to Down Fast.		
B	do	Botany Road to Down Fast.	
C	do	Mortuary to Down Fast.	
3	Control on Starter Station Box to Down Fast.		
4	Space.		
5	Advance Starter on Down Fast. (Slot on Eveleigh Down Home also controls Eveleigh Down Distant).		
6 A	Home, Darling Harbour to Down Slow.		
B	do	Botany Road to Down Slow.	
C	do	Mortuary to Down Slow.	
7	do	Down Fast "V" to Down Slow.	
8	do	Down Slow "R" to Down Slow.	
9	Advance Starter on Down Slow (slot on Eveleigh Down Home also controls Eveleigh Down Distant).		
10 A	Home, Down Darling Harbour to Down Illawarra.		
B	do	Botany Road to Down Illawarra.	
C	do	Mortuary to Down Illawarra.	
11 A	Starter, Down Fast "V" to Down Illawarra.		
B	do	Down Illawarra "H" to Down Illawarra.	
C	do	Down Goods Yard to Down Illawarra.	
12	Space.		
13 A	Starter, "R" Down Slow to Down Illawarra.		
B	do	Down Illawarra "T" to Down Illawarra.	
14	Advance Starters, Down Illawarra to Loco. Yard or Down Illawarra (slot on Eveleigh Down Home also controls Eveleigh Down Distant).		
15-16	Spaces.		
17 A (pull)	Calling on, Darling Harbour to Down Fast.		
B	do	do	Botany Road to Down Fast.
C	do	do	Mortuary to Down Fast.
D (push)	Disc, Shunt, Up Darling Harbour to Botany Road.		
E	do	do	Back Down to Up Darling Harbour.
F	do	do	do Darling Harbour to Botany Road.
17 G (push)	Shunt Down Fast "Q" to Mortuary.		
H	do	do	do to "U" on Down Darling Harbour.
K	do	do	do to "V."
18 A	do	Calling on, Down Darling Harbour to Down Illawarra.	
B	do	Botany Road to Down Illawarra.	
C	do	Mortuary to Down Illawarra.	
19	Space.		
20-28	Points in Darling Harbour and Fast and Slow Junctions.		
29 A	Calling on, Down Fast "V" to Down Fast."		
B	do	do	to Down Illawarra.
30-32	Spaces.		
33 A	Calling on, Down Slow "R" to Down Illawarra.		
B	do	Down Illawarra "T" to Down Illawarra.	
34-36	Points, Junctions Slow and Illawarra.		
37 A (pull)	Calling on, Down Illawarra to Up Illawarra.		
B	do	do	do to Darling Harbour.
C	do	do	do to Botany Road.
38-39	Spaces.		
40 A	Calling on, Down Illawarra "X" to "S."		
B	do	Down Goods to Down Illawarra "S."	
41	Space.		
42-45	Points, Goods Yard Junction.		



- 46 A (pull) Calling on, Up Illawarra "Y" to "N."  
 B do Up Illawarra "Y" to Goods Yard.  
 C (push) Disc, Shunt, Loco. Siding to Up Illawarra "Y."  
 D do do Goods Yard to Up Illawarra "Y."
- 47-51 Spaces.
- 52 Advance Starter, Up Darling Harbour.
- 53 A Home, Up Fast to Mortuary.  
 B do Up Fast to Darling Harbour.  
 O do Up Fast to Up Fast.
- 54 Control, Eveleigh Up Fast Starters (2) and Distant (3).
- 55 A Homes, Up Slow to Mortuary.  
 B do Up Slow to Darling Harbour.  
 C do Up Slow to Fast.  
 D do Up Slow to Slow.
- 56 Control, Eveleigh Up Slow Starter (1) and Distant (2).
- 57 Home, Up Illawarra "Y" to "N."
- 58 A Homes, Up Illawarra to Mortuary.  
 B do do Darling Harbour.  
 C do do Fast.  
 D do do Slow.  
 E do do Illawarra.  
 F do do Goods Yard.
- 59 Control, Eveleigh Up Illawarra Starter (1) and Distant (1).

1911.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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**THE REVEREND F. B. COWLING.**

(RETURN RESPECTING THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE BY.)

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*Printed under No. 5 Report from Printing Committee, 6 July, 1911.*

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Question.

(8.) Mr. Cohen asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Was Reverend A. Cowling registered to celebrate marriages in 1910?
- (2.) Did Congregational Union or any persons lodge objections to his remaining on the register?
- (3.) What were the grounds of objection?
- (4.) Was Mr. Cowling's name in consequence removed from the register?
- (5.) If so, on what date?
- (6.) Has Mr. Cowling's name since been restored to the register?
- (7.) If so, by whose authority and on what grounds?
- (8.) How many marriages were celebrated by Mr. Cowling in each quarter of 1910, and in January, 1911?

. Answer.

The Registrar-General has furnished me with the following information:—

- (1.) The Reverend F. B. Cowling was registered to celebrate marriages in 1910.
  - (2.) The Committee of the Congregational Union requested the cancellation of his registration.
  - (3, 4, and 5.) The Committee stated (1st December, 1910) that they no longer felt able to accept the responsibility involved, and Mr. Cowling's name was omitted from the Annual List when next it was issued, viz., 25th January, 1911. So far as I have been able to ascertain, after repeated inquiries, no grounds were stated.
  - (6.) Yes.
  - (7.) The Attorney-General intimated that, after a perusal of the papers, he was of opinion that Mr. Cowling's name should be restored to the register. Mr. Cowling was thereupon re-registered by the Registrar-General.
  - (8.) The following are the numbers of marriages celebrated by Mr. Cowling, which were registered during the undermentioned periods:—March quarter, 1910, none; June quarter, 1910, 12; September quarter, 1910, 90; December quarter, 1910, 133; January-February, 1911, 87.
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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION (LIMITED).

(PETITION FROM J. S. MAILLER AND WILLIAM DOUGLAS, DIRECTORS, AND F. A. COGHLAN, ACTING SECRETARY, OF THE ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION (LIMITED), PRAYING FOR CONSIDERATION AND FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THE SUM OF £10,000, LODGED WITH THE STATE TREASURER ON 20TH DECEMBER, 1897, AS THE HOUSE MAY SEEM FIT.)

*Received by the Legislative Assembly, 23 May, 1911.*

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited),—

SHOWETH:—

That on the twentieth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety, power and authority was granted to the Corporation by Act of Parliament to make and construct a harbour at Lake Illawarra, and to make and construct line or lines of railway thereto.

That within the time authorised for the construction of such railways, your petitioning Corporation expended in the complete construction of such authorised railway the sum of forty-two thousand pounds, and on harbour survey and plans and works three thousand five hundred pounds.

That your petitioning Corporation expended sixty thousand pounds on land and twenty-five thousand pounds on coal properties for the purpose of giving soundness to the undertaking, and enabling them to raise capital for the carrying out the authorised work by the sale of debentures in London, secured by mortgage upon such land and the projected works.

That sale of such debentures was impossible, through no fault of your petitioning Corporation, and was caused by State harbour rival schemes, which schemes received the favourable attention of your Honorable House.

That during the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five petitioning Corporation applied to your Honorable House for an extending enactment, which was passed subject to a sum of ten thousand pounds being lodged with the State Treasurer, subject to forfeiture of such sum in terms of such statute.

That your petitioning Corporation lodged the sum of ten thousand pounds with the Honorable Treasurer in accordance with such statute.

That in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine your petitioning Corporation applied to your Honorable House for a further amending Act, which passed on twentieth November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, making such lodged payment liable to forfeiture instead of forfeited, and empowering the Honorable Executive Council to impose by proclamation extra works to the value of some sixty thousand pounds, which was done by proclamation dated third April, one thousand nine hundred.

That your petitioning Corporation believe, and have been advised by counsel learned in law, that the sum of ten thousand pounds lodged as a guarantee was a statutory lodgment, not placed under the control of the Executive Council, and that the disposal of such awaits your attention and consideration.

That the action of your petitioning Corporation led to vastly increased trade on the State South Coast railway line, proved incontestably the value of the southern coal for smelting coke, and has led to vastly increased trade in coal output.

Your petitioning Corporation therefore prays—

That your Honorable House will give the whole of the premises due consideration, and in its wisdom make such disposal of the sum of ten thousand pounds, lodged with the Treasurer of the State on the twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, as may seem fit.

And your petitioning Corporation, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

The Corporate Seal of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) was hereto affixed by a resolution of the Board of Directors, in the presence of,—

J. S. MAILLER,  
WILLIAM DOUGLAS, } Directors.  
F. A. COGHLAN, Acting Secretary.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CONDUCT OF THE RABBIT INDUSTRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(PETITION OF OSCAR CURTIS, OF MESSRS. CURTIS AND CURTIS, EXPORTERS, &c., PRAYING THAT HE MAY BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO APPEAR IN PERSON, BY SOLICITOR OR COUNSEL, BEFORE THE SELECT COMMITTEE.)

*Received by the Legislative Assembly, 20 July, 1911.*

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of Oscar Curtis, of Messrs. Curtis and Curtis, exporters, &c. :—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :—

- 1. That on the 4th day of July, it was resolved that a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the general conduct of the Rabbit Industry in New South Wales.
- 2. That your Petitioner is desirous of being represented before such Select Committee.
- 3. Your Petitioner, therefore, humbly prays that your Honorable House will be pleased to grant him permission to appear before the said Select Committee in person, by solicitor or counsel, and, if necessary, to adduce such evidence and send for such persons and papers as your Petitioner may be advised, together with power to examine and cross-examine witnesses called before the said Committee.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

OSCAR CURTIS.

1911.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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OPERATIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

(PETITION FROM ADRIAN KNOX, K.C., OF SYDNEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB, PRAYING FOR LEAVE TO BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT, BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEE ON.)

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*Received by the Legislative Assembly, 28 June, 1911.*

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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Adrian Knox, of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, King's Counsel,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

1. That on the thirteenth day of June instant, your Honorable House appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report on the operations of the Australian Jockey Club.
2. That your Petitioner is Chairman of the said Australian Jockey Club.
3. That your Petitioner as such Chairman is interested in the matters to be inquired into and reported upon by such Select Committee, and is desirous that he should be represented before the same.
4. Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that he should, as such Chairman, be represented by Counsel, Attorney, or Agent, before the said Select Committee, with the right to call for such persons and papers as your Petitioner may be advised, and to call witnesses and adduce evidence with reference to the matters submitted to the said Committee, and to examine and cross-examine such witnesses as may give evidence before such Select Committee.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

ADRIAN KNOX.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ANNUAL PROCESSION OF UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATES.  
(RETURN RESPECTING.)

Printed under No. 3 Report from Printing Committee, 15 June, 1911.

RETURN to an *Order* of the Legislative Assembly, made on the 1st June, 1911,—  
That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“All papers in connection with the refusal to grant the University  
“Undergraduates permission to hold their annual procession on 13th  
“May, 1911.”

(*Mr. Cohen.*)

Proceedings in the Legislative Assembly.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1ST JUNE, 1911.

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

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 30TH MAY, 1911.

- (52.) University Undergraduates' Procession :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Cohen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the refusal to grant the University Undergraduates permission to hold their annual procession on 13th May?  
Mr. Holman answered,—I have no objection if the papers are moved for in the usual way.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH MAY, 1911.

35. Mr. Cohen to ask the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the refusal to grant the University Undergraduates permission to hold their annual procession on 13th May?

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 17th May, 1911.

Papers herewith.—ERNEST C. DAY, I.-G. Police. The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, B.C., 17/5/1911.

The Hon. Secretaries, Sydney University Undergraduates' Association, to  
The Inspector-General of Police.

Dear Sir,

The University, Darlington, 8 April, 1911.

We beg to apply, on behalf of the members of the above Association, for permission to hold the annual Undergraduates' Procession through the streets of Sydney, as hereunder specified, roughly between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 11.0 a.m. on Saturday, 13th of May next. The route of the procession to be the same as in previous years, viz., from the University along George-street West and George-street, as far as Market-street, then back to the Town Hall, *via* Market and York Streets.

We are, &c.

W. M. PITT and }  
R. J. TAYLOR, } Hon. Secretaries,

Sydney University Undergraduates' Association.

Ackd. 10/4/11.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 10 April, 1911. Referred to Superintendent Edward for report.—E. C. DAY, I.-G. Police. The Supt. of Traffic.

Memorandum by Superintendent A. Edward to The Inspector-General of Police.

APPLICATION by Sydney University Undergraduates' Association for permission to hold Annual Procession through streets of Sydney on Saturday, 13th May, 1911.

Police Department, Traffic Branch, Phillip and Hunter Streets,  
Sydney, 11 April, 1911.

HITHERTO permission has been given annually for the holding of this Procession along the route mentioned. A large number of papers and reports objecting to the holding of these processions are in the Inspector-General's Office.

In previous years the Senate has attended the Town Hall and held the University Commemoration, but they are so disgusted with the misconduct of students in previous years that they are not holding the Commemoration at the Town Hall this year.

The students intend holding the procession, and going through their usual proceedings.

It is very open to question whether these young students should be allowed to take possession of the route and interfere with all traffic and public convenience, as they do, for such a purpose.

A. EDWARD,  
Superintendent.

The Inspector-General of Police to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

APPLICATION by Sydney University Undergraduates' Association, for permission to hold Annual Procession through the streets of the city on Saturday, 13th May, 1911.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 13 April, 1911.

THE attached file is forwarded for favour of consideration by the Acting Chief Secretary, *who may perhaps think fit to consult with the University Senate before dealing with the application.*

The reports regarding last year's Procession are attached, for information.

ERNEST C. DAY,  
Inspector-General of Police.

Inform the Inspector-General of Police that the Acting Chief Secretary is not prepared to consent to permission being given for the holding of the procession. Return papers.—F.A.C., 20/4/1911. Mr. Johnson, 20 April. I.-G. Police, 20/4/11.

The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, to The Inspector-General of Police.

Sir,

Chief Secretary's Office, Sydney, 20 April, 1911.

In returning the accompanying papers, I have the honor to inform you that the Acting Chief Secretary is not prepared to consent to permission being given for the holding of the Procession of the Sydney University Undergraduates' Association through the streets of the city on Saturday, 13th May, 1911.

I have, &c.,

F. A. COGHLAN,  
Under Secretary.

The Inspector-General of Police to The Superintendent of Police, Sydney.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 21 April, 1911.

For information of Superintendents Sherwood and Edward.

E. C. DAY,  
Inspector-General of Police.

Mr. Edward.—A.R.S., Supt., 24/4/11.      Noted and retd.—A.E., Supt., 25/4/11.      The Metr. Supt.      Mr. Goulder.—A.R.S., Supt., 12/5/11.

The Inspector-General of Police to The Hon. Secretaries, University Undergraduates' Association.

Gentlemen,

22 April, 1911.

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, requesting permission for your Association to hold a procession through the streets of the city on Saturday, the 13th May, proximo, I regret to inform you that I cannot grant your application.

I have, &c.,

E. C. DAY,  
Inspector-General of Police.

Can wait until Wednesday, 26.—2241, City.      13/5/11.

The Hon. Secretaries, Undergraduates' Association, to The Registrar.

Dear Sir,

4 May, 1911.

Although we understand that the Senate is not concerned with the proposed function to be held in the Town Hall on 13th instant, unless something takes place during the course of the proceedings which amounts to a breach of academic discipline, we think it as well to forward you the accompanying copy of the programme which it is proposed to carry out.

This letter is written at the suggestion of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, with a view to surmounting the present difficulty with regard to holding the Undergraduates' procession.

As this Association fully recognises the right of the Senate to exclude Undergraduates from their Commemoration of benefactors and conferring of degrees, it has been decided to hold the function referred to in place of what has hitherto been carried out, viz:—The procession; the Undergraduates' function in the Town Hall prior to the commencement of commemoration; and reunion in the Great Hall.

Inasmuch as the procession has always, since its institution many years ago, been, from the public point of view, the most prominent part of the proceedings, we respectfully ask the Senate to reconsider their determination to prevent a procession being held this year.

The procession, if allowed, would be on similar lines to those held in previous years, and it is not possible at this stage to exactly specify the various items which it would include.

No notification has at any time heretofore been received by this Association of the grounds of the Senate's objection, the first intimation of which came to us from an outside source. This Association would be obliged if you could inform them whether any terms could be arranged upon which the Senate's opposition could be withdrawn, as we understand that this is the sole ground upon which the Acting Chief Secretary, with whom the final determination lies at present, refuses to sanction the procession.

In view of the early date on which the function is to be held, we respectfully ask you to let us have a reply to this letter as soon as possible.

The Registrar to The Hon. Secretaries, Undergraduates' Association.

Sirs,

5 May, 1911.

The Chancellor has directed me to inform you that he has had under consideration your letter of 4th instant, and to state that the Senate has already decided that a procession similar to that which has been held by the Undergraduates in connection with the Annual Commemoration is undesirable.

He has consulted with the Vice-Chancellor on the subject, and does not think there would be any advantage in calling a special meeting of the Senate to further consider the matter.

A. G. de L. Arnold, Esq., to The Acting Chief Secretary.

Undergraduates' Procession on May 13th.

Dear Sir,

107, Pitt-street, Sydney, 9 May, 1911.

Following on the suggestion you were good enough to make at my recent interview with you, a deputation from the Committee I represent waited on the Chancellor with a view to coming to an understanding on this question. The deputation was informed that the Senate had decided to oppose holding an Undergraduates' procession of any description.

Subsequently, after certain interviews, of which you are aware, between Mr. Holman, yourself, and the Chancellor, the same deputation waited on the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor. The Chancellor then informed the deputation that no steps could be taken in the matter without the sanction of the Senate, and invited them to submit a formal request, which he would lay before the Senate if he and the Vice-Chancellor thought it reasonable. Such request was accordingly embodied in a letter, of which I forward a copy, with a copy of the reply.

The Undergraduates' Association have on different occasions given certain undertakings to the Senate with regard to the conduct of proceedings before and during the commemorations to which they have been admitted, and such undertakings have been fully and fairly carried out. Similar guarantees were offered at my interview with you, and also at the interview with Mr. Holman and certain members of the Committee. Such guarantees are still available, although the Chancellor has found fault with us for offering them.

What has taken place will, I trust, satisfy you that the Association has done everything in its power to follow out the suggestions made by Mr. Holman and yourself, and that the Senate have not availed themselves of the opportunity that has been offered them. Their one objection that they are opposed to any sort of procession is now stated for the first time, but has no more force this year than on any previous occasion.

The procession has for many years been carried out in such a manner as to afford a large amount of pleasure and amusement, not only to the participants, but also to the general public, and in the absence of any more specific objection than has been shown, I respectfully request that permission be again granted this year.

A great deal of time has necessarily been taken up with the various negotiations that have taken place, with the result that very little time remains before the date fixed for the function. May I therefore request a reply as soon as possible.

On behalf of the Committee I have, &c.,

AUSTEN G. DE L. ARNOLD.

The Acting Chief Secretary directs that Mr. Arnold be informed that the application for permission to have the procession cannot be consented to. Notify I.G. of Police.—F. A. COGHLAN, 9/5/11. Mr. Johnson, 9 May, 1911. Letters to Mr. Arnold and I.G. Police, 9/5/11.

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The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, to The Hon. Secretary to the Undergraduates' Association.

Sir,

9 May, 1911.

In reply to your letter of the present date, I am directed by the Acting Chief Secretary to inform you that the application for permission to hold the Undergraduates' procession on the 13th instant through the streets of Sydney cannot be consented to.

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary.

The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, to The Inspector-General of Police.

Sir,

Chief Secretary's Office, Sydney, 9 May, 1911.

I am directed by the Acting Chief Secretary to inform you that the Undergraduates' Association, in response to an application made this day, has been informed that permission to hold the Undergraduates' procession on the 13th instant through the streets of Sydney cannot be consented to.

I have, &c.,

F. A. COGHLAN,  
Under Secretary.

For info.—E.C.D., I.-G. Police (*per* D. McC.) Supt. Sherwood, 11/5/11. Mr. Goulder.—A.R.S., Supt., 11/5/11.

University Students' Procession, 30th April, 1910.

Dear Sir,

The University, 14 April, 1910.

On behalf of the Undergraduates of the Sydney University we beg to apply for permission to hold our usual procession on Saturday, April 30th, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Route proposed from University along Parramatta-road, George-street, Barrack-street, York-street to Town Hall.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours, &c.,

W. J. SACHS,  
N. W. BROUGHTON, } Hon. Secs.

Inspector-General of Police.

Referred to Superintendent Edward for report.—THOMAS GARVIN, I.-G. Police, absent (*per* E. C. DAY, Supt.). Superintendent Edward, Traffic Branch, 15/4/1910. This matter was fully inquired into last year, and the route fixed at Market-street, not Barrack-street, which is very objectionable. Attached is a permit for same route as last year, to which there is no objection.—A. EDWARD, Supt., 16/4/10. Insp.-Genl.

Gentlemen,

18 April, 1910.

With reference to your letter dated the 14th instant, I beg to inform you that there will not be any objection to the proposed procession of the Undergraduates of the Sydney University taking place from the University to the Town Hall on the 30th idem, by the following route, viz.:—*Via* Broadway, George-street, to Market-street; thence by York-street to the Town Hall.

I regret I could not consent to the procession going *via* Barrack-street, as this would disorganise the traffic. Enclosed please find "permit."

I have, &c.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police.

The Honorary Secretaries, Sydney University Undergraduates' Association,  
The University, Sydney.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 19 April, 1910.

FOR information of the Metropolitan Superintendent, who will be good enough to see that ample Police arrangements are made. Notify Superintendent Edward, who should confer with the Tramway Traffic Superintendent.

The route will be from the University to the Sydney Town Hall, *via* Broadway, George, Market and York Streets.

THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General Police.

The Superintendent of Police, Sydney.

Please note for attention and return.—J.M., Supt., 20/4/10. Mr. Edward. Noted.—A.E., Supt. Metn. Supt., 21/4/10. Please furnish a short report on Monday morning showing how this matter passed off.—J.M., Supt., 30/4/10. Mr. Branston.

Subject:—*Re* Procession of Sydney University Undergraduates.

No. 2 Police Station, Regent-street, Sydney, 30 April, 1910.

I BEG to report that at 9:15 a.m. this date, the procession of Sydney University Undergraduates left the University Grounds, and proceeded by the authorised route, reaching the Sydney Town Hall about 10 a.m.

There were crowds on the footpaths and in the streets, tram and vehicular traffic was temporarily suspended during the procession, but everything passed off satisfactorily while *en route*, also at the Town Hall.

ARTHUR BRANSTON,  
Sub-Inspector.

The Superintendent of Police, Sydney.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—JAMES MITCHELL, Superintendent, May 2, 1910.

University Students' Procession and Discharge of Firearm or Letting-off Fireworks, contrary to Section 9, Police Offences Act, Part 2.

Traffic Office, 30 April, 1910.

I BEG to report that during the progress of the procession from the University to the Town Hall to-day, I heard several explosions resembling the firing of a gun emanating from some of the vehicles which took part in the procession, and which was some distance behind me.

I went back each time an explosion occurred with a view of discovering the party or parties responsible for the explosions, but without success.

The students questioned by me denied all knowledge of the person or persons guilty of the offence.

Luckily vehicles were moved into side streets, and held there until the procession had passed, or some serious accident would have occurred through some frightened horse bolting.

HENRY TRENCHARD,  
Inspector.  
(for Supt. of Traffic, absent.)  
Forwarded

The Metropolitan Superintendent.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General. I think the attention of the Hon. Secretary of the Sydney University Undergraduates' Association might be drawn to the dangerous practice referred to in this report.—JAMES MITCHELL, Superintendent, 2/5/10.

Sub-Inspector Branston might see the Secretary of the University Undergraduates' Association and inform him that, in any future processions, there must be no discharging of any kind of fireworks in the streets. The persons doing this are liable to prosecution and arrest. Such will not be permitted under any circumstances in the streets.—T.G., I.-G. of Police, 2/5/1910. The Supt. of Police, Sydney.

Mr. Branston.—J.M., Supt., 3/5/10.

Sydney Morning Herald, 2nd May, 1910.

STUDENTS' DAY OUT.

ANNUAL PROCESSION.

MANY TOPICAL CARICATURES.

THE annual street procession of the University students took place on Saturday, and subsequently, before the serious business of the Commemoration took place, a wild, hilarious half-hour was given over to the undergraduates in the Town Hall.

There was plenty of material this year for the caricatures in the procession—which is practically a youthful comment on the events of the year. There was the Fusion Funeral—driven slowly along with a shabby little wreath—"from Billy." There was a trolley with an empty house on it labelled, "Escape of Capitalists from Australia," and amongst other notices pasted on it, one from a big shipping company:—"No cargo taken. All space required for passengers' luggage." There were plenty of socialist waggons—"The Socialists' Dream"—a game of cards and plenty of wine; "Work, work, work—but never between meals." "Down with everything except us." "Free beer and beds." "Time flies—Money flies—Blowflies!" "Do we want work?" shouted one batch of socialists. "No-o-o!"

Somewhere in the middle of the procession was an ancient beer-barrel watercart. It was the "Yass-Canberra water supply—strictly limited." On the side of the water supply was placarded: "12s. a Gallon; Moral, Drink Beer." The next cart carried an extraordinary bush humpy, tied together out of kerosene tins, shabby ends of galvanized iron, and sacking. It was Government House at Yass-Canberra.

The telephone service was represented by a couple of telegraph posts, with lines between and washing hanging from them. Behind a dilapidated, ancient switchboard, that looked more like a kitchen dresser, were two telephone girls, and a postman between with his arms round their waists. Pathetic appeals from the P.M.G. were posted about, such as "Notice: Attendants should try to Endeavour to Keep Awake." As for the Australian navy, there were the boilers—locally made—of H.M.S. Nevergo; and H.M.S. Parramatta—with a stern that got somewhat battered in the journey—from which minute guns were fired as the procession moved. There was a Jeffries-Johnson fight, in which Johnson had floored Jeffries, and the policeman was apparently battering Johnson; and the "Aschu Like It" Company, with Desdemona being killed at the back of the lorry. There was the Zoo, with a motto: "We're all vegetarians," and an appeal to Professor Anderson Stuart: "Oh, Won't you come back to the Zoo?" There was "Foster Fraser's idea of Australia: Adelaide learning, Melbourne business, Sydney pleasure." There was in "In Prohibition Day," with a number of students with live carpet snakes round their necks, and the motto: "These snakes bite on Sundays." There were girl scouts, and the new veterinary school with a highly angular, stuffed horse. There was the grave of the old Dental Board, and the "L.D.S." degree. There were policemen, elephants—actual elephants, camels, and buffalo from a circus.

The streets were densely packed with people, especially about the Town Hall. But in connection with Commemoration only one accident is said to have occurred. A student named Eric Frecker, 17 years of age, who lives at 25, Duxford-street, Paddington, was going, in cap and gown, to the University in the morning. He crossed the tramline at the back of a tram in George-street, and another tram coming the other way knocked him down. His scalp was badly cut, and had to be stitched. There were other cuts at the back of his ear and on his lip. Constable Williams took him to Sydney Hospital, where he was admitted for observation.

Re University Students' Procession and Discharge of Fireworks.

No. 2 Police Station, Regent-street, Sydney, 6 May, 1910.

I BEG to report that in accordance with your instructions I personally interviewed Mr. Sachs, joint secretary of the University Undergraduates' Association, and informed him that in any future processions there must be no discharging of any kind of fireworks in the streets.

Mr. Sachs promised to bring this matter under the notice of the Association, and have it officially recorded on the minutes for information and future guidance, and intimated that the principals of the Association had already decided not to have any more fireworks, &c., in any future processions.

ARTHUR BRANSTON,  
Sub-Inspector.

The Superintendent of Police, Sydney.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—JAMES MITCHELL, Superintendent, May 7, 1910.

University Undergraduates' Procession, 1909.

Dear Sir, St. Andrew's College, Missenden-road, Camperdown, 6 April, 1909.

I hereby beg your permission for the holding of a procession by the Sydney University Undergraduates' Association on the morning of Saturday, May 1st. The procession will leave the University about 9 o'clock, and proceed via George, Liverpool, and Pitt Streets, Martin-place, and George-street to the Town Hall. It will be similar to those of the past.

I have, &c.,  
J. RUSSELL HOOTON,  
Hon. Sec. S.U.U.A.

The Inspector-General of Police, Sydney.

Referred to Superintendent Sherwood for report, also for report of Superintendent Edward. Is there any objection to the route proposed?—T.G., I.-G. of Police, 7/4/1909. The Supt. of Police, Sydney. Mr. Edward.—A.R.S., Supt., 7/4/09.

MEMO.—Application from University Undergraduates for permission to hold a Procession in the streets on 1st May proximo.

Police Department, Traffic Branch, Phillip and Hunter Streets, Sydney, 8 April, 1909.

THIS procession causes very considerable obstruction to traffic, and is an interference with the public convenience. It has, however, been tolerated each year as a custom. The route on previous years has been along George-street to Wynyard-street, and thence, by York-street, back to the Town Hall; and it would be a distinct improvement if the procession did not pass the Town Hall, but turned into Druiit-street. The present application is for an altered route via George, Liverpool, and Pitt Streets, Martin-place, and George-street to Town Hall. This route is much more objectionable than the previous route, and would cause stoppages of trams and other traffic at many more points. It should not, in my opinion, be granted.

Attached is a cutting from Evening News, which indicates that the ceremony will take place at the University, and not at the Town Hall. In such circumstances the procession would be entirely unnecessary.

A. EDWARD,  
Superintendent.  
Forwarded

The Inspector-General.

Forwarded to the Metn. Supt.—A. EDWARD, Supt., 8/4/9.

I certainly agree with Superintendent Edward that this procession causes considerable obstruction and inconvenience to the general public. The new route certainly should not be allowed; and if the paragraph in the *Evening News* is correct, I see no necessity at all for the procession.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Supt., 8/4/09. The Inspector-General of Police.

Before I give any decision in this matter, Superintendent Edward should make it a point to see the Chancellor personally. Ascertain for certain whether the meeting is to be held in the Great Hall of the University, or in the Town Hall. Please attend to this at once, and furnish a report without delay.—T. GARVIN, I.-G. Police, 9/4/1909. The Supt. of Traffic.

[Confidential.]

MEMO.

Police Department, Traffic Branch, Phillip and Hunter Streets, Sydney, 13 April, 1909. I SAW the Chancellor of the University, Sir Normand MacLaurin, and he informed me that the Senate have a special meeting on Thursday next to decide definitely whether the Commemoration will be held at the University or the Town Hall.

In further conversation he informed me that he is personally opposed to the procession along the public streets, and considers such proceedings bring the University and the students into ridicule, as well as unnecessarily causing obstruction in the streets.

He particularly desires his opinion to be treated as confidential.

A. EDWARD,  
Superintendent.

The Inspector-General.

The Senate has decided to hold the Commemoration at the Town Hall.—A.E., Supt., 16/4/9. The Insp.-Genl.

FOR Superintendent Sherwood's information and attention. Please see that ample Police arrangements are made and notify Mr. Edward also, who will confer with the Superintendent of Tramways.

T. GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police.

The Superintendent of Police, Sydney.

Please note for attention, as directed, and return.—A.R.S., Supt., 17/4/9. Mr. Edward. Done. The route is from University, *via* George-street, Market-street, York-street, to Town Hall.—A.E., Supt. Metn. Supt., 19/4/9. Please furnish a short report on Monday morning showing how this matter passed off.—A.R.S., Supt., 30/4/09. Mr. Branston.

Sir,

16 April, 1909.

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, I beg to inform you that there will not be any objection to your procession taking place from the University to the Town Hall by the following route:—Broadway, George-street to Market-street, thence by York-street to the Town Hall. I regret I cannot consent to your proposal, as it would disorganise the traffic.

Enclosed please find permit.

I have, &c.,  
THOMAS GARVIN,  
Inspector-General of Police.

The Hon. Secretary,  
Sydney University Undergraduates' Association,  
St. Andrew's College, Missenden-road, Camperdown.

*Subject*:—Procession in the streets of University Undergraduates on the 1st instant.

No. 2 Police Station, Regent-street, Sydney, 2 May, 1909.

I BEG to report that at 9.15 a.m. on the 1st instant a procession of Undergraduates left the Sydney University Grounds and proceeded by way of the Broadway, George-street to Market-street, thence by York-street to the Town Hall. There were large crowds of persons congregated in the line of route, but no difficulty whatever was experienced by those taking part in the procession, and everything passed off quietly, satisfactorily, and without accident.

ARTHUR BRANSTON,  
Acting Sub-Inspector.

The Superintendent of Police, Sydney.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—A. R. SHERWOOD, Superintendent, May 3, 1909.

*The Evening News*, 7 April, 1909.

COMMEMORATION DAY.

NO NOISE THIS YEAR.

THE CHANCELLOR IS ADAMANT.

SIR NORMAND MACLAURIN, Chancellor of the Sydney University, has always expressed himself against the row and noise of the Sydney University students during the proceedings on Commemoration Day, and this year has decided to put a check to it, if possible. At present the decision is that the ceremony will not be held at the Sydney Town Hall, as in the past few years, but will take place in the Great Hall of the University. A limited number of students will only be admitted, and this, he hopes, will effectually quell their ardour.

Mr. G. C. Byrne, the new president of the University Undergraduates' Association, interviewed the Chancellor, and expressed the opinion that Commemoration Day should be allowed to be celebrated by the students on the same lines as last year, but he found Sir Normand MacLaurin adamant on the point of suppression of noise, and the latter was determined that the speakers should be heard, instead of their voices being drowned, as in the past.

This change has been a severe blow to the Undergraduates, and until the matter is thought over, it is not known whether the usual procession through the streets will be held and the annual songs published. Probably developments will take place after the Easter holidays.

*Evening News*, 8 April, 1909.

COMMEMORATION DAY.

INTERVIEW WITH THE CHANCELLOR.

UNDERGRADUATES TO BE EXCLUDED.

THE annual meeting of the Sydney University Undergraduates' Association was held on Wednesday afternoon in the Common Room of the Sydney University, Camperdown. There was a large attendance, about 200 students being present.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, G. C. Byrne; vice-presidents, W. F. Matthews, A. L. Campbell, H. S. Utz, B.A.; hon. secretaries, (medical) E. A. Tivey, (non-medical) J. R. Horton; hon. treasurer, W. R. Hebblewhite.

Mr.

Mr. Byrne, in expressing thanks for his election, said he had a very important communication to make to them. On Tuesday afternoon, in company with Messrs. Utz and Campbell, he waited upon Sir Normand MacLaurin, the Chancellor of the University, and Mr. H. E. Barff, Registrar, after the Undergraduates' Association had received a notice that the Commemoration Day proceedings would be held this year in the Great Hall, and that undergraduates would not be admitted, on account of the inadequate room. (Cries of disapproval.) The trio strongly opposed this, and after a lengthy discussion they succeeded in getting the Chancellor to alter his decision that the third, fourth, and fifth years of each faculty would be admitted, but not the first and second years.

The Chancellor also stated, said Mr. Byrne, that the Senate would be willing to arrange something in the form of a garden party or *conversazione*, in compensation for this non-admittance of students.

This was met with cries of "Give us moonlight excursions," and other derisive comments.

The President also said that Sir Normand MacLaurin's reason for this alteration of plans was that the proceedings on last Commemoration Day were the most noisy on record, and that he himself was insulted. He also stated that the students' behaviour on last Thursday night at Professor David's welcome was shocking. This the President stoutly denied, as all the speakers on that occasion, including the Chancellor, were given a very quiet and patient hearing.

The President went on to say that the interview terminated at that point. What was required was something definite as to what mode of action the undergraduates' committee should take. It was a serious matter, and he would be pleased to take suggestions.

A member stepped forward, and said that a few years ago the Senate held the Commemoration in the Great Hall of the University, and the students held their procession and their own commemoration in the Town Hall. There were about half a dozen present at the Senate's Commemoration, while the students' one was thronged. He suggested that a similar mode of action should be followed on this occasion.

This met with the approval of all present, and the suggestion was carried, and is to be put before the Undergraduates' Association committee meeting.

Mr. Byrne promised that nothing definite would be done until after the Easter recess, when he would again lay the matter before them, with the proposed plan of action.

There was a general opinion throughout the meeting that the third, fourth, and fifth years of the various faculties would not attend the Commemoration if the others were excluded.